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Galveston Bay Foundation hosts tenth annual Bike Around the Bay: October 15-16, 2016

Shell Oil Company welcomed as title sponsor

Houston, TX – October 14, 2016 – With more than 1,450 registered riders, the Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF) is geared up for Bike Around the Bay this weekend. Bike Around the Bay is a fully-supported two-day, 170-mile bicycle ride show cases the natural beauty of Galveston Bay. All proceeds benefit GBF in projects that preserve wetlands, protect natural habitat, and enhance the water quality of the bay for present users and for posterity.

GBF again welcomes Shell as Bike Around the Bay's title sponsor. "I am very pleased that Shell is the title sponsor for a seventh year in a row of our signature fundraising event", said Bob Stokes, President of the Galveston Bay Foundation.

"Our partnership with Shell helps advance habitat restoration and educating the coastal communities on the value of conservation."

"The impact of Shell sponsored environmental programs and projects since 1999 have resulted in conservation and protection of more than 13 million acres of wetlands that safeguard coastlands from storms, enhance thousands of acres of land, preserve important species, and educate thousands of community members. In addition, the ride promotes health and wellness initiatives that encourage all members of society to strive for high health performance," said Mark Poindexter, US Wellness Manager.

Cyclists begin their ride in Baytown, Texas, at Royal Purple Raceway on Saturday, October 15, and finish at the same location on Sunday, October 16, after an overnight stay in Galveston. From the starting line, the ride takes a scenic route that passes by the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge and through High Island--the highest point on the Gulf Coast between the Yucatan Peninsula and Alabama.

Cyclists ride the Bolivar Ferry to Galveston Island, where they enjoy dinner and hospitality at Moody Gardens Hotel. The second day brings riders over the Galveston Causeway, through Texas City along the Texas City levee, through the bayside towns of Kemah and Seabrook, and over the Fred Hartman Bridge.

In addition to the full, 170-mile route around Galveston Bay, cyclists have the option of registering for a one-day, 94-mile route with an additional option of cycling a further six-mile loop on Bolivar Peninsula to make the first day a century ride.

Apart from the generous support from Shell, Bike Around the Bay is made possible through major gifts from additional ride sponsors including Accenture, Bike Barn, and Port of Houston Authority.

Further information on the event can be found at www.bikearoundthebay.org.

About Shell Oil Company

Shell Oil Company is an affiliate of the Royal Dutch Shell plc, a global group of energy and petrochemical companies with operations in more than 70 countries. In the U.S., Shell operates in 50 states and employs more than 20,000 people working to help tackle the challenges of the new energy future.

About Galveston Bay Foundation

The mission of the Galveston Bay Foundation is to preserve, protect, and enhance the natural resources of the Galveston Bay estuarine system and its tributaries for present users and for posterity. The Foundation was incorporated in 1987, and is a non-profit organization under Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. For further information contact GBF at 281-332-3381 or visit the website at www.galvbay.org.

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