



CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

FALL Newsletter 2011

Officers

Commodore – Allen Splete
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Secretary - Pat Farnsworth

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Lyle (Sarge) Boss
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Sara Ricalton
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Committee Chairs

Banquet - V. Myers, P. Farnsworth
Boat Show and Parade - E. Kipp
Boat Outing - S. Liberty
Cardboard Boat Race - B. Raymo
Community Projects - E. Kipp
Dock and Navigation - E. Kipp
Fish & Game - R. Hayes
Historian - B. Gleason
Membership - P. Farnsworth
Merchandise – D. Lough
Nominating – A. Loganbuhl, K. Thompson
Picnic - S. Ricalton
Poker Paddle - F. Guevara
Publicity – S. Liberty
Race/Walk - V. Myers
Regatta/Boating - B. Raymo
Water Quality - E. Kipp, J. Adami

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It's the end of October and leaves are continuing to fall. The thermometer readings are going down. Early fall is moving rapidly toward the first snow and real winter. The lake is beautiful today. We had a wonderful sunrise. It seems like a good setting to produce the fall newsletter and report on the year's activities and plans for 2012. Before doing so I wanted to mention the flurry of activity that has taken place regarding the proposal to close the Cranberry Lake Post Office. Petitions were drafted and letters mailed to legislators in anticipation of a meeting held on October 25 at the Community Center. We had a good turnout with lots of thoughtful commentary for the review officer. Since many boat club members had left for the season, I asked and received an extension of the date for completion of a questionnaire and comments form. The extension allowed new input until November 4. This afforded more boat club members the chance to respond. Time was short and we had to send the information out on the list serv and via our website. I hope you took the time to respond. It will be at least two months before we learn of any formal action taken.

Two major projects were finalized in 2011 and will come to fruition during 2012. The first is an updated navigational map for Cranberry Lake. We hope to have this ready for distribution early next summer.

Details have been completed and deciding on a printer is the only remaining decision. Scott Pickens at the Cranberry Lake Lodge is helping with the production costs and maps will be available at his location as well as through the Boat Club. The new map will be a great asset to all who use the lake during the summer months and especially newcomers to the lake. Ed Kipp deserves special thanks for coordinating this important effort.

The second major undertaking will be the construction of new Welcome to Cranberry Lake signs. A committee, headed by Derek Lough, has completed its work and construction will proceed early next summer. Jeanne Reynolds has been asked to provide the art work for the sign.

We welcome the following as new directors to the board: Allen Ditch, John Englert, and Kass Thompson. Many thanks to out going directors: Peter Van de Water, Bill Gleason, Phyllis Cook and Marge Gray for their services.

Committee chairs for 2012 are listed on the masthead of the newsletter. Please contact them if you wish to volunteer for work in their area of responsibility. I encourage you to get involved in an activity of interest. Our Schedule of Events for 2012 has been finalized. Please note the following dates on your calendars now. Details regarding each event will be forthcoming in the Spring newsletter.

**BOAT CLUB BOARD MEETINGS—
JUNE 1, JULY 14 AND AUGUST 11**

RACE/WALK AND BOAT

PARADE—JULY 7 (Independence theme and decorated boats will be judged for prizes)

**BANQUET—JULY 14 AT
CRANBERRY LAKE LODGE—
ANNUAL MEETING HELD BEFORE
THE BANQUET AS LAST YEAR**

POKER PADDLE—JULY 21

**CARDBOARD BOAT RACE AND
BOAT SHOW—JULY 28**

BOAT OUTING—AUGUST 1

**PROPOSED FLOAT PLANE RIDES-
AUGUST 4**

PICNIC—AUGUST 11

RING OF FIRE—SEPTEMBER 1

Members should be aware of the fact that our Boat Club Directory will be updated for 2012. Please forward any address changes to Fred Guevara. Also please provide your e.mail address, and note any changes. This information allows us to use our list serv communication and reach as many members as possible. Sarge Boss has agreed to resume his activities as coordinator of this important area.

The winter storage of docks and their final location remains a matter of interest. Please ask the person storing your dock where it will be taken. As much as possible we should be using remote locations. Thank you for being considerate in the final parking spot for your dock.

It is important that we replenish our

Community Improvement Project budget so that worthwhile requests can be addressed in the future. When you renew your membership please consider adding an amount to help in this area. As of August 7, 15 members had contributed \$1,145 to the CIP fund in 2011. As you know such donations are tax deductible. Those giving in 2011 will receive proper documentation of that gift.

For those of you delinquent in paying dues, please check your status and pay dues for 2012 when requested.

We had the benefit of two major studies related to the water quality of our lake this summer. Eric Holmlund of Paul Smiths College checked boats for invasive species at the Boat Launch and he was well received. Brad Baldwin from St. Lawrence University took water quality samples at various times and helped take a reading on the health of our fish population. This work complimented the ongoing annual surveys done by the Boat Club.

John Adami filed the following invasive aquatic plant report for 2011. On June 30th, John and Dot Adami and Ed Kipp attended an Adirondack Park Invasive Aquatic Plant Identification training session held at the Ranger School. In July and August of 2010 and 2011, John, Dot, Ed Kipp and John Englert monitored several locations on the lake including the boat launch area and upriver in Wanakena. Cranberry Lake contains Variable Leaf Milfoil in many shallow waters, which was declared invasive by DEC last year. Previously Variable Leaf

Milfoil was determined to be native. Last year it was found in Lake Placid where it had never been present before, causing the DEC to change its designation of Variable Leaf Milfoil to invasive. Nothing has changed except the DEC designation as we have not found any other invasive species plants in Cranberry Lake. Please call John if you notice suspicious aquatic plants.

The Playground Park at the Community Center was used well during the summer. Paving has been done for much of the parking lot along with a sidewalk and some fencing. When completed this project will be a major improvement for the community and persons with trailers using the boat launch sites.

Overall the Boat Club had a very productive 2011. The Cardboard Boat Race gained in popularity. Our Race/Walk registrations increased. Please plan to attend our annual meeting before the banquet in 2012. The board encourages more member involvement in our events.

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of the following members of the Boat Club: William (Bill) Barrett, William Fraser, Charles and Analene Botkin and Betsey Hamill of Cole's Point. We shall miss them greatly.

My thanks to the directors and officers for their work in 2011. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving and happy Christmas Holiday season.

Allen Splete
Commodore