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Guy Harvey of the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation Designs 27th Annual Hampton Bay Days Poster

--Original to be auctioned off during the Commodore's Gala on Tuesday, September 8--

Hampton, Virginia- World-renowned marine biologist and artist Guy Harvey, founder of the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, has just unveiled a new poster and t-shirt designed specifically for 27th annual Hampton Bay Days, taking place in downtown Hampton, September 11-13, 2009. Featuring a wide variety of marine life (including a crab, sea turtle, and shark) the poster and shirt's message promotes the mission to save the Bay.

“On behalf of my non-profit marine conservation organization the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation, I am thrilled to be the featured artist at this year's 27th annual Hampton Bay Days and to be working with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation,” said Guy Harvey. “The Chesapeake Bay is one of North America's most historic and important bodies of water. However, pollution from many sources endangers its once abundant sea life. We all need to do our part to protect and preserve the waters and marine wildlife of the Bay.”

“We are so honored to partner with the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation and ecstatic that Guy designed and donated these works of art to Hampton Bay Days,” said Hampton Bay Days Executive Director Shelly Ezanno. “All of the efforts that the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation has made on behalf of Hampton Bay Days' will further our mission, preservation of the bay. With Guy's global approach to promoting conservation of the earth's waterways, marine species and his excellent work in environmental education, we feel this partnership is a perfect marriage. I

hope everyone has the opportunity to visit the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation display located in the Bay Education area during the festival.”

The original Guy Harvey work of art will be auctioned off at the Commodore’s Gala honoring former Hampton City Manager, and this year’s Hampton Bay Days Commodore, Jesse Wallace on Tuesday, September 8, 2009. The invitation only event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hampton Marina Hotel.

Founded by marine biologist and artist Guy Harvey, the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation promotes conservation of marine environments by passing on valuable information to the next guardians of our seas, the children. Their mission is to “fund inspired scientific research and innovative educational programs to encourage conservation and best management practices for sustainable marine environments.” The foundation will have a booth at this year’s festival, stationed in the Bay Education Area located at Carousel Park. **Bay Education Area hours are 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 12 and Noon- 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 13** (Hampton Bay Days is scheduled for September 11-13, Bay Education is not open on September 11).

The Hampton Bay Days festival schedule is as follows: Noon-11:00 p.m. on Friday September 11, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m. on Saturday September 12, and Noon- 6:00 p.m. on Sunday September 13. Both festival and musical entertainment admissions are free, though a fee will be charged for crafts, games, and food and beverages.

For more information on the 27th annual Hampton Bay Days and the Bay Education Area, check out www.baydays.com or call 757/727-1641. The Bay Education Area is presented by VacationChannels.com.

In 1982, Hampton Bay Days was created as a unique outlet to educate the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay in the Hampton Roads region, as well as the rest of Virginia and Maryland. The goal of the festival is to provide an entertaining atmosphere while ultimately serving a greater purpose, highlighting aspects of the Bay and promoting its upkeep and preservation.

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