



Summer Newsletter 2010

CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

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Greetings from Cranberry Lake! It was good to see so many friends and members here before Memorial Day. The funeral for Billy LaFrance was well attended by many members of the Boat Club. Joe Nolan's passing was a great loss to the community. Nickie plans a memorial service at Cranberry sometime during the summer. She and the family have our deepest sympathy.

The Boat Club Board met on May 29. We are moving forward to formalize our status as a tax exempt entity. This process will enable us officially to receive gifts that are tax deductible and make possible acceptance of more forms of support in the future. To honor current gifts, beyond dues, for community improvement projects we are allowed hold such funds until recognized as a 501c3 organization. Part of process will require us to revise our mission statement and change our by-laws. Approval by a majority of Boat Club members will be needed. A vote on the new mission statement will take place at our annual general meeting of the membership. This will occur on July 14 at the Ranger School in Wanakena.

The proposed new mission statement reads as follows: **The mission of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club is to protect the natural beauty and health of Cranberry Lake for the enjoyment of all property owners and visitors by promoting an awareness of environmental issues such as water quality, invasive species, fish and wildlife, wetlands and shoreline protection. Further the Cranberry Lake Boat Club seeks to promote and support projects for the aesthetic, cultural, commercial, and educational betterment of the communities of Cranberry Lake and Wanakena.**

BOARD REPORT ITEMS--Bill Gleason was elected to a newly created position of Cranberry Lake Boat Club historian. He will be making an inventory of items received and used during the Centennial celebration. The goal is to provide for safekeeping of artifacts and to have access to them. Members are encouraged to write up histories of their camps and share any artifacts of note.

You will be pleased to note that the memorial plaque related to last year's tree plantings has been installed by Roger Backus. It is located next to the marker on Riverside Drive depicting the history of the dam. New "River Walk" signs on each end of the bridge below the dam have been put into place. The painting of the bridge last year plus the above changes make the area around the dam very attractive. A number of families appear to be using the spot for picnics and fishing. Let's encourage others to keep the area clean. We shall work to have some large litter cans placed at this location.

We worked with the Emporium Marina and the end portion of the Boat Club dock has been repaired. Scott Pickens of the Cranberry Lake Lodge has indicated that members may park at the lodge dock while doing business in town.

Our tree plantings last year were successful at the dam site but deer managed to destroy those placed at the Ranger School. We are hoping to provide replacements there.

If you wish to nominate persons for director positions on the board, please contact Peter VandeWater. Anne Loganbuhl, our Treasurer, is doing a wonderful job. The Boat Club has a sound budget and our Centennial celebration in 2009 was conducted with positive results. Budget details for 2010 will be provided at the Annual Meeting of the membership. If you haven't renewed your membership for 2010, please do so and encourage newcomers to the lake to become a part of the Boat Club.

A copy of the most recent water quality study is in the Library at the Community Center for further study by any members. We are pleased to have several years of data for comparative use. Plans have made to continue the studies for 2010.

Randy Hayes reported that many large Northern Pike were caught during the winter. He also said that several hundred brook trout had been released in the early spring.

A speaker system has been purchased by the Boat Club for use at our events. The Playpark at the Community Center and Waterfront Revitalization projects are moving forward. Grant funds were approved but require a disbursement plan. We all hope these planned improvements will be forthcoming.

Allen Ditch has been working on the creation of a DVD using photographs and video of Centennial highlights. It will be a wonderful addition to our history of the events of 2009. A stunning video segment includes Cranberry Lake, Wanakena and the Five Ponds area as seen from above on the float plane rides last year. We hope to market the DVD at the Boat Show. Allen has done a great job using television footage and pictures provided by boat club members.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE FOR 2010- Our first Boat Club activity is planned for Saturday, June 26 . Registration starts at 8:00 a.m race begins at 9:00 a.m. Virginia Myers is the coordinator for our Second Annual Road Race and Walk on Columbian Road. Pepsi Cola and the Clifton Fine Hospital will once again be assisting us. Advance publicity is already out regarding race details. Plan now to participate or cheer on the competitors.

Our Boat Show and Parade will take place on Saturday, July 3. Bob Raymo has indicated that Steve Doxson of Adirondack Lake and Trail Outfitters will be attending. Annie Fleck of Racquette River Outfitters may participate. The Fire and Rescue Department will provide lunch at the Town Beach. This year we plan to start the boat parade at 2:30 p.m. after the Boat Show. This will enable those who brought boats to the dock to leave from that location and start the parade from there. Prizes for the best decorated boats (a 4th of July theme) will be awarded. Judges will be stationed in front of the Cranberry Lodge so boats can pass in review and be observed closely. Plan now to bring your boat to the show and be ready for the parade. The Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Boat will follow the parade. Ernie Giraud will once again lead the boat parade in the *Luella*.

The annual Cranberry Lake Boat Club Banquet will be held on Saturday, July 10 at the Cranberry Lake Lodge. Festivities will begin with cocktails and appetizers at 4:30 p.m. with dinner served at 6:00 p.m. A RESERVATION FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS NEWSLETTER FOR YOUR USE. PLEASE MAKE RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT BY JUNE 29. Let's get the summer season off to a fine start, reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

The popular Cardboard Boat Race will be held on Saturday, July 17. Bob Raymo is hoping the number of entrants will increase after a wonderful inaugural event during the Centennial. The race will again be held at the boat launch site at the Cranberry Lake

Lodge. Boats will be inspected at 10:00 a.m. with races starting at 11:00 a.m. with completion no later than 1:00 p.m. We hope many of last year's entrants will be repeat competitors and that many who expressed an interest in being a part of this popular event will join the fun. Let's all work to keep the pre-race excitement high and encourage the boat builders.

Sarge Boss will be coordinating our Poker Paddle again this year on Saturday, July 24. He needs to obtain some dock sitters at check points. If you have done this in the past and would like to do it again or would be interested as a new volunteer, please leave your name in the library and Sarge will be in contact with you. This is a fun event and very popular with boaters.

Plans to have a Boaters Outing on Wednesday, July 28 are not yet complete but please hold the date. Sherm Craig has agreed to lead a group of hikers to Curtis Pond on Wednesday, August 11.

We plan to hold our annual picnic at the Pine Cone on Saturday, August 14. The event will be completely catered by the Pine Cone. The reason for this change is that an insurance waiver is now required if Boat Club members provide any food for the event. This would require the Boat Club to purchase a special insurance policy. The Board chose not to purchase another policy. For 2011, the Board will discuss the possibility of having our own picnic at a site where we could do our own cooking and bring meal items prepared by Boat Club members. The Norwood Fireman's Brass Band will be back to entertain us again at the picnic this year.

The Ring of Fire celebration started last year will continue on Saturday, September 4. Flares may be purchased from the Fire Department or the Emporium. Other designated persons selling flares will be made available at a later date. The Cranberry Festival may be repeated, further details will be forthcoming.

GENERAL INTEREST ITEMS—Owing to the unusual conditions surrounding the departure of the ice and adjusting water levels, a number of persons reported major damage to their docks.

Scott Pickens has asked me to pass along the information that the Cranberry Lake Lodge Marina now has three Public Vessels licensed for use: a 22 foot Sea Nymph that will make for a comfortable Water Taxi, a 28 foot Lowe pontoon for carrying cargo, kayakers and canoers up the lake, and an 18 foot refurbished Lone Star for use as a Tour Boat. They now have one licensed PV operator and are working on adding more. Appointments are preferred for Water Taxi service.

The Clifton Fine Hospital is conducting an important fund-raising campaign this summer. Construction of a new clinic, an expansion of the current facilities, is in process.

Completion of the project will provide expanded services. Access to medical care in a remote setting remains critical to people in this area. Laboratory testing, CT scan capacity, availability of rehabilitation facilities and the opportunity to see a medical doctor on a daily basis are major assets. We are fortunate to have a hospital in such proximity to Cranberry Lake and Wanakena. Many Boat Club members are devoting time to assist with the campaign. The Boat Club voted to make a gift of \$1,000 from its Community Improvement budget to support the campaign. Seasonal residents will play a vital role in meeting the goal of \$750,000. Individual contributions will make the major difference in this effort. Please try to help as you can.

On Sunday, July 4th at noon there is an annual parade in Wanakena and I hope many Boat Club members will consider attending this wonderful event. Join in the fun and purchase a ticket for the rubber duck race from Rick Kovacs at the General Store.

Chuck Yartz has advised us that there will be U.S. Coast Guard Boat Certification class offered in early July. If you are interested please call him at 848-3694.

Bill Gleason indicated that the Loon Census will be conducted on July 17 from 8-9:00 a.m. If you have been part of this survey in the past or wish to volunteer for the first time, call Bill at 848-5620.

Boat Club Directors meetings are on Saturday, July 10 at 10:00 a.m. and Saturday, August 14 at 9:30 a.m. The annual general membership will take place on Wednesday, July 14 at the Ranger School in Wanakena from 4-6 p.m. There will be a wine and cheese reception.

A complete list of all known scheduled events appeared in our last newsletter. We'll repeat the dates of upcoming events in the Bargain Hunter. Have a great summer!

Allen Splete, Commodore