



CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

MAY 2014 NEWSLETTER

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Team Leaders

Annual Reception – Phyllis Cook
Cardboard Boat Race - Bob Raymo
Community Projects – Clint Farnsworth
Directory – F. Guevara
Dock and Navigation - Ed Kipp
Fish & Game – Dana Hall
Historian – Bill Gleason
Membership - Patty Farnsworth
Merchandise – D. Lough
Nominations- Kass Thompson
Picnic – Team Leader TBD
Poker Paddle –Catherine McCann
Publicity – Suzanne Liberty
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Cranberry Lake Boat Club

From the Commodore: The challenges continue...

Our community is in for a difficult year. As of this writing, I must report that I have not received word that the Cranberry Lake Lodge and the Cranberry Lake Marina will be open this year. Sadly, we must proceed under the assumption that we will operate without the services of these facilities. This means that many services formerly provided by the Marina will not be available, and members, particularly our water-access only residents will have to find other providers for water taxi service, propane service, dock installation, dock rental, boat storage, and so forth.

Importantly, we will not have a Cranberry Lake Boat Club dock this year. It has been made clear to us that if the Marina does not open the dock will not be available. We regret the loss of this service and convenience to our members. While the Board is working to develop other alternatives, nothing has materialized as of today. I will keep you informed of any change in this situation.

In addition, the Windfall has ended operations. We wish John and Roz the very best in their new endeavors. The Stone Manor is now under new management, having been purchased by Judy Hastings, former owner Suzy Thaller's mother. Judy has plans for expanding and improving the business. We wish her well as she enhances this diner that has served Cranberry Lake for so many years.

Events formerly held at the Lodge will be held in new venues:

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF EVENTS FOR 2014

Saturday, May 31 – 9 AM Board Meeting – Guevara Camp
Friday, July 4 – Firecracker 5/10K
Saturday, July 12 – 9 AM Board Meeting- Location TBD
Saturday, July 12 – Members Reception and Annual Meeting – Pine Cone Grill
Saturday, July 19 – Cardboard Boat Race – Location TBD
Saturday, July 26 – Poker Paddle Gathering– Pine Cone Grill
Saturday, August 9 – 9 AM Board Meeting – Ranger School
Saturday, August 9 – Picnic – Pine Cone Grill

We have a dedicated group of leaders in our Boat Club who are committed to the mission of our organization; to protect the natural beauty and health of Cranberry Lake for the enjoyment of all property owners and visitors by promoting the general welfare of the lake and the communities surrounding the lake. I ask you, in this time of economic difficulty for our area, to join the directors and officers of your club in redoubling your efforts to support our local villages and businesses and to maintain a positive view toward the future of our community.

Preventing Invasive Species on Cranberry Lake - Boat Wash Station:

Our CIP team is committed to a long-term multi-agency effort to provide a boat wash station to help prevent invasive plant species from entering Cranberry Lake.

We received the following message from Spencer Morrissey, representing Clifton Fine Smart Growth:

Fred Guevara and the Cranberry Lake Boat Club: I just received the news from Susan Sweeney Smith that the Cranberry Lake Boat Club will be supporting the invasive species project on Cranberry Lake. This is very exciting news and we were all very pleased to hear about your interest and overwhelming support to get the initiative started. Your donation of \$2000 will be used to get the project off the ground and going in the right direction. As plans, progress and details develop we would be happy to keep the boat club informed and part of the process. As a large supporter we would also be proud to recognize your organization as key partners in this very important project. As you surely know this project is not only important to the community but to the habitat and the ecosystem as a whole. The protection of our waterways should never be put on hold and it is with a sigh of relief that we can find a community so dedicated to the future of the third largest lake in the Adirondack Park, our beloved Cranberry Lake.

We look forward to working with the Cranberry Lake Boat Club through this process and visualize one of the most important ribbon cutting ceremonies in quite some time. Thank you again!

Report: Cranberry Lake 2013 Water Quality and Lake Assessment:

Cranberry Lake was sampled three times during the summer of 2013 by John and Dorothy Adami, co-chairs, along with Ed Kipp and John Englert. We were also accompanied by Professor Mike DeAngelo from Paul Smith's College in our August sampling.

Water samples and transparency measurements are taken at the deepest part of Cranberry Lake. The samples are frozen and, along with other data, are transported to the Lab at Paul L Smith's College.

We have been conducting these tests since 1998, the inception of this program. Cranberry Lake is a 6795 acre lake with 92610 acres of watershed. Tests include transparency, chlorophyll, phosphorus, nitrate, ph, color, alkalinity, conductivity, chloride, calcium and sodium. Trends tend to vary each year depending on such things as weather, etc., but Cranberry Lake water clarity continues to be classified as mesotrophic, which basically means "in the Middle", not too clear and devoid of growth and not too cloudy from water contaminants such as algae bloom.

The details of the above test results are too voluminous to review here, so we have placed a copy of the 2013 test results at the desk in the Cranberry Lake Library for your viewing. (by John and Dot Adami)

The report is also available on-line at: <http://www.protectadks.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/04/ALAP-2013-Cranberry-Lake.pdf>

Pine Cone Grill News: .

The Pine Cone Grill is open and doing well. We wish Suzy and Jeff the very best going forward. They are excellent business people and are very good friends of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club! We appreciate their gracious hospitality and willingness to partner with the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and to hold events formerly held at another facility.

Fish and Game:

From our fish and game reporter, Dana Hall:

It's been a long winter in Cranberry Lake. Snowmobile activity was slow to start but we had lots of snow and ice by midwinter. There were some pike in the 40" range being caught on Cranberry. Early in March I was still cutting 2-3 feet of ice on the nearby lakes where I fish. We had plenty of birds at the feeder this winter, mostly blue jays, chickadees and woodpeckers. I also saw a bald eagle from time to time. As of mid-April, the snow and ice were beginning to melt, and I finally saw some bare ground in the woods.

My hunting this winter consisted primarily of deer, snowshoe hares and partridge. I brought home three deer this winter, so the Hall larder was well-stocked. I had some great days snowshoeing in the winter woods hunting for small game!

Winterfest:

Despite closings of local businesses, about 600 people attended the President's Day weekend festivities in the Cranberry Lake-Wanakena area. Dog sled rides, ice water rescue demonstrations and other events made the first-time (in many years) event a success. Thanks to the community merchants who made this happen. Look for Winterfest to happen again next winter. It should be bigger and even better!

Board Member Resignation:

Fred Guevara received the following message on April 8:

About a month ago our son Tom was diagnosed with inoperable bile duct cancer stage 4. Shortly he will begin chemo. With the uncertainty life holds for our family, I will be unavailable at this time to continue as an active boat club board member. We ask for your thoughts and prayers as we fight the good fight with the hope of remission. Thank you. Joan Mayer

Fred responded: Joan, I am so sorry to hear the news about your son Tom. Certainly you and your family and of course Tom will be in my prayers as this situation goes forward. I regret that you will not be a director of the Boat Club in the coming year. That is certainly understandable. I have conveyed your message to the other directors and officers of the club. I send you my very warmest personal regards.

Cardboard Boat Race:

This has become our best community-wide event, attracting members of the community of all ages. Our team, headed by Bob Raymo, is seeking to establish the best location for this exciting event. They are looking into options that will keep the event in or near the village and will provide the best access for participants consistent with participant and observer safety. More soon!

Insurance:

Thanks to the diligence of our Insurance task force consisting of Ian Ward, Susan Sweeney-Smith, Nick Hunter, and Catherine McCann, the Board has voted to obtain D&O Liability insurance and Event Liability insurance for the Cranberry Lake Boat Club, Inc. Final details are being worked out with legal assistance. The task force was assisted by Treasurer Anne Loganbuhl and Commodore Fred Guevara.

Membership dues are due now!

Due to the uncertainties of this year, this newsletter is very late. Please submit your membership dues as soon as possible. See the membership renewal information form that accompanies this newsletter.

CIP Contributions Welcome

There is a lot of need in the community this year. Please consider making a generous contribution to our Community Improvement Project (CIP) fund along with your dues. In addition to supporting a boat wash station, the CIP program has sponsored many projects to benefit our communities:

- Cranberry Lake and Wanakena welcome signs
- Town of Clifton Beach Park, including pavilions, benches, landscaping, grills, signage, lifeguard chair and maintenance.
- Banners and flowers
- Walking bridge signage
- Fire house landscaping
- Fire and rescue equipment
- Forever Wild Play Park
- Community Center parking area
- Clifton Fine Hospital Clinic construction
- Benches at the Boat Club dock and State Boat Launch
- Ladder and bumpers for the Wanakena public dock

Sad News:

Boat Club member Nancy Fuchs died September 14, 2013.

Bob Hayes, a longtime member, passed away on November 19.

We have received word that Bob Sherman, a longtime member of the Cranberry Lake Community has passed away.

Peter E. Van de Water of Canton died peacefully at home Wednesday April 30, 2014 after three years of living bravely with amyloidosis, a fatal blood disease. Peter served as Commodore of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and was an active member and director for many years.