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## **THE WORLD'S LARGEST RUBBER DUCK AT CANALSIDE**

*Plus dozens of antique and classic boats, all part of Buffalo Maritime Festival*

**BUFFALO, New York (Aug. 26, 2016)** – The 4th Annual Buffalo Maritime Festival presented by Catholic Health, featuring the Niagara Frontier Antique & Classic Boat Show and the World's Largest Rubber Duck presented by WestHerr Auto Group, will take place this **Friday, August 26 from 5 to 8 p.m., Saturday, August 27 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.** and **Sunday, August 28 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.** at Canalside.

The weekend will be filled with free activities for the whole family and is highlighted by a visit from Mama Duck, the World's Largest Rubber Duck, making her first ever visit to Buffalo. Mama Duck, who will float in the Buffalo River and is more than six stories high and weighs 11 tons, can be viewed all weekend from Canalside's Boardwalk. In addition, Old Boats Buffalo will be bringing its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show back to the waterfront for the second year in a row. Local food trucks and a beer & wine garden will be on hand all weekend.

Some of the events and activities on Friday include the inflation of Mama Duck and the arrival of dozens of wooden antique boats; marine and boat vendors; tours; and free fitness classes. In addition, The Buffalo Roots Celebration featuring the New World cultures of Buffalo, dedicated to those that have immigrated to the U.S. in the recent past, will take place beginning at 6 p.m with live music representing the culture and vendors.

Both Saturday and Sunday are also full of family-friendly activities. Highlights include live music, free children's programming all day, free fitness classes, face painting and vendors, as well as a learning series on topics such as boat building, waterfront history, architecture, boat motor repair and paddle board building.

Festival goers will also be able to ride the Queen City Bike Ferry to the Outer Harbor where the Buffalo Irish Festival will be taking place at Wilkeson Pointe all weekend long.

Admission to the Buffalo Maritime Festival is free. View a full schedule of events at the Buffalo Maritime Festival online at [www.buffalomaritimefestival.com](http://www.buffalomaritimefestival.com)!

### **About Canalside**

Canalside is a growing regional destination and entertainment district, situated on 21 historic acres along downtown Buffalo's emerging waterfront on the Buffalo River. Canalside earns its name from its storied past, when the Erie Canal Harbor was built in 1825 as the western terminus of the Erie Canal. Until five years ago, the land was barren and inaccessible, but the area has been reclaimed by the state's Erie Canal Harbor Development Corp. and developed with millions of dollars in public and private investment. With more than 1,000 yearly events and nearly 1 million annual visitors, Canalside is fast becoming the go-to place for in- and out-of-towners of all ages to learn, play and relax. For more information, visit [www.canalsidebuffalo.com](http://www.canalsidebuffalo.com)



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