

As your commodore; my role is to oversee the organization and planning the activities of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club (CLBC). I'm writing to summarize and share the activities of the board of directors, who have been very busy during these winter months. Unfortunately, my first topic is one that we are all dealing with now, the **COVID 19 Global Pandemic**. We are being asked to endure extreme restrictions in our life, shelter in place, social distancing, focus on basic hygiene, etc. So, what does this mean for our boat club? The board of directors has been having monthly conference calls and during our last call on March 22 we all agreed there may be a possibility of many or all of our summer activities being postponed, cancelled, or made virtual. If shelter in place orders are enforced; will we even be able to go to our summer home at the lake? We are told it is ill advised at this time for any movement in the ensuing weeks.

The club's focus has changed over the years and its major mission has become community support and development. Our members all have one major interest; Cranberry Lake. My **vision** is to introduce and promote activities at Cranberry Lake that are entertaining, fun, amusing, lively

and enjoyable; while keeping the club's mission & goals in place.

If you've been looking at the **CLBC's Facebook** page, you've noticed that the board members have made it our challenge to keep CL on everyone's mind during the off season. Susan Smith, Bob Suter, Nick Hunter and I (& Deb) have been regularly posting pictures, videos and interesting articles. I enjoy sharing the videos taken at our lakehouse. How many have seen the videos "The Otters Having Fun", "How to Keep Your Gutters Clean", "Single File Everyone", "Ice Cycle Climbing", etc.? If not, go to Facebook and search for Cranberry Lake Boat Club. Pictures of the sunrise on the lake is one of our most shared photos on Facebook. Everyday is a unique and wonderful view.

Your Vice Commodore, Deb Roberts, is an experienced hiker with the Tramp & Trail Hiking Club of Utica, NY. The CLBC is fortunate to have her, as she has set up the new hiking club called "**Wild About Fitness Hiking Club**". To date she has planned and led over five hikes and tentatively plans to have at least one a month throughout the year. If you are a hiker and like to hike with a group, make sure you look for the postings.

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Deb is also an avid paddler, having done the Adirondack classic 90 miler three times; in a guideboat. She is sharing her love of this by orgaining "**The Cranberry Lake Canoe/Kayak Race**". This race, also tentative, will be on August 15th, 2020 at 10am (registration 8am at the CL CCC) and will be a sanctioned race of the United States Canoe Association (USCA) and the New York Paddlesport Racing Association (NYPRA).

The club is fortunate to have **new board members**. Representing the Chair Rock section of the lake is Roger Mayer and for Wanakena is Nolan Federow. We appreciate them volunteering their time and expertise.

Karen Vavra, Correspondence Secretary, has been working hard on the design, development and implementation of a **member survey**. All members will be getting it by email or by mail. Please take a few minutes to complete it. This information is going to be used for planning activities of interest to our membership.

The Boat Club is very fortunate to have Bob Sutor's expertise and experience in managing and developing our **Website** and Facebook pages. Recently, the website was hacked and had to be taken off line. In the last few weeks, Bob has rebuilt the website and updated much of the information. Thanks to him the site is now more secure and will serve us well.

There have been a lot of fun **winter activities** at Cranberry Lake. This year, the White-Out Weekend (WOW) featured a horse and carriage ride on Columbian Road starting at the Boat Launch. Also included in the WOW activities was a hike on the Lost Pond Trail, which has its trailhead at the extending parking lot of the CL Boat Launch. WOW continued Saturday night with a Contra Dance held at the CLFD. The First Strike Fishing Derby was held this year with 378 participants and raised funds to support the CLFD. A group of us all year residents have gotten together a few times at the CLFD for a Potluck dinner. For now, I guess any more of these will be on hold.

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On the personal side, for the last month Deb & I have been busy producing maple syrup. This year we have tapped four trees. Unbelievably, our first collection of sap was on February 27th. As of March 23rd, we have collected 63 gallons of sap in 18 collection runs producing 284 ounces (2.2 gallons) of syrup. Last year, 2019, was our first year and we tapped three trees starting on March 25th. For the whole season we collected 45 gallons of sap in 9 collection runs and produced 190 ounces (1.5 gallons) of syrup. The saps is still running good and we have no idea how much longer it will last.

Finally, it is time to **renew your membership**. Please use the updated 2020 renewal form that is available on our website:
(<https://www.cranberrylakeboat.club/documents/2020-CLBC-Membership-Form.pdf>)

If you'd like to be more involved in the activities of the boat club and serve on one of its committees, please let me know (Halsey Bagg, 315-790-7512 halseybagg@gmail.com).

Also, if you are interested in becoming a member of the board of directors please let contact Sally Holden (774-262-7013, sallyholden1954@gmail.com) who chairs our nominating committee and is our recording secretary.

It is hopeful we all get through this pandemic so we can all enjoy the beautiful lake we all love and cherish - Cranberry Lake.

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