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## **FAU Harbor Branch to Host Florida Maritime Science Festival**

**FORT PIERCE, Fla. (May 20, 2013)** – FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI), in partnership with the Florida Public Archaeology Network and the Florida Department of State Division of Historical Resources, will host an inaugural “Florida Maritime Science Festival” on Saturday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the HBOI Johnson Education Center, 5600 U.S. 1 North, in Fort Pierce.

The event will feature three special lectures along with exhibits and learning activities for the entire family. Director of the Cooperative Institute for Ocean Exploration, Research & Technology located at HBOI, Shirley Pomponi, Ph.D., will present “Exploration of Our Nation’s Submerged Cultural Resources,” at 11 a.m.; Jeff Moates, of the Florida Public Archaeology Network, will present “Florida’s Shipwreck Preserves: Living Maritime Heritage You Can Visit,” at 12:30 p.m.; and Roger Smith, Ph.D., Florida’s state underwater archaeologist, will present “The Lost Galleons: Discovering the Secrets of Florida’s Oldest Shipwrecks,” at 2 p.m. There also will be a special screening of “Link: The Quiet Genius,” a short film about the life of Ed Link, maritime explorer, inventor, and co-founder of HBOI, at 1:30 p.m.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 772-242-2280 or visit [www.fau.edu/hboi/Events.php](http://www.fau.edu/hboi/Events.php).

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### **About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:**

*Founded in 1971, FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute is a research community of marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World. The institute drives innovation in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, ocean observing systems and marine education. For more information, visit [www.hboi.fau.edu](http://www.hboi.fau.edu).*

### **About Florida Atlantic University:**

*Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the*

*Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU's existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit [www.fau.edu](http://www.fau.edu).*