

"Blue Boats"  
by Frank Gaffney

COOS BAY

*22nd annual Maritime  
Art Exhibition opens at  
Coos Art Museum*

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**O**n Saturday, July 11, Coos Art Museum opens its 22nd annual Maritime Art Exhibition in the first floor Maggie Karl Gallery. The juried exhibition displays maritime-themed artwork by major artists from across the United States and Canada.

Eighty-four works by 45 of the nation's leading maritime artists are featured. The works are in a variety of media, including oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel and sculpture. The exhibition runs through Sept. 26.

It is sanctioned by American Society of Marine Artists, co-sponsored by the Oregon International Port of Coos Bay and partially funded by a grant from the Coquille Tribal Community Fund.

Coos Art Museum's annual Maritime Art Exhibition is the American Society of Marine Artists (ASMA) regional competition for the entire western United States. The ASMA jurors include: Carolyn Hesse-Low of La Jolla, Calif.; Ivan Kelly of Toledo, Ore.; and Paul Mullally of Seattle, Wash.

Works will be honored for Best in Show; Peoples' Choice Award; Oregon International Port of Coos Bay

Award; and the Coos Art Museum Board of Directors Award.

Frank Gaffney of Mountlake Terrace, Wash., is the featured maritime artist and his paintings will be highlighted in the adjacent Perkins Gallery during the exhibition.

The museum will host its annual maritime fundraising dinner beginning at 5 p.m., July 11. This event features a silent art auction and will be catered by The Coach House Restaurant of Coos Bay. Auction artworks include pieces by participating Maritime Art Exhibition artists and local artists.

Tickets for the dinner are \$45 for museum members and \$50 for non-members. Tickets are available by calling Coos Art Museum at 541-267-3901 or by visiting the museum at 235 Anderson Ave. in Coos Bay.