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### **Art Program Features Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum Exhibit**

A new exhibit showcasing the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum located in Biloxi is now on display on the first floor of the terminal at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport.

On display is a 12 foot wooden traditional sailing skiff built by Mike Broussard built mainly of cypress, the skiff features solid, one piece boards for each of the sides. Other woods used include spruce for the spars and white oak for the outer stem piece, the boom and gaff jaws, and the rudder. The running rigging has Manila hemp for the sail sheet and cotton rope for traveler and boom ties. With their small, gaff-rigged sails, these skiffs, stable and maneuverable, were popular in the earlier 20<sup>th</sup> century. Robin Krohn David, Executive Director of the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum said, "We are excited to have an exhibit at the Airport to inform and educate our visitors as they arrive, to come celebrate our history, heritage and culture here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast."



The Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, "A Historic Revival" recently reopened its new museum in August 2014. The new museum includes the Grand Hall-Nydia Exhibit, the Wooden Boat Gallery, the Boat Building Gallery, the Commercial Fishing Gallery, the Shrimping, Oystering, Crabbing Gallery, the Hurricane Gallery, the Joe Moran Art Exhibit Gallery, Environmental Gallery, Library and Archives, Catering Kitchen and meeting rooms. Museum Director, Robin Krohn-David said, "Come explore 300 years of history, culture and heritage at the Museum or take a step back in time and sail upon one of our 65' two-masted Biloxi Oyster Schooners, the "Glenn L. Swetman" or the "Mike Sekul."