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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By Jeannie Lewis



During a recent Board Meeting, Martha's request for a volunteer to clean and organize the Museum's storage closet and bathroom, was followed by a conspicuous silence. My hand shot up quickly, however. Obviously, my OCD for neatness had kicked in.

Upon entering the Museum on workday, my assigned area really caught me off guard. Instead of a dark, very dingy, crowded storeroom, I was greeted by bright lights, new flooring, fresh paint and a recently-installed deep sink. You may not consider this to be *Boathouse News* material, but to trustees and volunteers accustomed to working behind-the-scenes, it beats an ice cream cone. This is only one example of volumes of projects, quietly and so capably being undertaken at our Museum, all contributing to its smooth operation. There's more! Bob Sterndale's article entitled *Behind the Scenes* is a must read in this issue.

I took my scrubbing, labeling and organizing responsibilities very seriously and when done, wandered around the Museum. At that time, it certainly was not ready for guests. However, as I examined the treasures being prepared for exhibits, I slowly comprehended the hours of research, discussions and thoughtfulness that had been quietly ongoing throughout the winter. We have a most-committed Exhibits Committee. Keep this in mind

as you read their articles featuring *Locally-Produced Exhibits*, and of course, when you are viewing the exhibits this summer. The Museum was empty the day that I was there, so I began to observe other changes – fresh paint everywhere. Not only was it fresh but had creative color schemes, giving a new feeling of life.

Mark your calendars and watch how quickly the spaces are occupied. COVID has required a few limitations, but the summer is well-planned, interesting and great fun. I am happy to report that at the time of this writing, all of the six, newly-donated boats from Dr. Dwight Stowell, have arrived safely. You'll see the *Ganges II* displayed in the Museum.

I must remind you that this is a Regatta year. Our sailing programs, boat building, model yachting, and the *Millie B* have all been attracting much action. Check our website NHBM.org if you have interest. View it also for Auction details and a modified Boathouse Tour. See how we handled Ice-Out during COVID and be impressed when you learn about more new trustees.

Get energized and jump into summer 2021. Go for it, because you know how quickly those leaves begin to show off their reds, oranges and yellows.

ABOUT THE COVER: Showing off our stunning Colgate 26 sailboat. See "Community Sailing Programs" for more details.



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## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

By Martha Cummings

Spring has arrived! Another season at the New Hampshire Boat Museum is about to commence.

On Saturday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, we opened our doors to the Museum, and the first rides of the season went out on the *Millie B*. Model Yachting is already way ahead of us, having installed their dock in April. They have begun sailing on Back Bay!

We're looking forward to welcoming YOU back to the Museum. You won't want to miss this year's *Who's in the Boat?* exhibit. Our team has been working hard to bring you an enriching history of the sport of rowing. The rowing shells on display are all new to the collection having been acquired in just the last few years. Even more interesting, though, are the inspiring stories of women and people of color who have, and continue to change, the fabric of the sport.

In conjunction with the exhibit, this year's online speaker series in partnership with New Hampshire



Humanities, features nationally recognized authors and Olympic gold medalists addressing their personal experiences as a crew athlete. The talks will be once a month on a Thursday at 7:00 pm from June through November.

Discover a new artist each month running June through September in the featured artist series. George Merrill, mixed media sculptor, will kick off the second season. Polly Cain, Cate Poole and Thomas Hitchcock will exhibit their work in the months following.

Other new activities this year include sailboat cruises on the new Colgate 26 and in June and September the SSOA/NHBM Granite State Title Series hydroplane races. (SSOA is South Shore Outboard Association.) We'll also be sponsoring a concert in Cate Park in Wolfeboro with WASR on July 16.

Our talented volunteers have been working hard to keep the New Hampshire Boat Museum moving forward on many fronts, and you'll see this with the exhibitions, the quality of the lecture series, the improvements made at the Museum, and the news about the Bay Street project.

We look forward to seeing you this summer. Please note that we are still requiring masks, right now, when in the building for your safety and that of our volunteers, staff, and visitors.

See you soon!

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## WELCOME NEW TRUSTEES!

### Allison Hall Hart

By Jeannie Lewis

Allison Hall Hart has followed the path of so many Lakes Region residents, coming here as a child to her family's cottage and then, after a dynamic professional career, returning with her husband, Wilson.

Allison joined our Board as an energetic and well-prepared contributor. Currently, she is Executive Vice-President and a member of the Board of Directors for The Energy Coalition, an environmental non-profit organization based in Irvine, California. Formerly, she was Irvine's City Manager. Prior to that she was the Director of Human Resources for the City of Santa Ana, California, an assistant professor of public administration, and founder and executive director of three community-based criminal justice programs in Denver, Colorado.

Allison has had over thirty years of experience in public sector and non-profit management and has consulted with numerous public, private and non-profit organizations in management development and training, human resources, strategic business planning, and energy management.

In addition to her professional career, she has been involved in numerous community volunteer efforts and has served on the boards of various non-profit organizations. Already, Allison has assisted in obtaining a grant from the NH Humanities Council for our Lecture Series. Allison and Wilson have four children and six grandchildren.

Welcome, Allison!



### Rocky Cleborne

Rocky Clerborne is a retired 20-year senior manager in the retail auto industry, managing dealerships in Vermont and Massachusetts. He relocated to Wolfeboro recently and has deep roots in the community after spending summers in the area for most of his youth. After retiring from the auto business, he bought and currently runs an internet fulfillment and costume jewelry business from his home in Wolfeboro. Rocky is serving first year of first term. We welcome his energy, and creativity as we enter the summer of 2021.

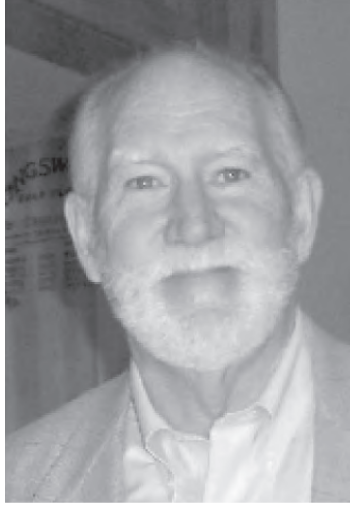


## Good-Bye to a Dedicated Former Trustee

By Jeannie Lewis

During Bruce Maclellan's tenure as a most-conscientious trustee, he quickly became known for his remarkable attention to detail. His spreadsheets tested our skills, but they carried us through successful auctions which he chaired.

Bruce, assisted by his wife Anne, was chairman of Annual Ice-Out dinners, always a combination of socialization and fund raising.



After stepping down from Board, Auction and Ice-Out leadership positions, he continued as a volunteer and supporter of our events.

His dry sense of humor always provided entertainment.

Thank you, Bruce. Your energy and talent kept us moving forward!



## News from the Docks

by Chip Bierweiler, *Millie B* Operations Manager & Captain

**Happy Spring**... Things are bustling along getting *Millie B* up and running for the 2021 summer season. We even had a charter before Memorial Day to get the season rolling. Our new captains and dock attendents have been trained and are ready for summer 2021.

We anticipate a very busy summer, as requests for tours and private charters are coming in already!



Please check the Museum's website, [NHBM.org](http://NHBM.org), for our new operating days and hours, as well as our new rates.

We are, at this time, requiring masks/face coverings for all passengers while checking in, embarking and disembarking the boat. For tours, we will be limiting passengers to six people, **so book early!**

Hope to see you on the docks soon!



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## A Virtual Event This Year - ICE OUT - Live

Ty Jaime Laurent

If there is one thing that we have learned this year, it is to adjust to change, move forward, and to be at peace with unexpected outcomes. Things that you have planned on in the past are not necessarily productive in the present. With that in mind our spring Ice Out Auction was a leap of faith into the virtual deep water! Important key components were in place. We had an energetic core team of creative volunteers on a committee that met often and laughed a great deal. We also had a tremendously supportive community of donors dedicated to making the auction interesting. A paddle board from Watermark Marine, a kayak excursion from Wild Meadows, Peter Ferber works of fine art, fine jewelry from the Kalled Gallery, a Ceramic Shine for your



Ice Out Committee Martha Cummings, Nancy Black, Jaime Lauren, Stephanie Inglis

boat from Diamond Shine, decorative signs for your home from Meredith Bay Signs and many more items added to the intrigue of the event. Our entire Board of Trustees participated and offered donations of very personal packages of vacations, sunset sailing trips, boat rides, lake side photo shoots, and an array of experiences that every family member could enjoy.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> the Auction Committee was excited to roll out all that we had

planned. Lake Life Realty offered their offices for our virtual set up the night of the auction. Magic Food created a fun take out menu from both the Canoe and O'Bistro's locations for those that did not want to cook! Charlie Moore, of *The Mad Fisherman*, our Master of Ceremonies, waited in the wings from his home studio. Martha Cummings our Executive Director and Stephanie Inglis, Board Member co-hosted the evenings show. Updates from our Exhibit Committee team leader, Nancy Black enlightened the audience of all the exciting things to come throughout the summer and into the fall.

Charlie Moore was hilarious. This notorious celebrity kept the virtual



Joyce Murphy and Wendy Stocker

audience going with this vibrancy, madcap humor, and sharing of adventures which revealed his genuine love of our lakes and home state of New Hampshire. A big surprise was the virtual visit of friend, Chuck Clement. Chuck and Charlie could host a show of their own based upon the fishing and lake adventures that they have shared over the years. The New Hampshire Boat Museum was fortunate to have these two generous personalities assisting in making the ICE OUT AUCTION of 2021 such a wonderful success with their quick and clever promotion of the all live items of the sale.

Later this summer we are excited to have the filming of an episode of *Charlie Moore the Mad Fishman* take place right from the New Hampshire Boat Museum, included in the production will be, the Conrad, Dickey and Ilsley families, as top bidders for that item. We can't wait to see our members in their cameo appearance on *Charlie Moore the Mad Fisherman* / New England Sports Network (NESN) to be aired nationally.

We could not have done all of this without the event support of F.L. Putnum, Canoe restaurant, O'bistro (Magic Foods) and the following organizers:

Joyce Murphy, Admin Expert and Marketing Manager

Brian Allison and Katie Cunningham – IT Talent

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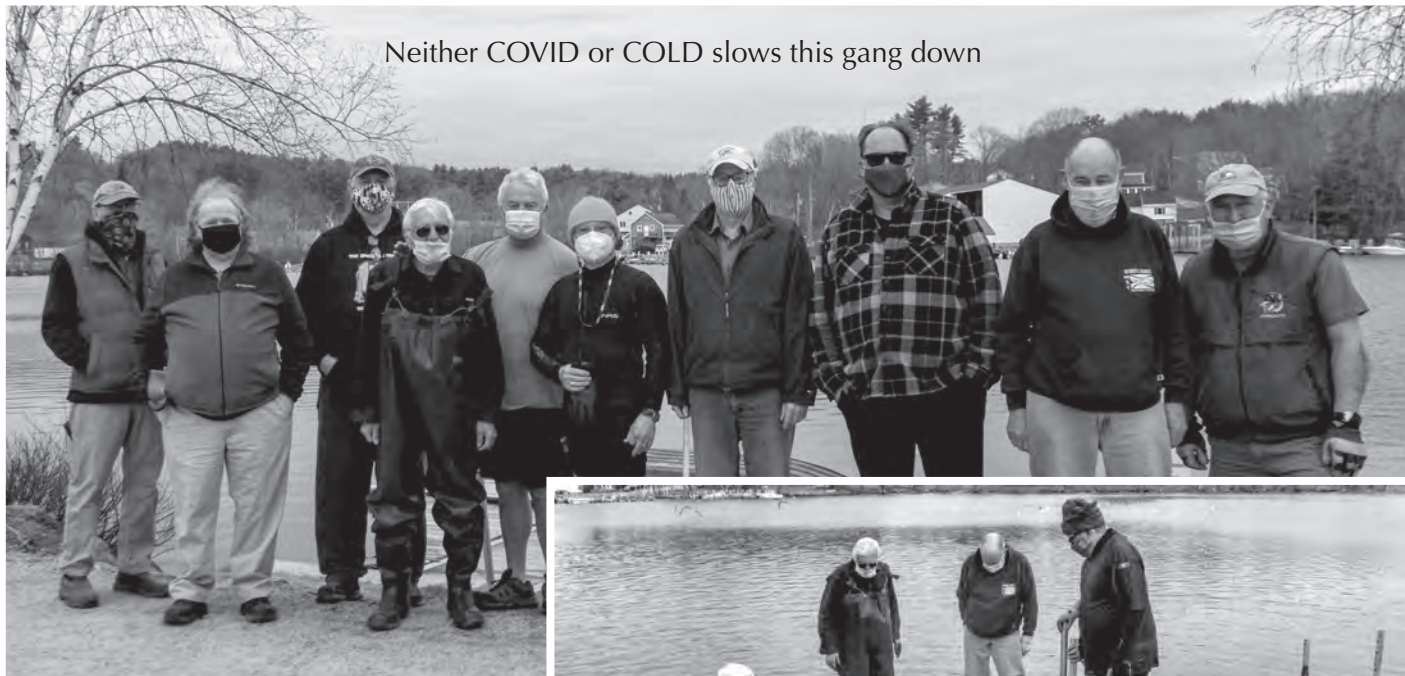
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## MODEL YACHTING

### Zoom, Zoom, Splash !

By Mark Whitehead



Neither COVID or COLD slows this gang down

The Back Bay Skippers spent the winter months expanding their minds with Zoom classes on the new Soling kit, the rules of sailing, tuning and tactics, and a review of race days.

On April 15 the dock went in, and the buoys followed on April 24. A few inclement days delayed splashdown when the boats actually went in the water, but finally on the fourth of May, our first regatta was held under gray skies but with a decent wind.

There are a few upcoming special events to keep in mind. Saturday, June 19, is the Sasquatch Footy Regatta on Back Bay, and from July 12, through July 16, the model yacht-building class will produce seven new Solings for

the Back Bay fleet. Our Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm, regattas already are underway so stop by and join the fun. We love to share!



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## Plans for Boat Building 2021

We've been experiencing some active interest in this year's program, so if you have any interest, please contact the Museum 603-569-4554. The following is a summary of this year's program.

### Adult/Family Class

8:30 am - 3:30 pm  
Saturday, 7/10 thru  
Sunday, 7/18

A maximum of 6 boats, 3 tents, providing for social distancing. Family attendees will not exceed 4 people

### Youth Class

9:00 am - 3:00pm  
Monday thru Friday  
8/2 - 8/13

A maximum of 8 boats, 3 tents with 2 to 3 per tent

Interest for this season has been active. Sign up if interested at: [NHBM.org](http://NHBM.org)

Recent contact with our Boat Building Chairman, Tom Mechachonis, revealed that he is now experiencing difficulties in obtaining the required marine plywood needed to build kits for use in 2022. Fortunately, he has enough completed kits on hand for our reduced classes this year. His distributor from Maine has gone out of business. Additionally, he is attempting to locate another affordable supplier for wooden oars and paddles for this season. Does some of this have a familiar ring?

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## New England Antique Boat and Car Auction

### July 17, 10 AM at The Nick

### *In-Person and Online*

This year's auction is going to be the best we have ever had. Yes, our boat lineup is mind-blowing in quantity, quality and variety. Here are just a few gems to wet your appetite.

*1948 19ft Century Sea Maid* – This is a showstopper. Eagle claw vents, mahogany blond deck planking and new bottom in 1990. Original Gray Marine 6 Cylinder, 140 HP engine. Beautifully maintained.

*1954 22ft Chris Craft Sportsman* – A truly stunning example of one of the most popular wooden boats ever made. New bottom with 130 HP Chris Craft engine.

*1998 Alden Star Rowing Shell* – Looking for some classic exercise this summer? Ready to go with oars, slings and a set of cartop racks.

*Gambit 2 Person Ice Boat* – A unique ice sailing boat for 2 people is great for a winter day cruise on the lake!

July's auction is full of surprises with lots of "No Reserve" boats. We will be hosting our traditional live auction as well as having it online, with online bidding starting 10 days before the final bidding is complete on live Auction Day. Last year we had purchases coming from as far away as California, Florida, and Michigan. This year, by combining online and in-person bidding we expect tremendous results! Best of all, 100% of our proceeds go to supporting the New Hampshire Boat Museum.

Consignment and donation information is available on the NHBM website. Have questions? Email us at [Auction@nhbm.org](mailto:Auction@nhbm.org).

***In-person and Online, save the date!***

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## OVERLAND TRANSFER

By Bob Sterndale

On May 15<sup>th</sup>, four intrepid volunteers made the trek to New London, NH, to transport *Ganges II* from its repose in a New London barn to its new place of glory in the Museum's exhibit hall. Two weeks previous the same crew had visited *Ganges II* and the rest of its cohort of boats donated from the Stowell collection to assess roadworthiness of the trailers involved. We checked bearings, lights and tires and topped up inflations to assure an uneventful ride to Wolfeboro.

*Ganges II* was ready to go, well, almost - no lights on the trailer. We can fix that. Rob Lawrence, NHBM volunteer, produced a 21<sup>st</sup> century set of wireless lights that clamp magnetically to the trailer. Now *Ganges II* was ready to roll. Meanwhile, we extracted two other smaller boats from their storage spaces for the trip to Wolfeboro. Three tow vehicles, three boats on trailers, one chase vehicle. The convoy is about to depart. Wait! Rob's truck's electrical system isn't charging! He is running on battery power. How long will that last? There is one way to find out. A spare boat battery is found. Bring

that along just in case. What could possibly go wrong?

Lunch time passed a while ago, but no restaurant parking lot can accommodate this parade. There will be time for lunch another day. We are off.

About halfway between Potter Place and Danbury we learned the limit of Rob's battery capacity. We also learned that the spare battery didn't fit and couldn't be used. Rob and John Van in the chase vehicle drove all the way to Bristol to find another battery to buy in order to continue the trip. The new battery installed, the trip was completed without further adventure. *Ganges II* was in Wolfeboro.

### The Big Squeeze

*Ganges II* was in Wolfeboro but not yet in the Museum. *Ganges II* is long and tall. Its trailer is very wide. The Museum door is not very tall or very wide. Measurements taken months before indicated that it would fit with 2 or 3 inches to spare all around. How good were those measurements?

The Restoration Shop crew assembled as usual on Monday morning and was promptly assigned to boat-moving duty. We all held our breath while Rob skillfully



backed the trailer right through the door into the Museum. There were inches (just a few) to spare! Now the fun begins.

Using just about every gantry, hoist, jack, spreader and strap we could find or borrow, we were able to safely lift *Ganges II* off her trailer just enough to slide the trailer out from under. This time the clearance was 0 inches. At last, five hours later, we could exhale, lower *Ganges II* onto museum floor dollies and roll her into her display space. Was it worth all that? You be the judge. Come see.

### Cast Credits

The efforts of many volunteers made *Ganges'* terrific travel adventure possible. They must be recognized: Rob Lawrence of Lakes Region Wooden Boats had the leading role. Supporting actors were John Van, Doug Smith and Bob Sterndale. Restoration Shop crewmembers made the transfer into the Museum scene possible: Zeke Bly, Frank DeMore Struan Robinson and Charlie Silfvenius.





## BEHIND THE SCENES

By Bob Sterndale

While a great deal of thought and effort goes into the exhibits and programs you see, a good deal of the Museum's work may not be so obvious. Our collection, facilities and equipment require a lot of attention in order to bring these exhibits and programs to you.

The big news in the facilities department is the quest for a new Museum on Bay St. While the Capital Campaign races to the financial finish line, the Site Committee races to be ready for ground breaking as soon as the funding is available. Toward that end, we now have both an architect and construction manager actively working on the preconstruction phase of the project. Developing design details and final costing and obtaining all permits are our goals for 2021. We want to be at the starting line with our engine racing when the funding light goes green!

At the same time, we need a place to keep our boat collection including several spectacular boats recently acquired. The Site Committee has been working with the Exhibits and Collections Committees on a large scale "collections care" project that will include the construction of a storage facility for the Museum's growing boat collection. The design plans and a builder are lined up. The Site Committee is now taking the appropriate permitting steps with the town. We want the building ready to receive boats by early next summer. This "collections care" project is a tremendous step forward for NHBM in the preservation and care of its collection. We're charged with preserving it in perpetuity for the public. We welcome donations towards "collections care" as we move forward.

Meanwhile back at the Museum, we continue to work to improve the appearance and functionality of the existing building. After major improvements in 2019, we have made further enhancements to lighting, temperature and humidity regulation (we now monitor and record both temperature and humidity), building air leakage, safety and security. A new VOIP phone service goes in shortly. Routine chores such as cleaning, painting, mowing and shoveling (yes!) require constant attention too.

Back here behind the scenes, many facilities volunteer hours are devoted to maintaining and improving the Museum to make your visit enjoyable. Much of this work would be noticed only in its absence. We strive to be unnoticed!



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## 2021 NHBM Calendar of Events

### JUNE

5 & 6 June - Granite State  
Challenge small hydroplane racing  
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19 June - New Hampshire Day  
NH residents FREE

19 June - Sasquatch Footy Regatta,  
Model Yachting

24 June - Virtual Lecture  
Daniella Garran, author  
A History of American  
Collegiate Rowing

### JULY

10 – 18 July - Adult/Family Boat  
Building

12 – 16 July  
Model Yacht Kit Building Class

15 & 16 July  
Preview Days, Vintage Boat Auction

17 July  
New England Vintage Boat Auction  
online and live in-person

22 July - Virtual Lecture  
Women in Crew Racing:  
Kathy Keeler  
(Olympic Gold Medalist)

29 July  
Lake Discovery Family Day

### AUGUST

2 – 13 August - Youth Boat  
Building

5 August - Lake Discovery Family  
Day

12 August - Virtual Lecture  
Arshay Cooper author  
A Most Beautiful Thing

14 August - Alton Bay Boat Show

### SEPTEMBER

17-18 September  
Vintage Race Boat Regatta

23 September - Virtual Lecture –  
Women's Voices: Hilary Gehman  
(Olympic Medalist)

25 & 26 September - Granite State  
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# Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta!

## Report, May 2021

By Donnie Mclean



Spring is flying by; the town is busier with each new weekend, and the Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta is just around the corner. As most of you know, the regatta packs a big vintage race boat show into two days on the water preceded by a couple of days getting all the boats registered and inspected along with evening activities for everyone Thursday, Friday, and Saturday.

We enjoy having one of the best vintage race boat events in the country right here in Wolfeboro. We have a great location, a good relationship with the town, and a list of dedicated talented volunteers as long as your arm. It's the volunteers that painstakingly produce a show which provides the best experience possible for spectators and also for the boat owners, drivers, and crew members.

The regatta committee started regular planning meetings for this year's

regatta in January with monthly meetings since then to ensure even the smallest of details would not be overlooked. There are a lot of things to take care of: permits, sanctions, insurance, invitations to boat owners, registrations, a crane to launch the hydroplanes, venues for the evening activities, sponsors, logistics for actually orchestrating the two days of running race boats on the bay, and the list goes on and on.

Many thanks to the committee members for the many months of work to bring a show like this together, and to the many volunteers that will be on hand to manage it all. It couldn't be done without them. You might like to know how many volunteers it takes to run the Wolfeboro regatta...Well, we always refer to a hundred volunteers, but the list is really around one hundred and twenty five.

Participants! There would be no reason for all that hard work and support if we

didn't have participants, and I'm glad to report that we have participants in every class from small "kneel down" outboards through the fire breathing Grand Prix Hydros, including Triple Cockpits, Gold Cup racers, Jersey speed skiffs, small hydros, mid-size hydros, SK flat bottoms, and super charged Grand Nationals. We have three teams coming from Canada (if the border is opened by then) as well as boats and crew coming from as far away as Ohio and South Florida.

Regatta dates this year are September 16-18. Thursday is for inspections and registration at the Wolfetrap. Please feel free to stop by and see the boats. Friday and Saturday, all day both days at the Wolfeboro town docks running the race boats. Please contact the Museum for information and for tickets to the evening social events. All proceeds benefit the Museum!

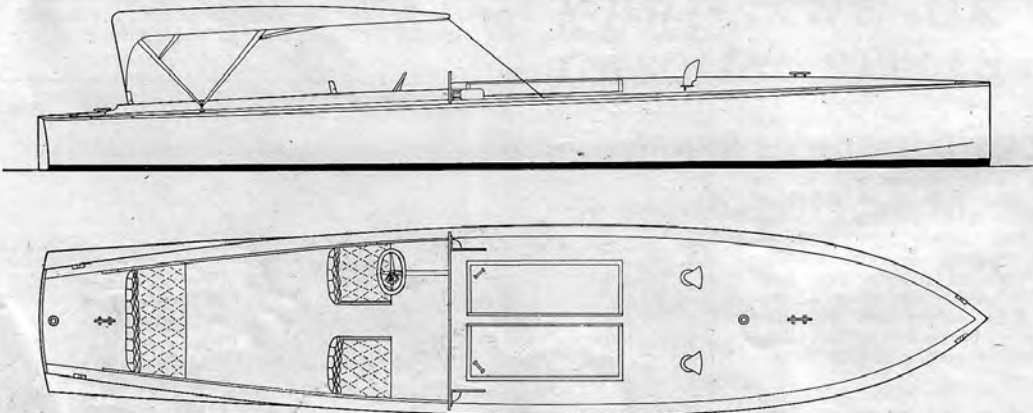
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Ask most long-time residents of the Lakes Region to name where in Wolfeboro boats were commercially produced, and they will tell you the Goodhue & Hawkins Navy Yard. Ask them to name another yard in Wolfeboro, and you will most likely get a blank look.

However, there was another boat yard commercially producing boats in Wolfeboro. It was well-known and highly respected in its day and unfortunately has become lost in the mists of history.

The Museum's Exhibits team stumbled upon its existence almost by accident while researching the *Regina*. The corporate history of Goodhue &

Hawkins, generally received the credit for building the *Regina*. The hulls of the long-decked lakers were framed and planked at a boat yard on Clark Point in the early 1900s. Then they floated over to Sewall Road where the engines were installed and the fitting-out was done.

What boat yard? There is no mention of a boat yard in Parker's History of Wolfeboro of which we are aware. Nor have we seen any pictures from the Historical Society or in the various photo histories of a boat yard other than Goodhue & Hawkins some of which go back to its founding.

However, there is a very brief mention in volume three of *The History of*

*Wolfeboro, NH 1770-1994* by Q. David Bowers. The boat building operation on Clark Point was that of the C. H. Ray Company. And here is where it gets even more interesting: the "C.H." was Catherine Hudson Ray.

Through genealogical research, Nancy Mershon Black was able to establish that Catherine Hudson was born in 1875. She marries Edward Chester Ray in Rhode Island at the age of 21. By 1903 they have moved to Wolfeboro and own a home on Clark Point. EC Ray, among other things, paints signs and carriages. He is apparently also building boats. Why E.C. Ray chose to put his company in his wife's name is not known. Possibly to separate it from his other business interests.

In 1910 E.C. Ray lists his occupation in the census records as a boat builder and is working with his brother in law, Henry F. Hudson.

Roger Read, a long-time summer resident of Melvin Village and owner of one of two C.H. Ray boats (other than those built for Goodhue) known to still exist on the lake, has traced a connection between the C. H. Ray Company and naval architect Charles D. Mower.

In the July 1915 *Rudder* magazine a brief article includes a set of drawings by Mower of a speed runabout that is to be built by the C.H. Ray Company for Dr. A. H. Wood of Boston who will use her on Lake Winnipiseogee, NH. The boat is 35', has a 5' 6" beam and is to be equipped with a Van Blerck motor.

Charles D. Mower was one of the leading naval architects of the time. One of his designs was selected among a number of entries by the Thousand Island Yacht Club for a one-design fleet to promote interest in motor boat racing on the St. Lawrence River during the 1910 season. An article in *MotorBoat* magazine from that year describes the boat as, "28 feet over all,

with 5 feet beam, straight stem with quite high freeboard forward and a straight sheer carried to the V transom stern." These boats are what we would call classic lakers today. Twenty of them were to be built.

Most of Mower's surviving designs are housed at the Mystic Seaport Library, Mystic, CT, where a total of 433 sheets represent 107 designs.

In 1916, the C.H. Ray Company has become a successful enough boatworks that they take out a half-page advertisement in the February edition of *Power Boating* magazine for the New York boat show that year. Their ad states that they are represented at the Lowe-Victor Motors booth at the show.

Perhaps like Icarus, the Rays flew too close to the sun. In 1917 Catherine dies of ovarian and colon cancer at age 42. On Monday morning January 7, 1918, at about 3:00 am the C.H. Ray Company boat yard was destroyed by fire. According to an article in the *Granite State News* found by Nancy Mershon Black, there were three boats in various states of construction that

were destroyed and four in storage destroyed as well.

The article ends by saying, "Mr. Ray has won a fine reputation as a boat-builder, constructing some of the finest plying out on our lake, and had contracts to keep him busy this winter. His plant was quite extensive and equipped with modern machinery."

E.C. Ray didn't use serial numbers and never produced a catalogue. It is believed that only three C.H. Ray are known to still exist. The long boat, *Circus Wings*, owned by Roger Read, is currently undergoing restoration on Leets Island, CT. The Ray name was found inscribed on the interior of the boat. It is owned by the Windsor family and has been berthed for many years in Roberts Cove. It was featured in an article in *Classic Boating* magazine in May/June 1999. A third possible 1910 Ray was sold by Delta Marine Sales recently out of Stockton, California.

The C. H. Ray boatyard existed on land that is now owned by Barbara Zulauf Sharp. A few years ago the family had the rails from the boat launch removed. They were the last vestiges of this once prominent boat yard.

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By Jim Farina, Community Sailing, Chair  
Kerry Lynch, Community Sailing, Vice-Chair

The sailboat pictured on the cover of this edition of the *Boathouse News* was generously donated to NHBM's keelboat fleet in 2019. As we've said in prior issues, the three-year-old Colgate (*Wind Chaser*) is a 26-foot sailboat with a large open cockpit that allows up to 6 people to safely sit aboard. This design is especially helpful during these COVID-19 times requiring social distancing. The boat is state-of-the-art, quick, nimble, and stable with a responsive helm. It is not only fun to sail, but comfortable and very safe in any wind and sea conditions.

This year a brand-new outboard motor was generously donated to be used with *Wind Chaser*.

The Colgate will be used this sailing season for NHBM's Sailboat Sharing and Sailboat Cruising programs offered



Optimists sailboats

in concert with Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation. For more information about both programs, and to register for each, please go to NHBM's website: [NHBM.org/community-sailing/](https://NHBM.org/community-sailing/).

In addition to the Colgate, our sailing program includes a 22-foot Ensign keelboat (pictured) that is utilized for NHBM's *Adult Learn to Sail: Keelboats* classes: [NHBM.org/cs-class/adult-learn-sail-keelboats/](https://NHBM.org/cs-class/adult-learn-sail-keelboats/)



Ensign sailboat

The adult keelboat classes are co-sponsored by the Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Department and taught by a US Sailing certified instructor.

Along with the above sailing opportunities, NHBM, in collaboration with the Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation department, offers small boat instruction: *Youth Learn to Sail* and Sailboat Racing courses using Sunfish and Optimist sailboats, and *Adult Learn to Sail* using Sunfish sailboats. For more information about these programs, fees, dates and to register, please go to the Community Sailing page on NHBM's website: [NHBM.org/community-sailing/](https://NHBM.org/community-sailing/).

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### In the Museum ...

By Nancy Black

We've added a few extra touches to our continuing exhibition of "LOCALLY PRODUCED" with amazing boats and water skis made right here in NH.

Over the winter we've been busy researching, interviewing and filming relatives of early Wolfeboro boat builders Otto Pecunies and Nat Goodhue, and Ossipee's Nelson Nickerson. You will also see a new section on the old Lakeport, New Hampshire boat building company F. W. Johnson and some of our Lakeport-made McDuff engines in the display.

On stage, this year, you will see our brand new rowing exhibit, we call "Who's In The Boat?" Come visit and learn about the relationship the state of New Hampshire has

with competitive and recreational rowing dating back to 1852 in Center Harbor where competitive collegiate rowing and the first intercollegiate competition of any kind began with the Harvard - Yale crew regatta, and the stories behind it.

In the rowing exhibit we also look at the role Granite State women have played in crew; from Stratham New Hampshire's Ernestine Beyer - known as the "mother of rowing" to Wolfeboro's Hilary Gehman who is currently training and coaching women athletes for the 2021 Tokyo Summer Olympics. We also feature New Hampshire people like Durham's Jim Dreher whose technology over the years has vastly improved the rowing shells and oars.

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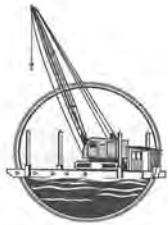
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- Next, **10% off Museum store** products! (excludes consigned items) Check out our new memorabilia!
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- Lastly, they receive **FREE posting and publication of classified ads** (boat related of course). Their listings will be placed on our online *Trading Dock* and published in 4 issues (1 year) of the *Boathouse News* (limit 5 items per issue).
- But wait there's more! If you sign up for a DONOR level membership or above, you receive a **FREE Membership to CAMM** (Council of American Maritime Museums) as well as **additional Museum admission passes** to share with friends and family.

There are two ways to give this gift of membership to that special someone, or maybe even treat yourself. Either: A. fill out the membership card in this newsletter and mail in with a check, or B. go online to [www.NHBM.org](http://www.NHBM.org) to pay with credit card.



## TRADING DOCK . .

*Due to space considerations on this page, please go to website for complete descriptions and pictures.*

**Trading Dock guidelines have been established for the convenience of our membership.**

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*To place ads for the Boathouse News or the website - email: [museum@nhbm.org](mailto:museum@nhbm.org) or call 603-569-4554*

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**Due to space constraints in the Boathouse News and the high level of advertising, it was necessary to reduce the ad verbiage. For complete descriptions and pictures please check the website trading dock: [nhbm.org](http://nhbm.org) Thank you for your understanding.**

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