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Muscatine History and Industry Center Announces Special Boat Show Exhibit

May 10, 2010 – (Muscatine, Iowa) – The Muscatine History and Industry Center is proud to announce a special exhibit as part of the Muscatine Boat Show and Racing Boat Exhibition.

“The History of Muscatine Boat Racing” will be on display May 11 through May 16 in the second floor gallery area.

In keeping with the boat show’s theme “That was then...this is now,” the exhibit traces the history of local power boat racing and showcases the racing trophies of Muscatine native Chap Hanley. He formed the Mississippi Power Boat Association in 1908. By 1918, his boat “Ethel XI” helped him earn a national power boat racing championship.

Chap Hanley’s trophies are on loan from the Muscatine Art Center. “We are pleased to partner with the Muscatine Art Center and the organizers of the Muscatine Boat Show and Racing Boat Exhibition,” says Muscatine History and Industry Center Executive Director Kristin McHugh-Johnston.

The Muscatine History and Industry Center, located at 117 West Second Street in historic downtown Muscatine, is home to the Pearl Button Museum. Visit the interactive exhibit showcasing how Muscatine once produced 1.5 billion pearl buttons annually. Plus, trace the history of current “Made in Muscatine” industries including the HNI Corporation, Stanley Consultants, and Bridgestone Bandag. The Muscatine History and Industry Center is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Admission is free, donations are welcomed. For more information contact 563-263-1052 or visit www.muscatinehistory.org.