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SEAPORT MUSEUM CELEBRATES YACHT CLUB CENTENNIAL

For the tenth year, Houston Yacht Club (HYC) held its Elissa Regatta on upper Galveston Bay. The July 13 and 14 fundraiser for the 1877 tall ship attracted sailboats from across Texas and Louisiana. In the past decade, the sailing competition has raised more than $60,000 for Elissa's maintenance.

The race has grown to become one of the largest charity regattas on the Gulf Coast, according to Maureen Goddard, the event's organizer. Sponsors for the 1996 regatta include Sebago/Boat Shoes Unlimited, Joe Camp Ford, Coca-Cola, The Travel Agency in the Park, Mitchell Energy & Development and many area merchants and businesses.

"It's very rare for an organization like the Houston Yacht Club to actively support a historic sailing ship," said Kurt Voss, Texas Seaport Museum director. "We're very grateful for HYC's long-standing support of Elissa and its members' commitment of time and energy for our benefit."

The Seaport Museum is celebrating its ties to HYC and commemorating the club's centennial with a special exhibit, From Buffalo Bayou to Galveston Bay, Houston Yacht Club, 1897-1997: The First 100 Years. The display includes historic photographs from the yacht club's archives which have never been shown publicly.

Among the images are turn-of-the-century pleasure boats docked at old Elevator A on the Galveston waterfront and at the foot of Main Street in downtown Houston, the flotilla escorting President Franklin Roosevelt on his 1936 tour of the Houston Ship Channel, and a rare photo of the 1886 Galveston Boat Club on Pelican Island.

The exhibit was assembled and researched by HYC Vice Commodore Neil Akkerman and his wife Sam, with the support of HYC Commodore Tony Smythe. From Buffalo Bayou to Galveston Bay will be on display at the Texas Seaport Museum through 1997.