



Fall Newsletter 2010

## CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

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Boat Outing-S. Liberty  
Cardboard Boat Race—B. Raymo  
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Nominating - P. Van de Water  
Picnic - S. Ricalton  
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Regatta/Boating-B. Raymo  
Water Quality – Ed Kipp, J. Adami

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We have been back in Maryland for about two weeks. It was hard to leave Cranberry Lake and the glorious colors of fall. The water was still high when we left and the leaves well off most of the trees. There was just a dusting of snow.

There is much to report in this fall newsletter. We had a busy summer of events in 2010 and finalized plans for 2011.

We revised our by-laws to include the new mission statement which you have seen.

The board approved making our Community Improvement Project (CIP) budget a part of the Clifton Fine Economic Development Corporation. This will permit tax exempt donations to the CIP. The CLBC board will determine the use of the CIP funds. The officers of the CLBC comprise a monitoring committee to oversee the fund. Board approval will be required before expenditures are made. Our revised membership form for 2011 will include information on where CIP gifts should be sent.

For 2011, the Board decided to combine the annual Boat Show and Parade with our increasingly popular Cardboard Boat Race.

The Board also approved a pledge of \$5,000 over five years to support the construction of the new clinic at the Clifton Fine Hospital. Many Boat Club members worked hard on the campaign and the new clinic opened for business on November 15.

Over \$640,000 has been raised toward the goal of \$750,000 by December 31, 2010. Thanks to all the Boat Club members who helped with this major effort to improve health care in our area.

The Boat Club also purchased new rescue equipment for the town beach and coordinated with the Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Department in that effort. This action was spurred by a serious boating accident during the summer and condition of equipment available to respond to such accidents.

The Centennial scrapbook and related items on all Centennial events in 2009 were turned over to Historian Bill Gleason for safekeeping. Anyone wishing to view videos or hear oral tapes related to the Centennial can now do so. The Centennial DVD was a fine addition to our records. A complete inventory of items has been produced so that we can retrieve items of interest. There were many artifacts displayed during the Centennial and they, along with written family histories, are now in our files.

We shall be receiving the pictorial post mark for our archives soon. Work on the narrative Boat Club history will continue this winter.

Our outgoing directors: Don Baxter, Penny Giraud, Sherm Craig, Lindsay Peters, and Bob Raymo deserve our special thanks for their many contributions during their time of service. A note of thanks was sent to

George Gregory for his efforts in making sure our navigation buoys were in place. Kass Thompson merits special plaudits for handling our merchandise area for many years.

We have a strong group of new directors: Marge Gray, Fred Guevara, Suzanne Liberty, Derek Lough and Dick Narkewicz. I know you will enjoy working with them.

Thanks to John Farnsworth, our website coordinator, and to Sarge Boss for maintaining our e.mail lists. Fred and Pat Guevara do a great job with updating our Boat Club directories. Please make sure you provide any change of addresses or e.mails to them.

I encourage you to volunteer to help with our regular summer events. Just contact the committee chair listed on our masthead if you wish to help.

Patty Farnsworth continues to do an outstanding job as our Secretary and membership coordinator. She reported in August that we had a total membership of 498. We did well with new members and appreciate all your help in encouraging persons to join the Boat Club.

John Adami provided the following report on water quality and invasive aquatic plants on August 27.

"We are now in our 13<sup>th</sup> year of monitoring Cranberry Lake's water

quality in partnership with the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program and the Adirondack Watershed Institute. We collect water samples for chemical analysis, such as pH, alkalinity, nitrate, aluminum, etc. Cranberry was sampled three times in 2010 by John Adami, Ed Kipp, and John Englert, and once by Professor Mike DeAngelo, Environmental Chemist, Paul Smith's College. In summary, over the last twelve years as a whole, Cranberry Lake's water quality has remained fairly stable with no decline in water quality. In fact, if anything, the water quality has improved over the study period. Anyone wishing to review the details of the twelve year study may do so by viewing the 2009 Assessment Program results available at the Clifton Fine Library in Cranberry Lake."

John and Dorothy Adami have been monitoring Cranberry Lake for invasive aquatic plants since 2002, in conjunction with the Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP). Invasive aquatic plants are generally introduced to a watershed by boaters who, by not properly cleaning or washing their boats and trailers, transfer invasives from one lake to another. John, Dot and Ed Kipp have taken samples around the boat launch at the dam, the boat launch in Wanakena, plus many other areas of shoreline and shallow water. No invasive aquatics have been identified over the past seven years. The Aquatics Coordinator from APIPP also accompanied them on one sampling trip. The most common aquatics found in Cranberry Lake include: Variable Leaf Mil, Pondweed, Bladderwort, and

Pond Lily, among others. Invasive aquatic plants make boating, fishing and swimming difficult or impossible and reduce oxygen levels. John, Dot and Ed periodically attend refresher seminars to maintain skill levels. A training seminar is tentatively scheduled to be held at the Ranger School in 2011, and int. All interested CLBC members are invited to attend.

Bob Raymo provided the following information for the Bargain Hunter regarding our plans for combining the Cardboard Boat Race with our Boat Show and Parade. These events will take place on July 16 at the Cranberry Lake Lodge. Bob has arranged for music to be provided by "Giant and the Green Foam," featuring Joe Thomas. There will be a concession stand provided all day by the Cranberry Lake Lodge, as well as canoes, kayaks, and boats on site for viewing, test driving and purchasing. We are also looking for individuals who would like to display their antique boats, canoes and motors. The day's event is being sponsored by the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and Cranberry Lake Lodge and will be open to the public.

Last year the Cardboard Boat Race attracted over 300 people. Next year the challenge goes out for more Cardboard Boat entries. Some suggested competitors are: area churches with youth groups to challenge last year's Presbyterian youth group winners; Clifton Fine Central School groups; possibly competition between Ranger School students and those at the ESF site on Barber Point; entries from the Star Lake Protective Association versus the Cranberry Lake Boat Club;

and the local Fire and Rescue departments. The day's activities in 2011 will conclude with the Boat Parade around the lake. Moving the time of the start of the parade up to follow the races worked well this year. It allowed people to more easily join the parade. Bob and his volunteers have planned a fun- filled day.

If you are interested in building a card board boat over the winter, the instructions and tips can be found at [www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org](http://www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org) Click on "Upcoming events". View last year's race on the boat club's Facebook page. Prizes will be awarded for both antique boats and winners of the card board boat race. Questions and concerns can be addressed to Bob Raymo at [raymo@northnet.org](mailto:raymo@northnet.org) The 2011 registration form will be on our website after the first of the year.

#### EVENTS SCHEDULE FOR 2011

To help you with your summer planning, you might wish to make note of the following event dates. We shall continue to include the arts series events as well when a more complete schedule is possible.

Board meetings—May 28, July 9 and August 13.

Race/Walk—June 25

Banquet-July 9

Annual Meeting—July 9 or 14

Boat Show, Parade and Cardboard Boat Race—July 16

Poker Paddle—July 23

Boat Outing—July 27

Picnic—August 13

Ring of Fire—Sept. 3

Depending on interest, we may have another day for float plane rides sometime in July. If you wish to participate, please let Fred Guevara know so that we can plan accordingly.

All of us are hopeful that the Playground Project and Waterfront Revitalization efforts will move forward in 2011. Difficult economic times are having a significant impact on the Cranberry Lake area. The Community Improvement Projects supported by the Boat Club continue to be very helpful to the community. It allows us to do our part, to be good citizens and enhance the lives of all the residents who call Cranberry Lake home.

Happy Holidays to all Boat Club members wherever you might be. I look forward to working with all of you in 2011. As you think about stamps, you might want to consider ordering some from the Cranberry Lake Post Office. All of us want to do what we can to ensure that we keep that important facility going.

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