



CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

NOVEMBER 2012 NEWSLETTER

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Greetings from your new Commodore:

My name is Fred Guevara. I first visited beautiful Cranberry Lake in the late 1950's. I have been a member of the boat club for many years. I have served our Boat Club as director and committee chair in several capacities over those years, and I initiated and continued the publication of the Boat Club Directory since its inception. A milestone experience for me was to lead the great team that worked together to bring about the Cranberry Lake Beach Park. Like you, I love this lake, and I enjoy being a member of Cranberry Lake Boat Club. Our place on the lake is on Thompson Bay, so we are close to the village and, like all of us, minutes away from wilderness by boat. It has always been my personal goal to help and encourage the communities on the lake, and to enhance the enjoyment of this lake by residents and visitors. And, I strive to protect our beautiful Northern wilderness.

I look forward to seeing you at boat club events. Let me know how we can make our Boat Club even better! My email address is:

fredquev@gmail.com.

It was a very good year...

Thanks to the leadership of Allen Splete, our many volunteers, and the 2012 Board of Directors (plus the fantastic weather) it was indeed a very good year for the Cranberry Lake Boat Club. The year's events included: a well-run Race/Walk; the annual Poker Paddle; the fourth annual Cardboard Boat Race; and other two annual events, our member banquet and our picnic, bringing together many members and friends.

Here are some highlights:

- One of the runners, visiting from out of state, said that our 5K/10K was the best organized run that his family had been in. There were a total of 102 participants in the event; 48 runners and 54 walkers,
- The Cardboard Boat Race attracted hundreds of observers, featured 18 boats, and generated a lot of interest in future entries. This has become the highlight community event for our Boat Club. It is great fun, it's exciting, and it is for all ages. To me, the best thing about this event is that it attracts all of the community, members and non-members, summer people and local folks, young and old. It brings us together.
- The Poker Paddle took place on a beautiful sunny day, attracted 38 paddlers and 26 virtual paddlers, Local merchants and friends contributed \$1000 in prizes for the participants, and \$975 was raised for Junior Library Guild youth and children's programs at our Community Library.
- We published the 2012 Membership Directory. At about a dollar a copy this is a good benefit for our members, and we will consider publishing the directory annually in the future..

2012 Highlights Continued:

- Due to hazardedously dry conditions, we were not able to sponsor the Ring of Fire in 2012. This event is a fundraiser to benefit our local Fire Department. We will make every effort to have this event next year. We value our relationship with the Cranberry Lake Fire Department and look to support the Firemen and the Auxiliary in every way that we are able.
- Almost 80 people attended the annual banquet, and the picnic at the Pine Cone was also well attended with almost 100 members and guests.
- The Boat Club made a great effort last spring to support our local post offices. Petitions to keep the post offices open were successful. Please continue to support our local post offices. One way is to increase their revenues by purchasing your holiday stamps from them. Please contact Cindy Whitmore, (315) 848-3574 in Cranberry or Tammy Reil, (315) 848-2580 in Wanakena to purchase your stamps. They will mail your stamps to you right away.

Board of Directors News:

At the August meeting Treasurer Anne Loganbuhl reported \$6,242.40 in the operating funds account and \$2,760.05 in the Community Improvement (CIP) fund for a grand total of \$9,002.45 in the Boat Club treasury. It was also noted that the CIP Fund has outstanding commitments of \$2,000 to the Hospital and \$1,000 for Cranberry Lake Community Center improvements. The latter project has been indefinitely postponed, so the funds may not be distributed.

Membership chair Pat Farnsworth reported that we had 280 memberships – 213 family and 67 single. The total membership was 493 at the date of the meeting.

Our merchandise chair Derek Lough reported that between the annual meeting and cardboard boat race \$936 was made in merchandise sales. We have plenty of navigational maps available for \$30 each.

What's Happening Now:

Snow has been falling on Cranberry Lake in late November as temperatures have dropped to the normal range for this time of year. The local economy would benefit from good snowfall this winter, and a busy snowmobile season.

Although local restaurants continue to struggle in the slow economy, the Pine Cone remains open in limited operation with a sale pending as the current owners and prospective buyers work toward a closing. The Windfall is for sale, but still open for business on weekends. The Lodge continues to be open for business on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Trails are open for skiing on Whiteface and Gore Mountain. According to a November 6 article in the Adirondack Almanac, Big Tupper, which is 100% reliant on natural snowfall, had a very difficult winter last year and recently announced that they will not operate this winter. ARISE, the community volunteer group that operated Big Tupper the past three winters, cited flagging volunteer enthusiasm, fundraising difficulty and pending litigation against the Adirondack Club and Resort in their decision to not re-open..

Realtors report that active interest continues in the area. Local Cranberry Lake contractors continue to be busy as lake homes change ownership and improvements and repairs are undertaken.

Cleanup has begun on the Emporium property on Mill Street.

News about Next Year - Event Changes:

We will have two anchor events from now on, always on the Fourth of July; The Firecracker Run/Walk and the Independence Day Boat Parade. Also, we will no longer have a traditional banquet for the Annual Meeting of Members. In place of the banquet, we will have a Gala Member's Reception, an event which will include appetizers and hors d'oeuvres at grazing stations, and possibly wine tasting with wine from regional vintners. We may also have music for listening and dancing. This reception will give the opportunity to mix and meet more people.

Proposed Schedule of Events for 2013:

Directors Meetings - June 1, July 13, and August 10
Firecracker Race/Walk and Independence Day Boat Parade - July 4, 2013.
Annual Meeting of Members and Gala Member's Reception - July 13, 2013.
Poker Paddle - July 27, 2013.
Cardboard Boat Race - July 20, 2013.
Float Plane Rides (tentative) August 3, 2013.
Picnic - August 10, 2013.
Ring of Fire - Aug. 31, 2013

Sad News: I regret to report that long-time Cranberry resident and Boat Club member Gerry Bogart passed away in Maryland recently. If you wish to send a card, the address there is 12804 Cherrywood Lane, Bowie, MD 20715. Donations can go to the American Cancer Society. He will be missed by all of us.