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NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By Jeannie Lewis

You read that I had retired! Yes, but did you read, "retired from the Board?" Lots of people ignored the 'Board' part, so, yes, here I am.

The Museum has some changes – exciting ones. I suggest that you read this issue and get details on the happenings.

Regarding the *Boathouse News*, I'll be continuing as editor but have my radar out for an interested snoop who likes to dig up the action. We will be doing two issues annually – spring and fall. More news will be reported frequently through colorful e-blasts.

We had a sparkling Vintage Race Boat Regatta last September which livened Wolfeboro with its charged-up boats, some arriving from great distances. You'll enjoy Patrick Obed's story. Patrick is not only one of the esteemed drivers but also a committee member. This dedicated and always spirited group, began work a year in advance to plan all of the details necessary to run such a special event so seamlessly.

I've often wondered how many other museums change exhibits every summer as we do, and did you ever think about the research, planning and executing required to make it work. Nancy Black has shared a few tidbits about this summer's new



exhibits. Read about them to get tempted but, then, come for a visit for the rest of the story.

We shall continue as a museum with new exhibits each year and our many outreach programs. This combination will carry out our mission while educating and entertaining all of our followers. Have fun reading this issue and learning about our changes.

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About the Cover – Once again, photographer Larry Houle is able to position himself in the middle of the Jersey Skiff action during the Vintage Race Boat Regatta 2021. In the foreground: JS 43, owner/driver Pete Peterson of Stuart, Florida, background boat, JS 603, owner/driver Len Finethy, from Alton, NH.



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DIRECTOR'S NOTES

By Martha Cummings

It has been said that, “We cannot change the direction of the wind, but we can always change our sails.” As I head into my fifth summer season here, I have to tell you how proud I am of this organization. We have weathered the storms of the past couple of years, navigating uncharted waters of the pandemic. The wind has changed direction again, and so we have adjusted our sails once more in order to move lithely across the water.

2022 is going to be an energizing year at the New Hampshire Boat Museum. I am truly looking forward to this season because of the excellent team we have in place – staff, Board of Trustees, and volunteers. We are moving in the direction that embraces growth, inclusion, and purpose in the way we celebrate our boating heritage. We continue to raise our standards of excellence in all areas of the organization including visitor services, membership, donor outreach, care of the permanent collection, and depth of the stories we tell through our exhibitions. I hope that you too are proud of the Museum you have helped build.

In our last newsletter you will recall the good news we shared about our new team. The fruits of their labor can be seen from the wonderful programs we’ll be offering this season. YOU have also made a tremendous mark on the 2022 season already through your gift to the Fall Year-End Appeal which has helped provide support to plan a variety of new family, youth,



and women-focused activities around boating.

You will also recall we shared a great progress report about the Capital Campaign. There is **EVEN MORE GOOD NEWS**. As we have adjusted our sails accordingly, we now find ourselves moving lithely across the water towards a new horizon – expansion to Moultonboro. It is tremendously exciting to think about all of the families and new communities we’ll be reaching, sharing our beautiful boating heritage.

As we continue to refine our offerings, we’ll be making some other adjustments as well this year. The printed *Boathouse News* will be published twice a year with the Winter / Spring edition, like this one, and Summer / Fall edition coming out in late autumn. The Annual Report will remain a digital publication for members coming out in the early spring. We want to ensure that we

continue to have the robust articles that you appreciate. This adjustment will allow contributors to include more in-depth articles about programming, specific artifacts in the collection, and other interesting happenings at NHBM. Monthly, you’ll continue to receive the E-Newsletter in your inbox in order for you to stay up-to-date with Museum happenings. Be sure to bookmark NHBM.org on your web browser so you can refer to the online calendar, and if you’re on social media you can find NHBM on Facebook and Instagram.

Looking ahead, **GET YOUR TICKET** for the Thursday, June 9, the Preview Party. We’ll be celebrating the opening of the season and the 2022/23 feature exhibit *Letting off Steam: Escaping to New Hampshire during the Golden Age of Steam*, which happens to coincide with the 150th Anniversary of the *MS Mount Washington*.

A few more items of note: hydroplane racing with the SSOA in the Granite State Title Series is back, and a variety of new products in the Museum Store. So, you’ll want to do a little shopping after you visit the exhibits!

We can’t wait to see you this year! I hope that you will be as jazzed about this season as I am, after you read through this edition.

Thank you for your support of the New Hampshire Boat Museum. Onward!

News from the Docks

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

MillieB is Ready!

Happy Spring all! As of this writing Ice Out on Lake Winnepesaukee has happened! Preparations to get *MillieB* ready for the summer season are underway, and we are looking forward to another busy season. All the familiar faces are back.

New this season: We have gone to an On-Line Reservation system through PeekPro. For reservations, go to the New



Hampshire Boat Museum's webpage, www.nhbm.org. Click Menu - Scroll down to *MillieB* or Order Tickets and follow the prompts.

For Private Charters, book on-line, but to schedule a specific time an email (MillieB@nhbm.org) or a phone call (603-569-4554) is required.


Hope to see you all on the lake!




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Back Bay Skippers Embrace Spring

By Mark Whitehead

While the water was hard, the New Hampshire Boat Museum Back Bay Skippers continued to work on sailing skills and do some badly-needed maintenance on their boats. Two of our skippers, Anthony Quinn and Rick Laird, are building new US12s. No one produces the US12 in the U.S. so they had to be imported from Canada.

Tim Wright has been holding monthly sailing instructions on Zoom, assisted

by Steve Leker and B. B. Wright. Half our skippers have been attending these training sessions that concentrate on rules, tactics, and tuning. The classes are being taped so those unable to attend can watch the presentations at their leisure.

It looks like we will again have a full model yacht building class this year, and rigging parts are being readied for the 2022 workshop. In past years, the

kits arrived complete, but now the kits include parts only from the deck down, requiring instructors to manufacture the rig and sails.

The season is almost upon us, and it won't be long before you see our fleets on the waters of Back Bay. Stop by from 1 PM to 3 PM to watch Solings on Tuesday and US12s on Thursday all season long, weather permitting. Our rain day is Wednesday for both fleets.



Bill Quayle

1938 – 2022

Class of 2011

Sail Number 1330

by Kathleen Whitehead

"I am a woodworker," said Bill Quayle, and it describes him to a 'T'. His long list of crafts ran from fishing lures, wall sculptures, and ship models to birdhouses, a cane, and a back scratcher. He assisted with boatbuilding workshops at the New Hampshire Boat Museum, and after joining the Back Bay Skippers in 2011, he played a major role in the model yacht building classes as well as all of its other activities. From his career as a drafting supervisor for Channel Products to sailing across Lake Erie in a boat he made himself, his many talents, and humor – enhanced our group.

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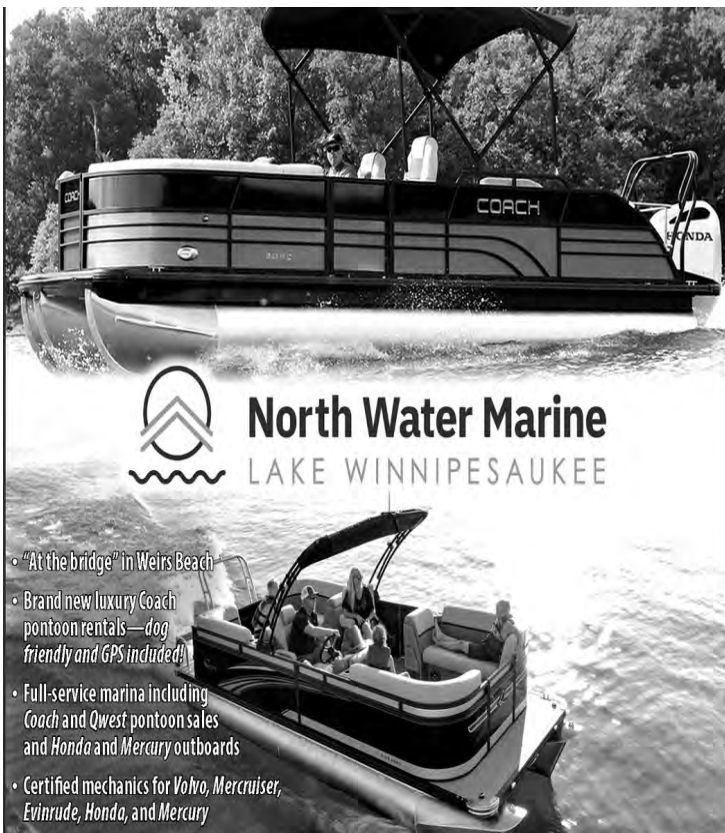
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A Hank Why Remembrance

By Jeannie Lewis

Those of us that worked with Hank Why quickly learned that when recruiting a new volunteer for the NH Boat Museum, he never heard the word no.

In 2003 my husband and I were in the process of moving to New Hampshire, and planning two weddings, selling our Cincinnati house, remodeling our New Hampshire house, and convincing my mother-in-law that a nursing home was a great place. During this frenetic year, Hank flattered my husband, telling him that he would be a terrific addition to the Museum's Board. It worked – that is, until I got wind of the scheme. Duff then had to soften his rejection to Hank by suggesting



that perhaps in another year this might be a consideration. Exactly one year later the phone rang; it was this guy that I barely knew named Hank Why, requesting directions to our house by boat. He wanted to have a little chat with my husband. You've probably guessed the results of that visit. It was a year later, but his persistence had worked and continued to work for many more years.

He served as Chairman of the Board, Auction and Boat Building chair, assisted in all of our activities, never stopped recruiting, and was the best-ever ambassador for the NH Boat Museum. Hank, you moved us forward!

Ken Sandhage A Museum Legend

By Jeannie Lewis

Ken Sandhage, was another NH Boat Museum legend.

He volunteered at the auction, our biggest fundraiser. He could move boats, cars and traffic - keeping the action going forward. He co-chaired the Alton Bay Boat Show, such a unique and special event, and in a non-aggressive manner collected generous donations to support it. Ken was always an active participant in many of our social events. And, his creativity won many accolades – whether it was terracing hillsides, constructing



breakwaters, remodeling houses or restoring boats.

All this deserves much thanks, but his talents shone the brightest when he was selling buttons for our Vintage Race Boat Regattas. The price of each button was only \$5.00, but every sale always exceeded that amount. His success fascinated me, so once, I surreptitiously followed him, watching and listening. His praise for the Museum was so convincingly sincere that the price of each small Regatta memento always sky rocketed.

Ken, we will miss you.

It is a Great Time to be a Member!

By Wendy Stocker

It is an exciting time to be a member of NHBM! After a long 2 years of COVID, aren't you ready to get out and socialize? I know that I am!

Come out and join us as we host **First Friday Artist Receptions** from 6-8pm for members to enjoy an evening of light bites and conversations with our featured monthly artists. You'll see their work and learn about their technique, subject matter, and inspiration. Receptions will take place July-September free for members.

As a reminder, your membership also provides you with discounts in the Museum's store and for all our programs and events.

New to our event schedule this year will be an alfresco **Preview Party** under the tent on the Museum's green to welcome you back and celebrate the opening of our new exhibit *Letting Off Steam: Escaping to New Hampshire during the Golden Age of Steam*. Enjoy an evening of music, BBQ, exhibits, friends, and a silent auction. Get your tickets now for **Thursday, June 9th**, it is an evening not to be missed!

NEW on the membership front we are now offering *sustaining memberships* for as little as **\$10 a month**. Becoming



a sustaining member is a wonderful way to support the New Hampshire Boat Museum, *an organization you love*, by setting up recurring monthly payments via a credit card or EFT. It also helps NHBM continue to "Go Green" and reduces the amount of paper you must handle at home.

At \$10 a month, you can reap the benefits of a *donor membership* level in a much more affordable manner. That's just .33 cents a day ensuring NHBM has year-round financial support for programming and maintaining its permanent collection. You can sign up for a sustaining membership at **nhbm.org/membership** today! Sustaining memberships can be discontinued at

any time. For more information on sustaining memberships please reach out to me at **development@nhbm.org**.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you, our members, for welcoming me on board last year. I have met so many of you at our programs and events, it is very clear that the New Hampshire Boat Museum is an important part of your lives and the Lakes Region Community. I have learned so much about the history of not only Lake Winnepesaukee, but also the surrounding waterways and continue to be fascinated by the historical impact of the boating community in this region.

I am a transplant from the Jersey Shore having grown up in Atlantic City and much like my hometown, there is a rich connection of family that ties the stories of the regional development to these lovely crafts and artifacts we preserve here at the Museum.

I look forward to seeing each of you again soon, as we shed our winter coats, open the doors, and welcome spring.

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2022 Programs & Events Highlights

By Anne Lennon, Programs & Events Manager

With the snow melted and the ice receding, the 2022 season is upon us and is shaping up to be a busy one at the Museum. This year, we will see the return of favorite classes along with several new offerings. Some of these classes focus on increasing boater education while others let us explore our creative sides.

OLD FAVORITES

Back again this year are our popular Youth Boat Building class and Community Sailing program. These programs have been staples for many years and provide knowledge and skills that are life long. Adult & Family Boat Building and Model Yacht Building are both returning this summer. Registration is open and classes are filling up fast. Mark your calendars for the Sasquatch Regatta on June 18th with the Back Bay Skippers.

YOUNG SKIPPERS

For the younger skippers, our Lake Discovery Family Days and Story Time with the Wolfeboro Public Library are sure to be fun and will take place once a month in June, July and August.

BOATING SAFETY

New this year are programs focused on boating safety. On June 18th, the Museum in partnership with US Power Squadron will be presenting the America's Boating Course at the Wolfeboro Public Library. The America's Boating Course teaches basic boating knowledge including how to recognize and handle hazards. This course satisfies the State of New Hampshire's required boater education course for boaters operating a vessel powered by a motor of 25 horsepower or more. Participants who pass the test



at the end of the course will receive laminated certificates.

WOMEN SKIPPERS

Also on June 18th, is our new women's program, *Ready to Launch*, which will take place at the Back Bay Town Docks in Wolfeboro. *Ready to Launch* is geared toward women boaters to give them a friendly and safe environment to learn boating basics. This course will give novices a solid foundation on understanding the basic structure of a boat, simple repairs and safety checks before heading out on the water. The class will be taught by Jacob Marsh, an associate professor of Marine Technology, at Lakes Region Community College.

ART CLASSES

Exploring our creative side, the Museum will be bringing you two art class sessions this summer. They will take place in both Wolfeboro and Meredith. The Wolfeboro course, *En Plein Air* with Lauren Hammond, will have two classes at Albee Beach on Lake Wentworth.

In these classes participants will work in their preferred medium while focusing on landscapes. Lauren Hammond is a Wolfeboro artist who is currently teaching art at Brewster Academy. Hammond finds her inspiration in nature, especially the lakes and mountains of New Hampshire. The two classes are single day programs and will be on August 10th and August 16th.

In Meredith, the art sessions will include four classes. The classes entitled, *Travel Sketch Books: Along Shores of Winnepesaukee*, are designed for the artist that loves to keep a sketchbook close at hand while traveling. All the classes will be taught by Stephen Hoedecker, a Meredith based artist. Hoedecker has over thirty years of experience and his work includes beautiful landscapes of rural New Hampshire and coastal Maine. The classes, *Travel Sketch Books: Along Shores of Winnepesaukee*, will take place on June 26th, July 14th, August 28th and September 11th. All classes will given at Church Landing.

We hope everyone is as excited as we are for our 2022 programs! Please stay tuned as a few new programs may still be added. To keep up to date on all the happenings at the museum, check out our calendar on www.NHBM.org.



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Our Newest Exhibit: *Letting off Stream* *Escaping to New Hampshire during the Golden Age of Steam*

By Nancy Black, Exhibit Committee

Make plans this 2022 season to bring your family and friends so they can *experience* our new interactive exhibit. It will give you a glimpse of what steamboats were like and how this public mode of transportation and trains connected the Lakes Region of New Hampshire with major cities on the East Coast.

DISCOVER:

- Who invented the steam engine
- Which NH lakes had commercial steamboats operating on them
- Where are many of the steamboats now
- When were the first navigation buoys place in Lake Winnepesaukee
- Why New Hampshire became a desirable vacation destination
- Which steamboat was first to run scheduled trips on Lake Winnepesaukee
- How much wood per hour was needed to run a steamboat
- What replaced steam engines
- And MORE!

Our Rowing Exhibit: *Who's in the Boat? A Look at the Sport of Rowing* is back by popular demand and features:

- The first ever intercollegiate crew race held on Lake Winnepesaukee
- New Hampshire women who rowed competitively
- Crew shells and various styles of oars
- New technology in rowing equipment
- Title IX and how it opened doors to women in sports

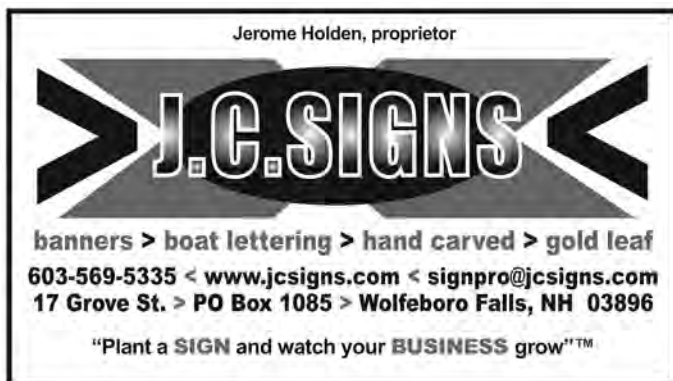
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- Rowing with Coach and Olympian Kathy Keeler
- *A Most Beautiful Thing* author Arshay Cooper
- Women's Voices in Rowing with Olympian Hilary Gehman
- *The Red Rose Crew* author Daniel J. Boyne
- Technological Revolution in Rowing with Jim Dreher from the Durham Boat Company
- International Olympic Committee Member and Olympian Anita DeFrantz

We look forward to seeing you this summer! You won't want to miss these exhibitions.



THE *FITZHENRY* RETURNS TO WOLFEBORO

By John van Lonkhuyzen

Oscar York (1884–1960) was one of Wolfeboro's more colorful characters. Known as "OD", he was a box maker, sawmill worker and steamboat operator. Living on Sewall Road, his property was such a junkyard that 14 of his neighbors sued him, requiring that a clean up take place. The hearing was held in a packed Brewster Auditorium and took two days. One of the items in that yard was an old steamboat engine that had been pulled from Lake Winnepesaukee.

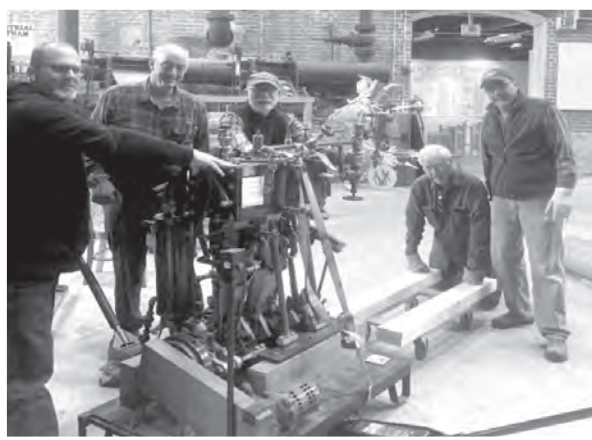
According to its identification plate, the engine, a compound two-cylinder steam engine, was built by the E. I. Fitzhenry Company in Boston in 1900. It had been made for, and installed in, the yacht *Iona II* by Dr. Henry D. Bradford. Bradford and his partners ran a passenger and mail delivery from Wolfeboro to the islands and Alton. At some point the *Iona II* was acquired by OD York. Unfortunately, it sank in shallow water just off his dock in 1933. OD and a young summer camper named Charles Atwood, whom he had befriended, eventually salvaged the engine to York's yard. It remained there until York passed away in 1960. Acquired from York's estate by Atwood, it was taken to his home in Massachusetts. After Atwood died in the late 1970s, his widow offered the engine to the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation in Waltham, MA. Their museum volunteers, Bud Hansen and Walter Bush, worked for six months to fully restore the engine.

Our Museum's 2022 exhibit will focus on the golden age of New Hampshire



lakes' steamboats. Therefore, it seemed appropriate to bring the *Fitzhenry* engine back to Wolfeboro. The Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation was pleased to loan it to us provided we transported and removed it in March. After being closed for two years because of COVID, they planned an opening in April and needed time to reposition their collection.

So, St. Patrick's Day a group of NHBM volunteers consisting of Bob Sterndale, Lawton Read, Charlie Silfvenius, Frank DeMore, John van Lonkhuyzen, Rob Lawrence of Lakes Region Wooden Boat, and a rented U-Haul from Andrew Swenson's Executive Carwash & Detail, set out for Waltham, MA.



Left to right: Rob Lawrence, Lawton Read, Charlie Silfvenius, Bob Sterndale positioning the dolly and Frank DeMore

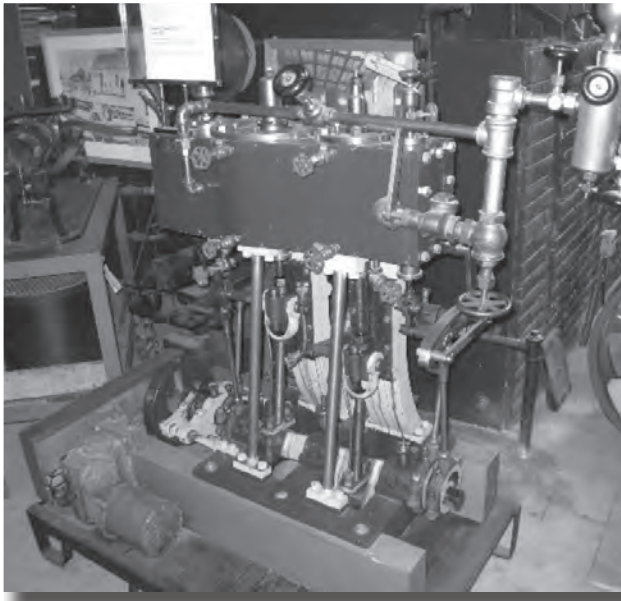


Lawton Read and Bob Sterndale start strapping the Fitzhenry.

The *Fitzhenry* was lifted with two floor jacks, put on a doctored dolly and shoved and pulled up a two-story ramp to the rear entrance of the old mill building that the Charles River Museum occupies. It was then winched up the truck's ramp and strapped in to the box so it was immobile. After our arrival at NHBM it turned out that it had been easier to get it on the truck than it was getting it off. However, with some effort, it is safely ensconced in the Museum

awaiting summer visitors.

Unfortunately, the whole process took longer than expected, and the crew missed out on a Saint Paddy's Guinness and corned beef lunch - maybe when the engine returns to the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation in the fall.



The *Fitzhenry* on display at the Charles River Museum of Industry and Innovation



Frank DeMore and John van Lonkhuyzen start guiding the engine down the ramp into the NHBM.



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Great New Year, Great Old Boats

The New England Vintage Boat and Car Auction 2022

By Betsy Farley

This year the New England Vintage Boat and Car Auction will take place on July 16. The event is the premier fund raiser for the museum and is presented as a LIVE in-person auction and streamed simultaneously for online bidding as well.

The New Hampshire Boat Museum is growing and so is the auction. We expect to break our attendance and sales records once again with bidders from all over the world. The Auction features dozens of vintage and classic boats plus cars, outboard motors, and lake memorabilia. Already we have a 1961 Chris Craft Sportsman, 1926 24' Duclon mahogany lapstrake launch, a beautiful 1968 Chris Craft Grand Prix, and a 1951 MG TD.



Betsy Farley and Doug Smith have a lighthearted moment at the Auction

What's new this year?

- 1) Sponsorship opportunities are a first for the Auction. Our growing audience offers sponsors the ability to reach high-income and lake focused customers. Sponsorship packages range from \$1,000 to \$10,000.
- 2) Special antique boat parts vendors who will offer unique items like Vintage Iva Lights, spotlights, deck hardware, steering wheels, brass portholes, gauge panels, shift levers, engine parts, framed pieces, boat models and much more.

Save the date! July 16, 10:00 AM.

Preview Days are:

Thursday, July 14 • Noon – 5:00PM

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Saturday, July 16 • 8:00 -10:00 AM

Remember we take consignments and donations rock our world! Last year our total sales doubled, verses a year ago and net income increased 127%. In-person attendance broke all records and on-line bidders were from all over the country and included international bidders. We averaged 26 lots per hour and 95% of them were sold. Can't wait for July 2022!

Betsy Farley and
Hunt Leavitt
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Auction Information NHBM.org
Auction Questions? Auction@nhbm.org
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Wendy at development@nhbm.org

New Horizons for the New Hampshire Boat Museum

We are excited to announce our expansion to a new location in Moultonborough, New Hampshire!

The NH Boat Museum Board of Trustees has been engaged for several years in a Capital Campaign to design and construct a new facility at its property on Bay Street in Wolfeboro. Recently we have experienced significant challenges, including rising costs, supply issues, increasing labor costs, and an urgent need for a larger storage space for our permanent collection--which includes a fleet of historic wooden boats. The Board of Trustees decided to overcome these hurdles by taking a fresh look at ways to meet the Museum's mission without straining its financial stability.



Jaime Laurent

The Board concluded that ***purchasing and relocating to an existing facility*** offered immediate solutions and new opportunities. We found an ideal site in Moultonborough with a building that could accommodate our urgent collection needs, while providing ample square footage for exhibition, educational, and program activities.



Alison Hall-Hart

The Board has made an *offer to purchase* this facility.

It offers significant benefits:

- It has nearly three times the capacity of the facility planned for Bay Street.
- The relocation and renovation can be accomplished with existing capital campaign funds and the sale of the Bay Street property.
- It will enable us to add funds to NHBM's endowment.
- It will meet our desire to have ample space for community programs.
- It will allow us to have the whole collection onsite.
- It expands the Museum's reach to the broader Lakes Region audience and grow our membership and donor base.
- With the greater volume of drive-by traffic on Whittier Highway, we can expect a significant growth in visitors.
- Most importantly, we can renovate and open at the new location *years ahead* of the plan to construct at Bay Street.

Along with this chance to expand our horizons, NHBM will **continue to offer its many Wolfeboro based activities and programs from Center Street** including Youth and Family Boatbuilding, Community Sailing, Back Bay Skippers model yachting, *Millie B* rides on the lake, the annual New England Vintage Boat &



Building as it looks now - notice the loading dock

Car Auction, and the biennial Vintage Race Boat Regatta.

We are **enthusiastic about this new direction** and are **grateful to you**, our many donors, members, and visitors who support the Museum and are making this new opportunity possible. Thank you!

We look forward to **creating an inspiring experience** at our expanded location and will keep you posted on our progress.

To learn more, visit our website at NHBM.org, or contact Martha Cummings, NHBM Executive Director, at 603-569-4554 ex.1002.

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Midnight Miss Celebrates 50 Years

By Jaime Laurent

Look no further than Lake Winnepesaukee to bear witness to one of the finest classic vintage hydroplanes, in all the World. **Midnight Miss**, a 1972 blown 478ci Lauterbach Hydroplane is Internationally renown. She holds many National and International Championship records, including the 1990 Women's Water Speed record. The humble and talented owner of this sleek watercraft is Patrick Obed of Alton, New Hampshire.

Perhaps the stirring for his passion began with his 1st vintage race boat that he spied and purchased along the road in 2013 named **Rapid Fire**, a 1964 Barron Flat Bottom. Patrick completely restored and rebuilt **Rapid Fire** (a complete history of her restoration can be found at nhbm.org/race-boats/rapid-fire-sk-64). She made her debut at the annual Vintage Race Boat Regatta, a partnership between American Power Boat Association, Vintage and Historic Division, and the New Hampshire Boat Museum in 2015.

Patrick's confidence on the water began at an early age on Lake Manning in Gilmanton, NH. His parents would lull him to sleep as an infant on regular evening boat rides. By the age of 8 years, he was adventuring from dawn to dusk on the lake in a rowboat equipped with a 1.2 hp outboard engine. Patrick acknowledges that his comfort, self-assurance, and problem-solving skills became second nature from his lake life experiences. Waterskiing behind his parent's boats was a natural evolution for this competent teen.

Patrick's encouragement and inspiration into the Vintage Hydroplane racing circuit was through his friend, and "Can Do" mentor, Donnie Mclean. When Patrick discovered that **Midnight Miss** was available for sale, he emailed Donnie, "My Next Boat Ha! Ha! LOL". Aware of her remarkable history, that **Someday became Now**,



and Patrick purchased this fine boat with a stellar record in 2019. One of Patrick's fondest memories was taking the wheel in Canada, as Graham Coddington, the previous owner looked on, as he ran Saturday's heat at the Régates de Valleyfield in Quebec.

Patrick now participates in 4-5 vintage regatta events each year. He and **Midnight Miss** often travel to Wheeling WV., Tavares, Fla., New Martinsville, WV., Wolfeboro NH, and of course, largest vintage inboard hydroplane race on the continent, The Régates de Valleyfield.

This sleek black Hydro cannot be overlooked as **Midnight Miss** retains her Australian flag from her earlier racing days at Bundy Thunder in Queensland where she dominated the course and earned 4 Vintage championships. Patrick remains vigilant with his attention to every inch of his boat prior to each race. Safety is paramount. Checking for fuel leaks, rudder response and a sturdy skid fin are key. This hydroplane runs on methanol, pure alcohol, so much care must be taken in the re-fueling process.

Most of all, Patrick appreciates the unity of the vintage racing family. His passion is about the sharing and celebrations enjoyed by those that participate in putting on safe and trouble-free events for all the fans. He

is impassioned to share his experience, his insights, and skills to all that desire to keep the history of these vintage boats alive. There are many ways that NHBM members can be involved – from scorers, spotters, dock tenders, to inspectors that allow officials to focus on their roles. Patrick welcomes your questions and hopes you all continue to enjoy the beautifully restored race boats that once ruled the waters.

Our next Vintage Race Regatta in Wolfeboro will be September 2023. See you there!

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The Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta

(Looking forward in the rearview mirror)

By Donnie McLean

It's been seven months since the 2021 regatta which by most accounts was the best we've done. As most know, it's no small task to pull it off and takes much effort from many people; way more than a village, more like a small nation...Regatta Nation, kinda has a ring to it!



So, the 2021 regatta was a great event and, as usual, we had participants from all over; Florida, South Carolina, Connecticut, Ohio, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New York, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Ontario.

Over the years we've seen easily a hundred or so participants make their way to Wolfeboro to join the fun we have here. It's been a "long and winding road" (Beatles 1970), but now twenty-two years since the first running of this regatta, and all is well. Among our many participants we've enjoyed legends like Tommy D'Eath, three-time unlimited Gold Cup winner and the only one to have won the Gold Cup in both piston engine and jet-turbine powered boats. "Fearless" Freddie Alter also a famous accomplished unlimited driver., enjoyed our waters. Tommy Morgan of Grand National hydro fame has driven in at least half of our regattas here, and the list goes on!

Our first regatta was small and very home-grown in comparison to regattas that would follow. At the first regatta Jeff Magnuson brought six boats and had drivers for all of them. We had another half dozen or so boats from the area and we were "off to the races" as they say, and there's been no looking back except for fond memories. One of my great memories was meeting

Jeff Buckley (Colonel US Air Force retired and Captain US Navy retired) Yep, that's right both branches. Jeff is now the APBA Vintage and Historic Chairman, doing a great job, and a great friend to all of us. I should point out that Jeff Magnuson and Jerry Davidson (local fame) along with Tom D'Eath, and Buddy Byers (unlimited team owner and driver), formed the APBA Vintage and Historic division and held the first ever Vintage Regatta in Clayton New York in 1992. The Good Old Days?

Well, to be clear, we're still making "Good Old Days" and hope to continue doing just that for years to come. The New Hampshire Boat Museum and the Wolfeboro Regatta committee have partnered very well since our first small event. Where we've been and what we've accomplished should be a

reflection of where we're headed. As mentioned, our 2021 regatta was a huge success.

We have a great team in place to ensure future Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regattas will not only succeed but grow along the way. Our regatta is considered the standard for which other events should strive, I can't thank the team enough for making our event so notable. Our next Wolfeboro Regatta will be in September of 2023. We'll start planning in October of this year. Stay tuned, and let us know if you'd like to be involved.

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Community Sailing Program

By Kerry Lynch

When people think about the NH Boat Museum, most think about the beautiful antique motorboats on display or our fun events or maybe our boat building program. Our Community Sailing programs may be the last thing they think of. These programs include “Learn to Sail” small boat courses for youth and adults, and more advanced classes using a variety of sailboat types/sizes, including adult keelboat instruction. Believe it or not, 140+ students take advantage of the sailing programs every season – except last year when we limited capacity due to COVID. Since the inception of the programs in 2003, over 2,500 youth and adults have learned to sail!!

To make these programs successful every year, the Museum has a dedicated cadre of volunteers who do their best to keep the aging fleet of boats in good shape. But indeed the fleet is aging - we are still using several Sunfish that date back to the early 1970's. These boats receive a lot of wear and tear every year! So ***we desperately need newer Sunfish donations*** to enable us to swap out boats that are a bit long in the tooth, as the saying goes.



And we continue to make improvements to our sailing programs: In concert with our partner, the Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation Department, we are announcing several exciting enhancements for the 2022 season:

- **Addition of a more challenging type of sailboat** to our Learn to Sail program for youth and adult students who are ready to advance from Sunfish. The new boats are 15' Vanguard Class sloops which require 2 crew. Having a larger sail area (foresail and mainsail) coupled with a more advanced hull design will enable advanced students to learn new skills, enjoy a faster boat, and learn about how to race in this competitive class of sailboat.
- **Offer the use of paddleboards** to students during the inevitable wind-less days.
- **Improvements to the small boat sailing storage and transport** at Albee Beach. We will



begin using dolly carts for our Sunfish fleet to minimize the carrying of boats by hand and reduce the amount of time spent rigging the boats each day.

- **Relocation of the Adult Keelboat Learn-To-Sail course** from Wolfeboro Bay to 19 Mile Bay in Tufonboro. This new location offers a less congested sailing experience with more focus on navigation.

We will continue to offer the full range of sailing instruction programs that we have in past seasons. See the Museum's website NHBM.org and click on Community Sailing for more information and registration. Note that we will offer Sailboat Sharing only to graduates of the Adult Keelboat Sailing course.

As mentioned above, we do have an **acute need for donations of the following items**. If you can donate (or fund) any of these items, please let Kerry Lynch know (Lynchkg357@gmail.com):



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- Sunfish dollies
- Scholarship funds for deserving youth
- A gently used Vanguard 15 (“V-15”) sailboat
- Standup paddleboards

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"I was very surprised and extremely honored to have received this annual award," said Smith, who serves on several NHBM working committees. "I know that this award has been given to volunteers in the past who have really worked long and hard for the Museum, so I am surprised that the Board of Trustees felt that I, too, was at that level."

Martha Cummings, NHBM Executive Director, credited Smith with helping care for the Museum's existing facility over the course of the past 2 and a half years, while also advancing their Capital Campaign.

"Doug also helped transport the boats given to the Museum's collection from Dr. Stowell. This entailed several trips, from Lake Sunapee to Meredith then onto Wolfeboro" she said.

Geljookian said his award selection is the result of a team effort.

"I'm grateful for all of the volunteers that took time away from their families and businesses to keep an historically important part of the Boat Museum's DNA going," he said.



Mike Geljookian



Doug Smith

According to Cummings, Geljookian has been instrumental in the past three biennial Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regattas. He learned the ropes, so to speak, from Rick Kourian, as his right hand man.

"Mike spent many hours putting together all the logistics and volunteers necessary for the racecourse, which required a very early morning start," she said. "He and his crew also oversaw the safe maneuvering of the hydroplanes with the crane. With Mike in charge of the 'hot pits,' we knew safety was a top priority and that he had it under control."

Serving as Launch Director for the Regatta for the first time in 2021, Geljookian assembled a wide range of local marine business owners, employees and close friends who all share the same passion for boating.

"In the end, they all not only wanted to personally let me know that they were in for the 2023 event, but some of them were even motivated to purchase their own piece of Regatta

history—specifically, a Jersey Skiff," he said. "It was great to see the group's reinforced commitment to future events and equally important to see the interest in keeping the boats alive that make the Regatta possible."

The *Hank Why Award* took on special significance this year, as its namesake, longtime volunteer Hank Why, passed away in July. Hank was a longtime advocate for NHBM and was still involved with the Museum via Zoom up until his passing.

"He was a wonderful ambassador for the Museum," said Cummings. "Hank attended every event and program at NHBM, because the Museum was his passion, particularly our educational programs and getting youth involved. His support and dedication are what I will always remember about Hank."

As for what motivates him to volunteer at NHBM, Smith said the Museum is much more than boats and related artifacts.

"There are many educational programs for both children and adults," he said. "There are fun things to do for children, too. The New Hampshire Boat Museum is really a unique destination for anyone with an interest in boating, especially in the Lakes Region."

Geljookian agreed and added, "One visit [here] will immerse you into a world that should not be forgotten, but integrated into our current lives."



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Our first event is the *America's Boating Course* that will provide instruction for your completing your boating license requirements at the Wolfeboro Public Library.



The *Ready to Launch* program will help **women** prepare for a summer season of safe boating. This will be led by Jacob Marsh, director of the Marine Technology programs at Lakes Region Community College at the Back Bay Docks in Wolfeboro.

A *Youth Boating Class* for ages 11-15 will be offered at the New Hampshire Boat Museum designed to better prepare young navigators for their boating adventures this summer. A

NH certified boating instructor along with NHBM volunteers will review key safety concepts from boating plans to weather watching in this half day program.

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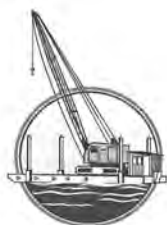
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