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The 2016 Tacoma Maritime Fest is now the Foss Waterway Seaport's Signature Event in July!

TACOMA (January 12, 2016): After being an integral part of the annual event and festival footprint for years, the Foss Waterway Seaport will officially host the 24th annual Tacoma Maritime Fest as its signature event! The festival is set to take place on July 16 & 17, 2016 at the Seaport's 705 Dock Street location.

Maritime Fest has taken place for years on the doorstep of the Foss Waterway Seaport museum, and any discussion of Maritime Fest always involved the museum, despite the organization never having officially hosted the festival before. The Seaport plays such an important role in the festival's program with its free admittance throughout the weekend and a multitude of activities; and now its role is even greater. However, the behind-the-scenes changes will most likely be invisible to festival-goers.

"As the Director of Tacoma Maritime Fest for the past three years, I have considered the Foss Waterway Seaport an important partner. I can think of no better organization to assume this free, family friendly, community event. I expect the festival to continue to thrive and draw families from around the region," says Sue Schaeffer, Maritime Fest Director from 2013 to 2015.

"The Foss Waterway Seaport is excited and delighted to be hosting Tacoma Maritime Fest 2016 and looks forward to welcoming thousands, to come on down and reconnect with the waterfront July 16 and 17, 2016," said Wesley Wenhardt, Executive Director of the Foss Waterway Seaport.

Tacoma Maritime Fest is a celebration of the marine trades, arts, culture and legacy of Tacoma's Waterfront, engaging people from all walks of life from all over Washington and beyond. The festival seeks to showcase Tacoma's waterfront as one of the city's greatest economic, cultural and recreational assets that not only has a grand history behind it, but also a vast potential for the future.

As ever, Tacoma Maritime Fest remains a free-of-charge and suitable for all ages. As Schaeffer also notes, we are "very grateful for the consistent support we received from all of our volunteers, staff, our many sponsors and especially our long-term partners; City of Tacoma, Port of Tacoma, Belina Interiors, Foss Waterway Development Authority, Puget Sound Energy, BNSF, Puyallup Tribe, Rock the Dock, US Oil and Trading, the Fuchs Foundation, TOTEM Ocean Trailer Express, Crowley, and Vigor Industrial," who help to make this all possible each year!

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