



CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

June 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Cranberry Lake Boat Club

From the Commodore:

A Strategy for the Future: At our June Board meeting, I proposed a new strategy for membership, event planning, and nominations that I hope all of us will embrace. This initiative is called “New People, Young People” and it marks a shift in the demographics of the residents of the lake community to a new and younger generation. It is my goal to ensure that our Club is focused on the desires and needs of all of the community that we serve, including these young families. I have asked Ian Ward and Tim and Catherine McCann to join our leadership team. Ian will head up the Firecracker Five team, and Catherine and Tim will lead the Poker Paddle team. They are all parents of young children who will help us to make sure that our events are attractive to younger families as well as all of the other members of the Club and community.

As part of this plan, you will see several exciting changes taking place in our calendar and in our events and projects in the coming seasons. I hope that this will be an exciting time of planning for growth and financial stability. Our treasurer, Anne Loganbuhl, presented a five-year look-back at our finances to the Board in June, which will help us in preparing a financial plan for the next 3-5 years. Anne will present that financial plan to the Board in July. We intend to be good stewards of the Boat Club funds.

The Community Improvement Project Team has been working to develop new ideas for projects that will meet the objective of serving our lake communities. The CIP fund grew from \$2760 to \$6420 since last fall, thanks to \$3660 in contributions from members. After payment of \$1000 to the Clifton Fine Hospital, \$5420 remains. Of this, we have set aside \$1000 for improvements in the area of the Clifton Community Center and \$1000 for the final Hospital payment next year. It is my goal to see this fund grow to \$10,000 net of these current commitments, to allow the CIP team to initiate a community project with major impact in the near future. Please consider a generous contribution to the Community Improvement Project Fund. Simply make a check payable to Clifton-Fine Economic Development Corp. Write CLBC – CIP on the memo line. Please mail to PO Box 656 in Cranberry Lake. . Your gift to the CIP fund is tax-deductible. Thank you!

Again, I look forward to seeing you at Boat Club events. Please continue to let me know how we can make our Cranberry Lake Boat Club even better! My email address is: fredguev@gmail.com. My phone number at the Lake is 848-2261 (June through September). I look forward to hearing from you!

Looking forward to a great season,

2013 Boat Club Activities: Here is an update:

Board of Directors Meetings: July 13, August 10 9:30AM

Fourth of July Events: We now have two anchor events, taking place every Independence Day.

Firecracker Five Run/Walk, 9 AM July 4: Ian Ward will be our team leader for this popular 5K/10K Run/Walk. This highly successful event attracted 102 participants in 2012; 48 runners and 54 walkers; it's a super family event and guaranteed to start out your Fourth of July with some great fun and exercise! Pre-register Donation \$10. Day of event Donation \$15. See the Bargain Hunter for Entry Form and Waiver, as well as additional information. Contact Ian Ward for more information, (315) 405-5473 or (315) 788-4750.

The Independence Day Boat Parade, 4 PM July 4: We invite all boaters on the lake to decorate their boats for this wonderful celebration of our country's independence. Here are the details:

Boat Parade with a Patriotic Theme and Blessing of the Fleet (All Boats Welcome)

Fleet to be Blessed at the Reviewing Stand

Boat Parade/Cruise lead by Luella and Capt. Ernie

Boats may be decorated in a patriotic theme (Awards for 3 Best Decorations)

When: July 4th, 2013 @ 4:00 PM

Where: Boat Club Dock @ the Lodge

Form behind Luella and parade past the reviewing stand, Around Birch Island and back to Boat Club Dock
Fun, prizes, a wonderful cruise around the lake with your Cranberry friends... priceless!

Annual Meeting of Members and Gala Member's Reception -

Summer Social and Annual Meeting

Saturday, July 13, 2013

4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Cranberry Lake Lodge

“Enough delicious hors d'oeuvres for a meal”

Plentiful hors d'oeuvres, cash bar - \$19/person

- Hors d'oeuvres include:
- assorted cheeses and fruit with crackers
- vegetable tray
- deviled eggs
- guacamole dip with pita chips
- bruschetta
- hummus dip
- Swedish meatballs
- egg rolls
- broiled scallops on skewers
- bacon wrapped shrimp
- cocktail franks in sauce
- seafood dip with assorted crackers
- dessert bar
- coffee & tea

RESERVATIONS WITH PAYMENT BY JULY 2, 2013. Please make check payable to Cranberry Lake Boat Club, and send to CLBC, PO Box 656, Cranberry Lake, NY 12927 and include names of attendees and a phone number. (Call Pat Farnsworth 848-2541 with questions.)

Cardboard Boat Race, Saturday, July 20:

This year marks the 5th anniversary running of the Cardboard Boat Race, co-sponsored by the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and the Cranberry Lake Lodge. This day of fun begins at 11 AM and features a great band, an outdoor eatery, over 18 entrants, and, with hundreds of spectators, the race is still growing!

Becky Milone, Clifton-Fine's Art teacher, conducted a T-shirt contest among her students; the goal was to design this year's commemorative T-shirt. There were 22 entries, all of which will be exhibited at this year's race, along with the winning entries. The CFCS-PTO (President April Provost) and Walt Todd, owner of Todd Supply, are each graciously providing the funds for the materials to build and register 2 boats for area students. The 2 boats will be constructed by parents and students with the assistance of Darren Bullard and Elizabeth Cooper. Supplying the trophies this year, as in past years, is Steve Gamble of Gamble's Marina in Carthage. Steve Doxon of Adirondack Lakes and Trails Outfitters will be there showing his line of kayaks and paddleboards. We invite boat club members to participate either as a spectator or a boat builder!

This has become the keystone community event for our Boat Club. It is great fun, it's exciting, and it is for all ages. The best thing about this event is that it attracts people from all of the community, members and non-members, summer people and local folks, young and old. It brings us together! For more information on registration, how to build boats, and more, go to www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org and click on "Upcoming Events". Also, watch the Bargain Hunter for full race day information or contact Bob Raymo at (315) 848-3714.

Poker Paddle, Saturday, July 27:

The Poker Paddle is an annual event of the Boat Club. The purpose of the Poker Paddle is to:

- Provide an opportunity for fun and recreation
- Provide a family event that is suitable for a wide range of ages, from 10 years of age up.
- Provide financial support to the Clifton Community Library, specifically to support the Junior Library Guild annual fee and related expenditures. The Library Board has recognized the Boat Club for the Poker Paddle contributions with a plaque that is displayed in the Library.
- Provide an opportunity for a broad base of local merchants to participate by providing prizes for participants.

Any non-motorized, non-sail vessel is eligible to participate. This includes:

- Canoes
- kayaks
- guide boats
- rowing skiffs
- rowboats
- rowing dinghies

Members of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and residents of the communities surrounding Cranberry Lake and their friends and families are encouraged to participate, and the event is open to the public with the following restrictions applying to all participants:

- All participants must register, pay the registration fee, and sign the required waiver of liability
- NYS Boating regulations state that every vessel including canoes, kayaks and row boats operated in NYS must have on board one USCG approved wearable life jacket for each person aboard. The Cranberry Lake Boat Club requires that:
 - All adult participants must have on board and readily accessible a USCG approved wearable life jacket .
 - All children under the age of 12 must wear a USCG approved wearable life jacket.
- Any vessels arriving at a target dock not meeting these requirements will not be eligible to receive a play token.

Poker Paddle Procedures:

- Registration fee is \$10 per paddler before the day of the event; \$15 per paddler the day of the event. A special category for virtual paddlers (non-paddlers) will have a registration fee of \$20 per person, which will enable non-paddlers to support the Library and vie for prizes.
- There will be seven target docks on Cranberry Lake, located between Birch Island and the Cranberry Lake Lodge. A map will be provided to each participant showing the location of each dock on the lakeshore. Each

participant will also receive at registration a lanyard designed to hold playing chips, each of which is good for one playing card in the poker competition. Each dock will be marked with an orange cone and staffed by Boat Club volunteers.

- The Paddle will take place from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM on the day of the event. The docks will be open during this time only.
- Participants will paddle to as many of the target docks as they wish, picking up a token at each dock that may be exchanged for a randomly drawn playing card at the Lodge at an appointed time after the Poker Paddle has ended. One token may be picked up per registered person per dock.
- Hands will begin to be dealt at the Cranberry Lake Lodge 30 minutes before the docks are closed. Best five cards will determine the winner, regardless of number of cards (5-7) played. Two team members will deal simultaneously to shorten the wait time for this activity.
- After collecting the chips and dealing and playing the cards for each participant, a record will be kept by an official of the committee of the five highest 5-card hands dealt.
- The five best hands will be declared winning hands, and will be entitled to select prizes in the order of best hand first. In the case of ties, participants will draw a second 5-card hand to determine placement.
- Participants will also receive 3 raffle tickets per paddler which may be used to obtain prizes after the poker winners are announced.
- Virtual paddlers will not be eligible to collect dock chips, but will receive a five-card poker hand and 3 raffle tickets per participant that can be used in the raffle after poker winners are announced.
- Additionally, raffle tickets may be purchased for \$10 per 3 tickets on the day of the event. The sale of raffle tickets will close when the poker winners are announced.
- In the raffle for prizes following the award of poker prizes, each winner shall draw the subsequent ticket to determine the next winner, until all of the prizes have been distributed.

Annual Picnic, Saturday August 10: The Pine Cone in Wanakena has long been the place for this event. With the recent change of ownership and a grand re-opening, we are pleased to announce that we will return to our traditional venue for this great family event.

The price for the chicken barbeque picnic is \$9.95 per person. This includes chicken, salads, salt potatoes, corn on the cob, rolls, ice tea and lemonade. There will be a cash bar and plenty of games and fun. We will gather at 12:00 noon, and eat around 1 PM. For reservations, please call John Englert at 848-2325 or by sending an email to cranberrylakeboatclub@yahoo.com.

Ring of Fire: On August 31, we hope to renew the Ring of Fire to celebrate the beauty of our lake and to support the Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Department. Let's hope we have just enough rain this summer so that we can have a safe event! Originally an old Seneca Indian tradition, the Seneca Indians they would gather around fires on the shoreline to celebrate the beauty and abundance of the lake. At Cranberry, residents light flares at a designated time along the entire shoreline of the Lake, creating a RING OF FIRE. Purchase of the flares supports the Fire Department. Bill White, our Fire Department liaison, will chair this event.

What's Happening Now:

Dr. Eric Holmlund, Professor and Coordinator, Environmental Studies at Paul Smiths, reports: "I would like to introduce your Cranberry Lake steward for this summer, Samantha Durfey. Sam lives in Tupper Lake and will be covering the CL launch for the weekends in June, and hopefully more days when we are fully staffed. Sam is an excellent student and a very capable boat ramp steward. I hope you get a chance to stop by the boat launch on an upcoming weekend to meet her. She would appreciate a boat tour of the lake so she can be better informed about her surroundings."

Our CIP Committee has brainstormed a list of potential projects for community improvement. These will be narrowed down for feasibility studies and possible action, leading to one or two projects that are within our budget. They are:

- 1) Replace two NYS Boat Launch benches and address the geese invasion problem
- 2) Donation to Flower and Banner Committee
- 3) Build a picnic pavilion behind the Clifton Community Center
- 4) Canoe/Kayak Launch/Overlook at the Clifton Beach Park
- 5) Beach Park Maintenance
- 6) (10 years from now) Re-roof the Beach Park Pavilions
- 7) (5 years from now) Replace the Wanakena Sign
- 8) Support the Tourist Information/Streetscape Concept at the Golf Course

- 9) Town of Clifton Pier
- 10) Clifton Community Center Building; Improve Sign
- 11) Clifton Community Center Building; Reconstruct Fan Windows
- 12) A Plan to Counter Invasive Species Entering Cranberry Lake
- 13) Buy Emporium Marine
- 14) Establish a Clifton/Fine Community Fund Administered by Northern New York Community Fund
- 15) "Smokey the Bear" Forest Fire Warning sign for the Boat Launch

Aquatic Invasive Plant Identification Training Announced: Volunteers Needed

The Adirondack Park Invasive Plant Program (APIPP) will host its annual volunteer training sessions in aquatic invasive plant identification and survey techniques on June 20th at the Darrin Fresh Water Institute in Bolton Landing, June 25th at Paul Smith's College, and June 27th at the Raquette Lake School. All sessions are from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and are free and open to the public, but space is limited. Please RSVP by June 13th to Meghan Johnstone at 518-576-2082 x 119 or mjohnstone@tnc.org. Returning volunteers, new volunteers, or individuals simply interested in learning about aquatic plants are encouraged to attend. Aquatic enthusiasts can help protect the Adirondack region from invasive species. Hundreds of citizens in the Adirondack region keep watchful eyes for new aquatic invasive species infestations which can lead to quick removal. To-date, nearly 600 citizens volunteered over 6,500 hours to survey 300 water bodies. Their vigilance each year in APIPP's early detection program, now in its twelfth year, has established a baseline to better understand the distribution of infected waters. Armed with this information, organizations and communities take prescriptive prevention and management actions, such as having stewards at boat launches to inspect watercraft for attached plant fragments or starting control programs to remove invading plants.

At least 88 Adirondack lakes and ponds are infested with aquatic invasive plants, like Eurasian watermilfoil and water chestnut, and aquatic invasive animals, like spiny waterflea and Asian clam. Hydrilla, an aquatic invasive plant relatively new to New York State but not yet detected in the Adirondacks, may be on the move this summer. Plant fragments are easily spread from lake to lake by "hitchhiking" on boats, gear, and trailers. Fragments can start new infestations that clog waterways, degrade recreational opportunities, and push out native plants. Luckily, as the boating season begins, volunteers help survey lakes and ponds to search for these non-native invasive plants. The number of "invasive-free" lakes surveyed by APIPP volunteers and partner staff is more than two times that of infested lakes. A real opportunity exists in the Adirondacks to protect widespread degradation by aquatic invasive species. The APIPP is a partnership program among governmental and nongovernmental organizations that is housed by the Adirondack Chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Learn more about APIPP online at www.adkinvasives.com and follow APIPP's activity blog at www.adk-invasives.blogspot.com. Contact: Meghan Johnstone, APIPP Aquatic Invasive Species Project Coordinator 518-576-2082 x 119 or mjohnstone@tnc.org

Schedule of Boat Club Events for 2013:

Directors Meetings - 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.
 Picnic - August 10, 2013.
 Ring of Fire - Aug. 31, 2013

Community Interest Announcements: Boat Club members, please consider supporting these local community activities!

Duffers Golf: For those boat club members who would like to play 9 holes of golf on Wednesdays during the summer, you are welcome to join the Duffers League! The format is Captain and Crew. There is no obligation; we play with those who are there each week. Teams are determined by handicap. Costs include: a yearly \$10 registration fee, \$7 prize money each week and your golfing fees. Arrive at the Clifton-Fine Course at 9:30 AM for team selection. Play time is 10 AM. Breakfast and lunch is available at the golf course. Any questions, please contact Bob Raymo at 848-3714.

The second annual Clifton-Fine Hospital Wilderness Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 3 at the Clifton-Fine Golf Course. The tournament is played in memory of two former members of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club- Dr. Richard Narkewicz and Gary Goolden. Registration forms are available on line at www.cliftonfinehospital.org. Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole or requiring further information should contact Elizabeth Cooper at 848-4304.

Veterans who need a ride to VA appointments can call Bill Gleason at 848-5620. Disabled American Veterans has a new 2013 van at Star Lake with 20 volunteer drivers from the Clifton Fine area. This service has been in operation for 3 years, taking veterans to their appointments in Saranac Lake, Massena, Fort Drum and Watertown clinics as well as the VA Hospital in Syracuse. If you would to volunteer or like more information, call Bill Gleason from 8:00 AM to 4:00PM Monday-Friday.