



CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

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When we visited Cranberry Lake in February, it became clear that this was a very strange winter. There was more bare ground visible than one would expect and very little snow cover. There were large ice sheets along the shoreline. Conditions for snowmobiles were poor but good ice fishing results made the lake a popular destination for many. It is hard to predict how all this will affect the water levels. Chuck Yartz advised me that the ice went out on the lake on March 21..

The Boat Club hopes to complete two important projects early this season. A new navigational map is being produced and will become available for everyone using the lake. This major update effort was coordinated by Ed Kipp. We shall make an announcement when the publication date is finalized.

Our second project will be the production of two new Cranberry Lake welcome signs. Derek Lough has been handling the details of this work. It is hoped we can complete this endeavor in May or early June with good volunteer support.

A membership renewal form for 2012 is attached to this newsletter. Please complete the form and return it at your earliest convenience. A new membership brochure is being discussed. We hope members will be able to use it and tell others more about the regular annual activities of the Club. It will also list the community projects supported by the Club over the years. Our community outreach has been significant and meaningful. The Fall 2011 newsletter included an explanation of our Community Improvement Project Budget. Funds in this budget are used to support selected community causes. Please consider making a contribution to this fund when you renew your membership. Details on how to do this are provided as part of the renewal form.

Before providing a list of our annual activities and dates for 2012, let me remind you that the Committee Chairs for each scheduled event appear opposite this column for your information. If you wish to volunteer to help in an area of your interest, contact the designated Committee Chair. When planning your summer calendars we hope you attend as many Boat Club events as you can, particularly the Annual Meeting, Banquet and Picnic.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2012

BOAT CLUB BOARD MEETINGS—JUNE 1, JULY 14 AT SPLETE CAMP AT 10:00 A.M. AUGUST 11 AT RANGER SCHOOL AT 9:30 A.M.

SATURDAY—JULY 7-- RACE/WALK AND BOAT PARADE

This will be the first time we have combined these events. The 5K and 10K running races and one mile walk will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Columbian Road. Entry forms and registration details are posted on our website. Virginia Myers is the coordinator of the race/walk.

As mentioned in the Fall 2011 newsletter the Parade will have an Independence Day theme. Decorated boats will be judged and prizes given for the best entries. Ed Kipp is responsible for the Boat Parade. We hope to increase the number of decorated boats in the parade this year. Since the parade will not be held on the same day as the boat show, our tentative starting time for the parade will be 2:00 p.m. It is always a special treat to see Ernie Giraud and his beautifully restored boat, the **Luella**, lead our assembled group around the lake. Let's see if we can rival our parade turnout for the centennial year.

SATURDAY—JULY 14--ANNUAL MEETING AND BANQUET

Our annual meeting will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Cranberry Lake Lodge. New directors will be elected at this meeting. A reception will follow. The Banquet will start at 6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY—JULY 21-- POKER PADDLE

The Clifton Fine Library is extremely appreciative of the financial support from our annual CLBC Poker Paddle. Fred Guevara, coordinator for this event, wants to convey the following message: "Paddlers get ready! Stretch! Work Out! The Poker Paddle will be here before you know it and you need to be prepared for the long haul to fully participate, help the library and win some dandy prizes. And get fired up to invite your friends and neighbors." The number of participants for this popular venue continues to increase each year. Participants get some wonderful exercise and at the same time get to see how lucky they are with the cards received. This CLBC event is open to all. Come join the fun.

SATURDAY—JULY 28--CARDBOARD BOAT RACE AND BOAT SHOW

The Cranberry Lake Boat Club and Cranberry Lake Lodge will sponsor the fourth annual Cardboard Boat Race on Saturday July 28. All activities will take place at the Cranberry Lake

Lodge. This activity is open to the Clifton-Fine Community. Bob Raymo will be coordinating the event. We hope to increase the number of participants who enter a boat in the race. I suspect many have been working on new designs over the winter months and are eager to test out new techniques developed.

The tentative schedule is as follows: 11:30 a.m. Cardboard Boat drop off for inspection in front of the Lodge's Lake Side Motel; 12-3:00 p.m. Display of new kayaks and canoes from Adirondack Trails and Outfitters; display of older boats on the lake and other lakes in the area. Boat Club members are encouraged to bring their special (restored) crafts for viewing. The Lodge will have an outdoor concession stand open. Club merchandise and special T-shirts will be sold. The Giant and Green Foam Band will play on the deck of the Lodge. The Cardboard Boat Race will start at 2:00 p.m.

For more information and details regarding the Cardboard Boat Race including registration instructions, visit our website cranberrylakeboatclub.org and look under upcoming events. The Cardboard Boat Race has become a major event of the summer. Plan to be a part of this special day and cheer on your favorite boat.

WEDNESDAY—AUGUST 1--BOAT OUTING

This event attempts to gather boaters of all kinds to meet at a pre-determined location for lunch and fellowship. This year, Suzanne Liberty will be asking people to call her directly to register for the event. This will make it easier to monitor those who sign up and enable her to contact them in case of bad weather. This is a good chance to gather our boats together on the lake and spend time together with friends. Watch for more specifics after June 1.

POSSIBLE FLOAT PLANE RIDES

If there is sufficient interest, there will be a day of float plane rides sponsored by the Cranberry Lake Boat Club again this summer. Let Fred Guevara know if you are interested. A flight schedule will be finalized this Spring. Many of you may recall the highly popular flights that took place as part of our Centennial in 2009. .

SATURDAY—AUGUST 11--ANNUAL PICNIC

For many years this gathering on the shore at the Pine Cone Restaurant in Wanakena has brought together families and guests. Boat Club Officers for the following year are introduced at this time.

As with our Annual Banquet, there will be reservation forms available for the picnic. The **Canton Goldenaires**, a popular singing group, will provide musical entertainment.

SATURDAY—SEPTEMBER 1-- RING OF FIRE

The Boat Club inaugurated this "end of the summer" tradition two years ago. Participants around the lake and in Wanakena light flares purchased from the Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Squad. This special illumination makes for a wonderful evening.

THE 2012 BOAT CLUB DIRECTORY

The 2012 Boat Club Directory is in the final stages of preparation. If you have ANY changes or additions to your listing, please RUSH them to Fred Guevara, Directory editor, at fredguev@gmail.com or 43 Donald Ross Drive, Granville, OH 43023 **NO LATER THAN APRIL 15!!** Fred says the absolute deadline is Tax Day! Be sure to be listed in the new directory with your current information. Thank you for your cooperation.

CULTURAL EVENTS SERIES SCHEDULE

Roger Johnson has provided the following information for the Cultural Events Series in 2012. All the following events will be held at the Town Green in Wanakena beginning at 7:00 p.m. Donations are suggested and appreciated.

FRIDAY, JULY 6—JOANNE SHENANDOAH, a widely noted Grammy award-winning singer/songwriter who draws musical inspiration from her own Native American culture (Oneida) as well as folk, popular, and classical traditions.

SATURDAY, JULY 21—TOO HUMAN, a return engagement of this wonderfully eclectic trio integrating the blues, folk, jazz and contemporary musics in their own unmistakably individual style.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 3—THE CRITICS, several singers and a band devoted to soul music in all of its many voices from the blues and gospel, Motown, funk, jazz, R&B, even reggae, all inspired by the classics and their ongoing legacy in our time.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24—AMY GALLATIN, a seasoned folk, bluegrass and country singer/songwriter accompanied by her band Stillwaters in an evening of deep roots and real lives.

In addition to the above, but not part of the programs assisted by grant support, there will be a return engagement of the touring theater group from the Adirondack Lakes Center for the Arts. They will be performing Sondheim's, INTO THE WOODS, WEDNESDAY, JULY 25, at the Clifton Fine Central School at 7:30 p.m. Admission charge, TBA.

I hope you will find this list of summer events useful as you plan your summer with friends and family. Roger does a wonderful job of bringing talent for us to enjoy during July and August.

We owe thanks to Paul Smiths College and St. Lawrence University for helping us monitor our water quality in 2011. Our work with the Adirondack Lake Assessment Program in conjunction with Paul Smiths will continue in 2012. John Adami, Ed Kipp and John Englert will continue their work to ensure that we have a good account of water conditions to add to our records.

If persons have camp histories or stories that they wish to contribute to our history files, please let me know. We would like to incorporate them with other materials collected during our centennial. Let me remind you that Bill Gleason is our Boat Club Historian. Work on our Boat Club history continues. We hope to have a near final draft for review by the end of the summer.

Many of you have followed the proposed action to close the Cranberry Lake Post Office. It appears that no action will be taken until after the presidential election in November. Your comments and participation in open meetings made a difference. Current discussions by the Clifton Fine School Board in response to the State audit, continue as of this writing. It appears that APA is on the verge of approval of a cell tower for Cranberry Lake.

We all mourn the passing of Dick Narkewicz, Director of the Boat Club. Dick and his wife, Carol, have been summer residents of Wanakena for many years. His presence will be keenly missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held this summer.

It will be good to see all of you on the lake soon. The summer months are rapidly approaching. Once again we shall all be reminded of the beauty of Cranberry Lake and the specialness of this place.

Thank you for your support of the Boat Club and to our Board of the Directors for all their fine work. Enjoy the activities planned for 2012!

Allen Splete
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