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## **Inaugural Florida Maritime Science Festival a Success**

**FORT PIERCE, Fla. (June 14, 2013)** – Hundreds gathered at FAU’s Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute (HBOI) on Saturday, June 8 for the first annual “Florida Maritime Science Festival.” The event, which was a joint effort by HBOI, the Florida Historical Society and the Florida Public Archaeology Network (FPAN), featured 15 exhibitors along with lectures by Dr. Shirley Pomponi of HBOI, Jeff Moates of FPAN and Florida's State Underwater Archaeologist Dr. Roger Smith.

*Event pictures with captions attached.*

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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).*