

# Cranberry Lake Boat Club

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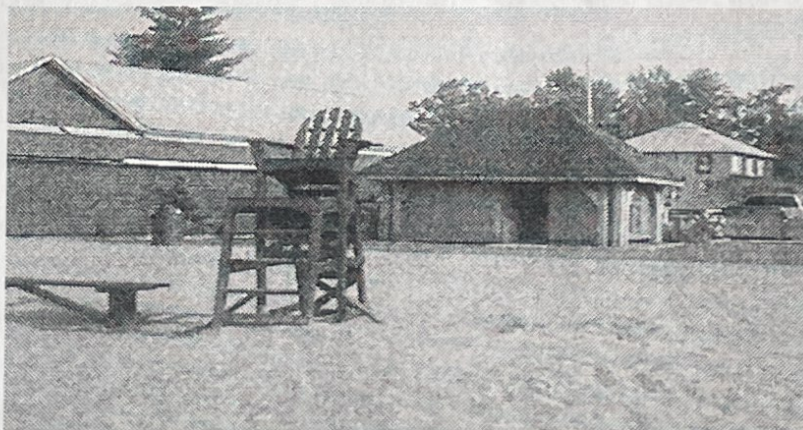
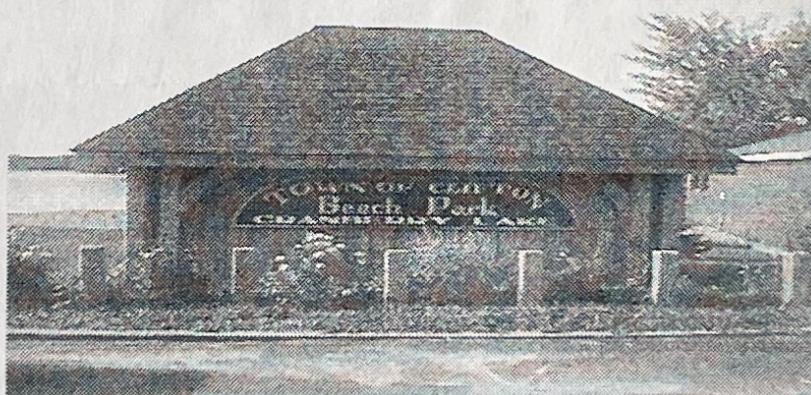
Lucia VerSteeg

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## 2003 Highlights

- Second annual Boat Show and Lake Cruise on July 4.
- Banquet and Annual Meeting on July 12 attended by 103.
- Picnic at the Pinecone on August 9 attended by 126.

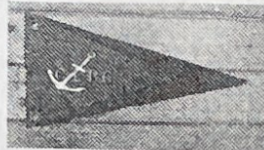


## Boat Club Projects

Pictured above are two projects the Boat Club supported in 2003 in cooperation with the Town of Clifton. The top photo is of the sign for the Beach Park and the bottom photo shows the new life-guard stand which was built by volunteers from the Boat Club.

In 2004 the Boat Club intends to repair the float at the Beach and create a walking trail along the Oswegatchie River below the dam.





**Mark Your Calendar**

The dates of the Boat Club activities in 2004 are as follows:

- Boat Show & Cruise - July 3
- Banquet - July 10
- Picnic - August 14

**Officers for 2003-2004**

Commodore - David Richardson  
Vice Commodore - Lucia VerSteeg  
Treasurer - Jay Edel  
Secretary - Pat Farnsworth

**Committee Chairs for 2003-2004**

Membership - Pat Guevara  
Nominating - Melissa Wilder  
Dock & Navigation - Jay Edel  
Water Quality - John Adami  
Banquet - Lucia VerSteeg  
Picnic - Janet Rhodes  
Fish & Game - Wes Marsh  
Logo & Distribution - Kass Thompson  
Boat Show & Cruise - Clint Farnsworth  
Long-Range Planning - Clint Farnsworth

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**1915 Boat Club Books Reprinted**

Several years ago the Boat Club reprinted copies of a book of photographs that the Boat Club published in 1915 and sold them to members and the general public. These books were sold out last year and, since we felt there was still a demand for them, we ordered a second reprinting. Members can purchase the books by writing to the CLBC, Box 656, Cranberry Lake, NY 12927. The price is \$8.00 per book including postage and \$14.00 for two books mailed to the same address.

**Water Quality Report**

by

John Adami, Chairman, Water Quality Committee

We now have five years of data which is sufficient to detect water quality trends. Tests that determine lake acidity, sensitivity to acidification, acidic buffering capacity, algae content, pollution and dissolved oxygen are among those tests performed. Based on these tests, Cranberry Lake is considered to be moderately to very sensitive to further acidic inputs. However, all results for the five-year test period are within the "desired range." Over the past five years, Cranberry Lake's water quality has remained fairly stable with no decline in water quality. In fact, the report prepared by the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith's College states that, if anything, water quality has improved slightly over the five-year study period.

A copy of the report, including details of the twelve tests performed over the past five years, is available, at the Library at Cranberry Lake for those interested in specific results. We have continued our testing for this year and have completed the four required tests.

In addition, Dorothy and I have been monitoring for Invasive Aquatic Plants through a program conducted by the Adirondack Park Agency. We tested three sites, including the public boat launch by the dam, took samples, and found no invasive aquatic plants. Sixty-four lakes in the Adirondacks participated in this program, and many are infested with invasives, such as Eurasian watermilfoil and waterchestnut. These plants form dense vegetation mats that cause loss of native species and habitat, clog propellers, impair swimming, restrict boating and fishing, and affect water quality. We can be thankful that Cranberry Lake appears to be free of invasive aquatic plants at this time.