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Subject: **Vanishing Sail, The Story of a Caribbean Tradition arrives at America's Sailing Capital!**

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, Annapolis Film Festival presents the award winning feature documentary *Vanishing Sail* followed by Q & A with director and cinematographer Alexis Andrews, moderated by world class sailor, author and President of the National Sailing Hall of Fame Gary Jobson.

*"An insightful and poignant documentary that is part social history and part Herzogian portrait of resilience and determination in a far-flung locale."* INDIEWIRE

On the tiny island of Carriacou, in the Eastern Caribbean, Alwyn Enoe is one of the last wooden boatbuilders practicing a trade passed down the generations from the original Scottish settlers that arrived more than two centuries ago. He is approaching his 70s and with no more orders coming in, he decides to build one last sailing sloop with the hope that his sons will continue the trade.

The film follows Alwyn's progress and despair over three years - from hauling his trees out of the forest to a final traditional launching ceremony on the bayside. Stories of trading by sail and smuggling contraband from the freeport of St. Barthelemy weave through the film like the currents of the Grenadines, told by some of the last old Caribbean sea characters.

With all the family's hope & resources now in the wooden vessel, Alwyn decides to try and complete her in time to race in the Antigua Classics - five weeks & three hundred miles away - here traditional West Indian and metropolitan elements fuse to create the final resolution of the film...

*Vanishing Sail* is part of a transmedia project representing fifteen years of research that includes a 2 volume photography book, a unique archive of interviews with some of the greatest names in West Indies sailing, the building of five 42 ft traditional sailing vessels in Carriacou and an annual regatta on the island of St. Barthelemy sponsored by UNESCO. *Vanishing Sail* seeks to inspire sailors, coastal communities and maritime heritage projects around the world.

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Sunday, April 3rd at 10 a.m. Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts Auditorium  
801 Chase Street, Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
Tickets available on-line: <http://bit.ly/VanishingSail-Annapolis-Tickets>  
Annapolis Film Festival Office, Asbury United Methodist Church, 87 West St, Annapolis, MD 21401

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*Vanishing Sail* awards:

Directorial Discovery Award - Rhode Island International Film Festival

Audience Choice Award - Rhode Island International Film Festival

Caribbean Spirit Award - Best Overall Feature Film, Caribbean Tales International Film Festival

People's Choice Award - Best Feature Documentary, Trinidad & Tobago Film Festival

Best Film - Maritime Film, Jachtfilm Warsaw