

N E W H A M P S H I R E BOAT MUSEUM

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“NHBM to Open July 1”

Wolfeboro, NH – June 18, 2020 – On Wednesday, July 1, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) will open its doors for the 2020 season, an occasion made more meaningful in light of COVID-19.

“We are thrilled to open and look forward to a wonderful summer,” said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings, who cited Boat Building classes and an online Vintage Boat and Car Auction as 2020 highlights.

In Boat Building, youth, families and adults can build a boat from a kit.

“You can take your boat and head out on the lake,” said Cummings. “We have staff and volunteers that help participants in a friendly, laid-back environment, and the end result is a boat you can enjoy for years.”

In the Vintage Boat and Car Auction, this year’s iteration will take place online.

“We are using a platform for the auction that we can use next year, too, that will enable us to broadcast it live then,” she said. “We are also working hard to create fun and engaging online experiences.”

For visitors this summer, Cummings said NHBM will feature local artwork and “*Locally Produced*”, an exhibit that highlights local boat manufacturing companies. In addition to presenting sponsor Eastern Propane and Oil, NHBM’s 2020 exhibit season is sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Goodhue Boat Company, Stark Creative and Bank of New Hampshire.

“We are so thankful for the many sponsors, museum members and others who continue to support us,” she said. “We look forward to welcoming everyone this summer.”

In addition boat building and the auction, NHBM will feature model yachting (radio-controlled) on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the Back Bay Skippers, who will provide take-home kits for kids. The 2020 season will not, however, feature rides on the ‘Millie B,’ a 28-foot, mahogany, triple cockpit replica 1928 Hacker-Craft.

“We made the decision after carefully considering visitor, staff, and volunteer safety,” explained Cummings. “We look forward to the ‘Millie B’ returning next year.”

For the 2020 season, NHBM will be open Tuesday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm, and Sundays from 12 to 4pm. According to State guidelines for NH museums and art galleries, visitors will be required to wear face coverings when entering the museum. All NHBM programs will also conform to social distancing guidelines.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire's fresh waterways.

To learn more about NHBM, or purchase tickets online (available soon), visit nhbm.org.

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