



Spring Newsletter 2010

CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

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Think Spring! Wherever you might be, I hope your thoughts are turning to a time of return to Cranberry Lake. The first meeting of the Boat Club Board will take place on May 29. If you have any items you will like to have the board discuss, please forward them to me at amsplete@yahoo.com before May 1.

Let me note at the outset of this newsletter that we lost two valued members of our community with the passing of William “Billy” LaFrance and Dick Reynolds. They both will be missed. I do not know what plans have been made regarding the future of the Emporium Marina which is such a vital part of boating life on the lake. Information received to date indicates that the LaFrance family will continue to own and operate the business.

WATER QUALITY REPORT

The Cranberry Lake Boat Club has been part of the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program for twelve years. Michael De Angelo of the Adirondack Watershed Institute at Paul Smith’s College completed the 2009 assessment. We received the report findings on February 25, 2010.

Results indicate that Cranberry Lake is considered to be moderately threatened by further acidic inputs. Copies of the complete report include detailed charts beginning with 1998. As has been our custom, copies of the report will be available at the library in the community center. My thanks to Ed Kip and John Adami for their diligence in ensuring that the Boat Club conducts an annual assessment of the water quality of the lake.

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) recently removed Cranberry Lake from its list of lakes “impaired” by pollution. DEC and the Adirondack Council attribute the improvement to stricter regulations that reduced pollution from the land and air. This delisting means that the pH levels of the lake have dropped to acceptable levels. DEC is hoping that this chemical recovery will lead to a biological recovery as well. Let’s all do our part to make sure that this wonderful progress continues. For more on this development, one can read **the Syracuse Post Standard** dated February 4, 2010.

EVENTS UPDATE FOR 2010

Plans are well underway for the **5 and 10K Road Race** to be held on Columbian Road on **June 26**. Our annual Boat Show and Parade will be **July 3**. On Saturday, **July 17**, the Cranberry Lake Boat Club will hold its second annual **Cardboard Boat Race**. Last year’s race was a great success and one of our most popular events during the centennial celebration. Bob Raymo

(Chairman, Cranberry Lake Cardboard Boat Race) indicated that an article in the Cardboard Boat Book stated that last year that there were more than 1500 participants in such races across the United States with over 100,000 spectators. Word has it that Bill Gleason (Co-chair) has promised revenge for his defeat last year. So get started on building that winning boat! There will be three categories again in 2010: Adult and Adult, Adult and Child, and Child and Child. Race rules and information on how to build your boat can be found at www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org A new registration form for 2010 will be completed soon so please wait until it is available before filling out your form. All of us look forward to another exciting day of racing.

There will be no Float Plane ride on July 31 this year as we attempt to determine continuing interest for 2011. Other events noted in the fall newsletter remain the same: **Annual Banquet-July 10; General Membership Meeting-July 14; Poker Paddle –July 24; Boaters’ Outing-July 28; Boat Club Hike – August 11; Annual Picnic on August 14** (this will include a return performance by the Norwood Fire Department Brass Band); **Ring of Fire Celebration-September 3 and Cranberry Festival on September 11 or 18**. The final date will be shared with boat club members in early June. Please plan to be a part of all our scheduled activities.

To help you with your planning, the **Summer Concert Series** sponsored by the Cultural Committee of the Clifton-Fine Economic Development and chaired by Roger Johnson has announced the following schedule: **July 3** (Wanakena) Phil Jameson and the New Southern Ramblers (roots music); **July 22 (Star Lake School)** the musical, Godspell*; **July 24** Cranberry Lake Fire House) Stephane Rembel—"The Django Experiment" Guitar, Bass, Drums—jazz/contemporary music; **July 30** (Cranberry Lake Beach) Twelfth Night * (Shakespeare play done on the beach); **August 6** (Wanakena) Lipbone Redding (repeat visit with singer/songwriter); **August 12** (Star Lake School) Beatle Mania*; **August 14** (Cranberry Lake Fire House) Capt. Squeeze and the Zydeco Moshers (Zydeco band). The three asterisk events have been booked by Susan Smith from local touring groups and are not a part of the Cultural Committee's grant. I thank Chris Westbrook for sharing this information with the Boat Club.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Susan Arena, Program Director, of Adirondack Architectural Heritage, expressed interest in doing an old camps tour of Cranberry Lake. Given our experience last year it was decided that a visit by the Director of AARCH might be useful in encouraging residents of the lake to participate in possible future tours. As part of the centennial we produced a brochure that facilitates a self-guided tour of old camp locations by boat.

We hope to provide a new sign and supporting posts to replace the Welcome to Cranberry Lake sign-it now includes our centennial sign. Hugh Mitchell has been working on a design and we hope to be able to complete the project this summer. Allen Ditch is working on a Centennial DVD from materials collected during the centennial. Work on the narrative history of the Boat Club continues with the intent of completing the work in 2010. We still need to ensure that our information is as accurate as possible.

The Clifton Fine Hospital is embarking on a major fund-raising campaign for a new clinic. The Forever Wild Play Park project, improvements to the Community Center and waterfront revitalization efforts remain works in process. Newton Falls Fine Paper is working to access a federal program that would allow the company to add another 100 new jobs. These will be major areas of interest to all of us in what promises to be another busy summer.

TIME FOR MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Attached to this newsletter is a Membership Renewal Form for 2010. Please complete before May 15 and mail to the address noted. Thank you.

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