



Fall Newsletter 2009

## CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

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Greetings! This is my first newsletter as your Commodore. I am learning the ropes on preparing templates for newsletters with the hope of making future ones easier to do.

At the outset, I want to thank you all for helping us make our Centennial year celebration a success. The committee chairs and volunteers did outstanding work. Participants in events had fun, and many persons indicated this was one of the best summers ever on the lake. We all managed to endure one of the wettest summers many can remember, and we still completed all of the Centennial events. My special thanks to all those who made donations to support various centennial activities. Outgoing commodore, Lucia Ver Steeg, deserves special recognition for all her work. She has made the leadership transition a smooth one. For your information, a list of directors and committee heads for 2010 is part of this newsletter.

### PLANS FOR 2010

Many of us believe that the Centennial events added to the summer enjoyment of members in a significant way. It built new and stronger ties with the community at large.

At its August 8 board meeting at the Pine Cone, the decision was made to continue certain Centennial events in the summer of 2010. The following schedule of activities includes our regular programs as well as the new additions: 5 and 10 K Road Race—**June 26**, Boat Show and Parade—**July 3**, Cardboard Boat Races—**July 17**, possible repeat of Float Plane rides—**July 31**, Poker Paddle—**July 24**, Boaters' Outing—**July 28**, Boat Club hike—**August 11**, Ring of Fire celebration—**September 3**, and Cranberry Lake Festival – **September 11 or 18**. The annual banquet will be held on **July 10** and the picnic on **August 14**. Board meetings will be held on **May 29**, **July 10**, and a general membership meeting set for **July 14**. The Rochester Yacht Club has indicated a desire to return in the future, perhaps in two years.

The Cardboard Boat Races were a very popular event during the Centennial. There was great interest in making this an annual event. Bob Raymo hopes that everyone is planning to spend their winter months building a fantastic boat for next year's Cardboard Boat Race. There will be children, teen and adult categories. Instructions can be found on the boat club's website—[www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org](http://www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org) under *upcoming events*. Please be aware that the dates used refer to summer 2009—be sure to look there for details. We look forward to more boat entries and another spirited competition on July 17, 2010.

### **COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

During 2009, the Boat Club provided support for several community projects: new Centennial Boat Club signs attached to the Forever Wild signs as you enter the village, assistance with the opening of the wonderful 50 mile hike, a memorial plaque recognizing persons donating trees as part of the Centennial, two new signs for the bridge walk below the dam, and support for the Forever Wild PlayPark project. As many of you know the bridge was repainted by volunteers from the Ranger School with the Clifton Fine Property Association providing the funds for paint and materials. The plaque and signs mentioned above will be installed near the dam exhibit next spring. Volunteers also painted the outside of Jeanne Reynolds' Art Studio. Our commitment to community improvements remains firm and members can take pride in making a difference as visible changes

to enhance Cranberry Lake take place. The Boat Club publications, television and radio coverage of the Centennial were noteworthy and made others aware of Cranberry Lake and beauty associated with it.

### **CENTENNIAL FOLLOW-UP ITEMS AND HISTORY NOTE**

Work on a Centennial DVD will take place over the winter months. If you have especially good photos or videos of any Centennial events that you wish to share, please send them to me at: 10821 Longmeadow Drive, Damascus, Maryland-20872 before January 1. The narrative history of the Boat Club continues to be a work in progress. The writing committee hopes to have a draft available for review by next summer. We will be asking for your help in providing information to fill in missing pieces related to important events, names, and dates. We want this written account to be as accurate as possible.

The Splettes visited with Chuck Martin at Union Point in September concerning his recollections of sailing activities on the lake over the years. He helped set the record straight by adding important information on the history of sailing at Cranberry Lake. Our earlier findings from items in hand indicated the sailing regattas ended in the 1960's. This was off the mark, so I want to share a revised version with you.

Chuck has several winning trophies that prove sailing activities took place at least until 1987 in some form or another. His

trophy wording from his 1987 victory states, "C.L.B.C Regatta Winner." Chuck said several sailing races started at Cole's Point and went around a buoy place at Brandy Point and then back to Cole's Point. He had a "super porpoise" and indicated that he got several good hints on racing from Nelson Leavell. Chuck gave Leiper Read the race buoy that Bill Gleason restored for our Centennial. Leiper used his slide rule to calculate handicaps for boats to make the races more fair. Anyone with more information on sailing in the 1960-1987 period is encouraged to send it to me for the boat club archives. A picture of Chuck Martin with his trophies is seen below.



### **MERCHANDISE AVAILABLE**

Kass Thompson now has new boat club pennants available for \$30 each. She will be happy to take your orders. For those interested in Boat Club items as Christmas gifts we remind you that they can be purchased by going to the Café Press Website. The site is

[www.cafepress.com/CLBCLOGOWear](http://www.cafepress.com/CLBCLOGOWear)

### **PERSONAL**

On a sad note I am sorry to report the passing of Anne Green. Our sympathy goes out to the members of her family.

As 2009 comes to a close, the Cranberry Lake Boat Club can take great pride in its Centennial celebration. The publicity associated with our events brought increased visibility to the region. Important new friendships were formed with community leaders and members said how much they enjoyed getting together on several occasions during the summer. I look forward to working with you during 2010.

Wishing you Happy Holidays wherever you spend them.

Allen Splete, Commodore