

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

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## **NHBM welcomes Bob Sterndale to the Board**

Wolfeboro, NH—August 6, 2020—Initially starting as a volunteer in the boat restoration shop at the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) 5 years ago, Bob Sterndale recently joined its Board of Trustees after years of involvement in the nonprofit.

“As Hank Why, the shop director of many years’ service, gradually moved into retirement, I somehow ended up with the key to the shop door and the job of coordinating that work,” said Sterndale. “There were then tasks with the annual auction and the race boat regatta that seemed to need my skills, and there was also the facilities committee that wanted help, too.”

These experiences, he said, led to a profound appreciation of “the breadth of the organization’s programs.”

“I want to contribute more than a few hours of sanding, varnishing and coffee sipping in the shop,” he said. “I see the opportunity to enhance the public’s appreciation and enjoyment of our fresh water boating resources.”

Expressing gratitude for his contributions, NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings said she looks forward to working with Sterndale in his expanded role.

“I appreciate all Bob has brought to the museum these past few years,” she said. “His commitment and that of our entire Board is crucial to our continued growth as an organization.”

In looking ahead, Cummings said NHBM will continue to promote the importance of “the rich boating heritage of New Hampshire’s freshwaterways.”

“We have diverse programs, exhibits and opportunities that go beyond just boating,” she said. “I’d like to think NHBM is part of the fabric of Lakes Region culture and the local economy.”

Sterndale agreed and added, “From day camp for kids and riding in the Millie B to learning to sail, building a boat, model building and sailing and more, there is a program for everyone.”

In addition to presenting sponsor Eastern Propane and Oil, NHBM’s 2020 exhibit season is sponsored by Meredith Village Savings Bank, Goodhue Boat Company, and Bank of New Hampshire.

To learn more about NHBM, including its modified 2020 event and program schedule, visit [nhbm.org](http://nhbm.org).

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