



## News from the Commodores (Halsey & Deb)

### Happy New Year 2025!!!

2024 was a great success. Participation was up in every event. The Firecracker had 183, Poker Paddle 110 and Canoe Kayak Race 58. The total for these three main events was 351, a new record participation. This resulted in 2024 being financially sound. A total of \$5,200 will be transferred for 2024 to our Community Improvement Projects (CIP) Fund.

And now we can look ahead to our 2025 season. Our dates are set:

### CLBC 2025 Events Schedule

Meet & Greet at the HUB	Sunday, June 22nd
16th Annual Firecracker	Friday, July 4th
Sailboat Race	Saturday, July 5th (am)
CLBC Banquet/Annual Meeting	Saturday, July 5th
19th Annual Poker Paddle	Saturday, July 12th
CLBC Community Picnic	Saturday, July 26th
Cranberry Lake Canoe /Kayak Race	Saturday, August 23rd
End Of Season Get Together	Saturday August 31st

It is with mixed emotions that we acknowledge our term as Commodore, Vice Commodore comes to a close. As per our bylaws, terms as Commodore, Vice Commodore and Board Members are two three-year terms or a maximum of six years. It's time for fresh blood, fresh ideas and invigoration. This will be our 6th year this summer and we look forward to

handing off the baton to people with energy and maybe new ideas, but at least keep up the CLBC legacy. The present activities/events are well established and easy to orchestrate, especially with the Board of Directors heading an event.



### 2025 Cranberry Lake Ice-Out Contest

It's time to start guessing the date and time the ice melts on Cranberry Lake. Ice-Out can vary year to year and the winner is the guess closest to that time. The official Ice-Out date and time is determined by the official judge, Chuck Yartz. Last year was unusual with Ice-Out on March 12th, the earliest we have recorded. Last year was also unusual because Ice-On didn't become complete until January 4th. This year Ice-On has been much earlier, around mid December. Maybe this information might be useful for an educated guess? Please don't forget to enter the contest. Remember it is a 50/50 contest with half of the donated funds going to the Cranberry Lake Fire Department and the other half to the winning guess. Good Luck!

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## Membership Renewal

It is time to renew yours for 2025. This year we would like to improve our membership database and directory. Deb Roberts will be sending out a survey for membership renewal which will allow everyone to put in as many of their family names as they wish, instead of the previous way of allowing two membership names. She will be asking for the primary member's name (qualifying) and any other names (associates) that are related to the members location. This will help us recognize long-time memberships as our young people become of age. This year the boat sticker color will be Cranberry. Also, don't forget to donate to our CIP fund. Our goal annually is \$2,000. Remember, the funding of the community activities is provided through your contributions to CIP. Your membership dues and participation in the various CLBC events supports our activities. Thank you for your continued support.



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## Loon Friendly Lake Certification



In the fall of 2023, Deb & Halsey attended a Loon Conservancy event at Paul Smiths. There, we found out about Lakes becoming certified as Loon Friendly. Deb posted on the CLBC Facebook page and found many members enthusiastic about this endeavor. Asking for volunteers, we got a list of 15, and come Spring of 2024 we went to work ticking off the requirements to become certified. These requirements were (1) providing ACLC brochures to visitors and rentals (we did over 300 camps/residents on our lake) (2) placing “Help Protect Loons” signs at boat launches and (3) fishing line recycling containers (4) Lake Clean - Ups (5) Lead buy back (Birch’s had already started and Otto’s Abode was brought on board. Our volunteers put in over 13.5 hours of lake clean up, 18 hours distributing brochures, two hours installing signs and line

containers. A total of more than 33 hours. We submitted our “project checklist” and received certification. This is a yearly project, so going forward in 2025, most of our efforts can focus on shoreline, fishing line and lead clean up. Please email me at [debroberts54@gmail.com](mailto:debroberts54@gmail.com) if you do your shoreline, find anything, and can look at “wild” shorelines. Those who stepped up above and beyond are noted with a special recognition (asterisk after their name). The following are all the volunteers for the Loon Friendly project; Halsey Bagg\*, Sharon Ceravolo\*(co-chair), Beth Daut\*, Lorri Fechtman\*, Bill Griffin\*, Sandy Griffin\*, Fred Guevara, Sally Holden\*, Heather Nichols\*, Darcy Petrosino, Deb Roberts\*(co-chair), Cathy Safford, Marsha Smith, Susan Smith\* and James Ver Steeg. For more information about the loon certification program goto: <https://www.adkloon.org/adk-loon-friendly-lake-certification-program>

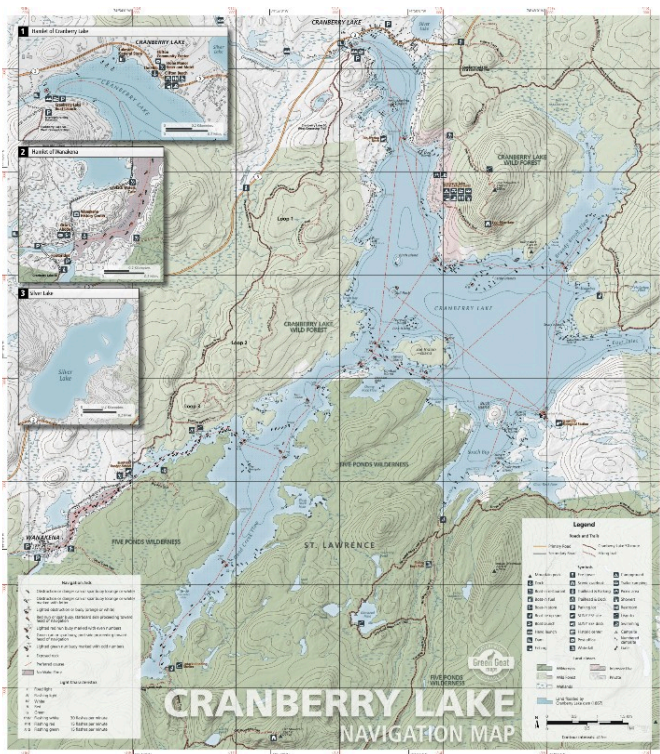
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## Navigation Wall Maps

Last year CLBC had over 125 Cranberry Lake Wall Maps created from the fold up navigation maps that were prepared by Ezra Swartzberg of Green Goat Maps. Over 70 of them were sold to CLBC members. There are still some of these maps available on a first come basis at \$40 each. They are wall map size, 24” by 36” and made into a poster that can not be folded. If you’d like one, please send your request to:

Deb Roberts, 315-790-3618  
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## Call For Action

The Bylaws of our club allow for up to 15 directors. Currently, there are 11 boat club members who serve on our board of directors. If you're interested or know of another member who would like to serve on the CLBC board, please make it known to any of our current board members. Being a member of the BOD gives members a chance to help manage the mission of the club and be involved in decision making. As a board member you’ll be asked to participate in monthly meetings that last for approximately one hour and to help the team with the various events. So, If you’d like to be more involved in the Boat Club and serve on one of our committees or Board of Directors, please let us know.

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