2025 YEAR END APPEAL

Help Us Make Waves - Support the Museum's Next Big Leap!



Thanks to your unwavering support, 2025 has been a landmark year for the New Hampshire Boat Museum. With your help, we proudly launched our first large-scale exhibit—*Mahogany Marvels*—in the Lower Exhibition Hall and welcomed a 40% increase in visitors. Your generosity made it possible to preserve our state's rich boating heritage and share it in ways that inspire and educate visitors of all ages.

And this is just the beginning. Big changes are on the horizon for 2026!

We're writing today to ask for your support in reaching our year-end goal of \$100,000 for the General Operations Fund. This fund is the lifeblood of our museum—fueling the care of our collection, the growth of our programs, and the daily operations that keep our mission afloat.



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Here's what your gift will make possible in the coming year:

- Protecting Our Collection: Upgrading our HVAC system to museum-standard humidity control, ensuring our historic boats and artifacts are preserved for generations (CAP Assessment 2024).
- Expanding Our Exhibits: Installing the new *Boat Motor Shop* and enhancing our *Speed & Sport* exhibits with interpretive stations and permanent facades for a truly immersive experience.
- Launching Year-Round Programming: With Phase II renovations complete, our new classroom space will host school groups, workshops, and community programs—deepening our educational impact and welcoming a broader audience.
- Sustaining Operations and Stewardship: Supporting staffing, insurance, and the maintenance of our vessels, along with stewardship of our Wolfeboro and Moultonborough properties.

This work is ambitious—but with your help, it's within reach. Your year-end gift—no matter the size—will directly support these efforts and ensure the museum remains a vibrant, dynamic place for all who cherish New Hampshire's boating heritage. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today. Together, we'll preserve the past, inspire the present, and build a stronger future.

To Donate, Scan Here







Help shape the future of the Museum



Here's what our visitors are saying:

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I can't believe how much you've grown since last season—the exhibits are FABULOUS!

and very educational. I can't wait to see what you do next.

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It's terrific that you're promoting boating safety—it's so important.

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This collection is quite extensive

The artwork is wonderful! I love that you support local artists and host free after-hours events. Great for our community!

The New Hampshire Boat Museum isn't just a static museum – it's an immersive experience that captivates visitors of all ages.

Your tax-deductible gift can be made online by visiting NHBM.org/donations (scan the QR code) or by sending a check in the enclosed envelope. Online donations can also be set up as a recurring monthly contribution to create year-round revenue and sustain museum operations. For gifts of securities, please contact Wendy Stocker at development@nhbm.org or call 603-569-4554 x 1003.

Thank you for helping us preserve and celebrate New Hampshire's freshwater boating history. Your contribution will help us to protect, interpret, and promote this national legacy for years to come.

With heartfelt thanks,

Devon Kurtz Executive Director



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