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## John Smith Shallop Goes on Display at The Maryland Science Center

**Baltimore, Maryland:** A replica of the small open boat, or “shallop,” Captain John Smith used to explore the Chesapeake Bay in 1608 will be on display at the Maryland Science Center beginning March 28. Built in Chestertown, Maryland as part of the *Captain John Smith Four Hundred Project*, the replica shallop is touring museums throughout the Chesapeake Region prior to setting out in May 2007 on a 127-day, 1,500 mile reenactment of Smith’s incredible 1608 expedition. Visitors to the Science Center will be able to view the full-scale replica of the 28-foot boat that Smith and fourteen English settlers called home during the summer of 1608 as well as a comprehensive educational exhibit about the world of the early 17<sup>th</sup> century Chesapeake.

The *Captain John Smith Four-Hundred Project* is an undertaking of Sultana Projects, Inc., a non-profit educational organization based in Chestertown, Maryland. The project’s mission is to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Smith’s expedition and to promote the creation of America’s first National Historic Water Trail along the routes first explored by Smith in 1608. The project has been developed in conjunction with the *Friends of the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Water Trail*, a group whose founders include Gilbert Grosvenor, Chairman of the National Geographic Society, William Baker, President of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation and Patrick Noonan, Chairman Emeritus of The Conservation Fund.

The Maryland Science Center is located at 601 Light Street at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. For information and tickets, visit [www.marylandsciencecenter.org](http://www.marylandsciencecenter.org) or call the 24-Hour Information Line at 410-685-5225, TDD: 410-962-0223.

The Maryland Science Center at Baltimore’s Inner Harbor is visited by more than 500,000 people each year. Popular exhibits include: *Dinosaur Mysteries* which features more than a dozen full-size dinosaurs and interactive paleontology activities, an exploration of the day in the life of the human body in *Your Body: The Inside Story*, and dozens of interactive experiments in *Newton’s Alley*. Other popular attractions in the museum include *The Kids Room*, the five-story *St. John Properties IMAX Theater*, and the world-famous *Davis Planetarium*.

The John Smith shallop will be on display at the Maryland Science Center through May 29. For more information on the *Captain John Smith Four-Hundred Project*, visit [www.johnsmith400.org](http://www.johnsmith400.org).

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