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**Mobile Museum of Art to present The American Society of Marine Artists  
15<sup>th</sup> National Exhibition**

*Mobile, AL – December 16, 2011* – The American Society of Marine Artists 15th National Exhibition opens at the Mobile Museum of Art on January 20 and will run to April 4, 2012. The Exhibition will feature 125 works of art, selected from work submissions by the Society's membership. The Society is the preeminent organization of artists practicing in the venerable tradition of maritime art and their mission national exhibitions occur at roughly three-year intervals



“The National Exhibition of oils, watercolors, acrylics, bronzes and more showing the beauty of the marine world were juried from several hundred entries submitted by ASMA members,” stated Russ Kramer, ASMA President. “The vision, talent and skill on display are not to be missed by anyone with an interest in the sea and maritime art. These works are from artists in just about every state (plus a few other nations as well) and are brought together in one place for a short time only.”

President Kramer notes that, “The works on display, from depictions of ships and seascapes to marine life and coastal scenes, represent the very best new works juried from the more than 500 members of the Society, demonstrating that the centuries-old art form of representational depictions inspired by the sea and seafaring is as vibrant as ever, energized anew in 2011 with fresh visions and works in every medium in this Exhibition.”

ASMA mission National exhibitions are held at roughly three-year intervals (the 2012-13 show will be our 15th) and they take place in public museums. ASMA also holds periodic Regional exhibitions.

ASMA's mission is to recognize, encourage and promote marine art and maritime history; to encourage cooperation and free interchange among artists, art teachers, art students, craftsmen, publishers and others with interests related to marine art and the history of marine art; to provide a registry for artists; and to promote the study and improvement of marine art. ASMA executes this mission by mounting not-for-sale National Exhibitions every three years and Regional Exhibitions more frequently, by publishing attendant Catalogs of these Exhibitions and by publishing a quarterly Magazine, the ASMA News and Journal. The Society is a non-profit organization under the 501- (c) (3) designation of the United States Tax Code and was founded in 1978.

[American Society of Marine Artists](http://www.AmericanSocietyOfMarineArtists.com)

**Image:** *Hole Inspector*, Al Barnes, (American contemporary), 2011. Oil on canvas

**Exhibition Organization and Support**

This exhibition is organized by the American Society of Marine Artists.

**Mobile Museum of Art**

The Mobile Museum of Art hosts special exhibitions from world-famous museums and collectors throughout the year. Open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Museum operations are made possible, in part, by funding from the City of Mobile, Mobile County, the Alabama State Council on the Arts and the National Endowment for the Arts.

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