



CRANBERRY LAKE BOAT CLUB

APRIL 2013 NEWSLETTER

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Cranberry Lake Boat Club

From the Commodore:

After a seemingly long winter, I'm sure we are all eager to get back to our beloved Cranberry Lake. There are some exciting plans for the 2013 season. I look forward to seeing all of our members and friends at the Boat Club events this year.

The Cranberry Lake Boat Club serves our members, and we also have a rich tradition of serving our lake community. As we become more and more involved in the needs of the communities surrounding the lake, we will continue to grow our relationships with permanent residents, seasonal residents, and visitors. The result will be continued growth in the membership and activities of the Club. Let's do our part in making the Cranberry Lake area warmly welcoming to visitors, even those who are "just passing through". It will pay great dividends.

Please communicate with our directors and team leaders, shown on the left, regarding your comments and suggestions. Check our Facebook page and Web Site for Club information throughout the summer. We will make every effort to use these tools, as well as the summer newsletter and the Bargain Hunter, to keep you informed about our activities.

I look forward to seeing you at Boat Club events. Please continue to let me know how we can make our Cranberry Lake Boat Club even better! My email address is: fredguev@gmail.com. My phone number at the Lake is 848-2261 (June through September). I look forward to hearing from you!

The Community Improvement Project Fund has been serving our lake communities for many years. It is a fund of contributions used at the discretion of the CLBC Board of Directors to enhance the welfare of the communities surrounding the lake. Supported projects have included the Cranberry Lake Beach Park, town signage in Wanakena and Cranberry Lake, the new clinic at the Clifton-Fine Hospital, the Clifton Community Play Park and parking area. Many other projects have also been supported in past years by this fund.

At the last Board meeting meeting Treasurer Anne Loganbuhl reported \$2,760.05 in the Community Improvement (CIP) fund. It was also noted that the CIP Fund has outstanding commitments of \$2,000 to the Hospital and \$1,000 for Cranberry Lake Community Center improvements. The latter project has been postponed, so the funds may not be distributed. Nonetheless, the fund is close to being depleted.

Can you help? Please send your contribution to the Community Improvement Project Fund along with your annual dues.

Looking forward to a great season,

2013 Boat Club Activities: Here are the highlights....

- **Board of Directors:** June 1, July 13, August 10
- **Fourth of July Events:** We now have two anchor events, taking place every Independence Day.
 - Ian Ward will be our team leader for the Firecracker 5K Run/Walk. This highly successful event attracted 102 participants in 2012; 48 runners and 54 walkers; it's a super family event and guaranteed to start out your Fourth of July with some great fun and exercise!
 - The Captain of the Independence Day Boat Parade will be Clint Farnsworth this year. Clint will be inviting all boaters on the lake to decorate their boats for this wonderful celebration of our country's independence. Fun, prizes for the best decorated boats, a wonderful cruise around the lake with your Cranberry friends! More details will be coming soon.
- **Annual Meeting of Members and Gala Member's Reception** - July 13, 2013. Our Annual Meeting will take on a different look this year with a gala reception taking the place of the traditional banquet. This event, chaired by Karla Marsh, will feature appetizers and hors d'oeuvres at grazing stations with scrumptious food. There will be many more opportunities to socialize with the other guests than we have had at our sit-down banquets. Wander, meet some new people, and enjoy some nice music. We will be trying to arrange for samplings from a microbrewery and/or a local vintner. At the beginning of the reception we will have a brief annual meeting of members.
- **Cardboard Boat Race:** Saturday, July 20 marks the 5th anniversary running of the Cardboard Boat Race, cosponsored by the Cranberry Lake Boat Club and the Cranberry Lake Lodge. With a great band, an outdoor eatery, over 15 entrants, and hundreds of spectators, the race is still growing! Becky Milone, Clifton-Fine's Art teacher, is heading up a T-shirt design contest with her students. The goal is to design this year's commemorative T-shirt. The winners and all of the students who participate in the contest will have their designs displayed at this year's race with special prizes for the winners. The CFCS-PTO (President April Provost) and Walt Todd, owner of Todd Supply, are each graciously providing the funds for the materials to build and register 2 boats for area students. The 2 boats will be constructed by parents and students with the assistance of Darren Bullard and Elizabeth Cooper. Supplying the trophies this year, as in past years, is Steve Gamble of Gamble's Marina in Carthage. We invite boat club members to participate either as a spectator or a boat builder. See pictures of last year's race on the Cranberry Lake Boat Club Facebook page! The photographs were provided by Ellen Giraud Jenkins and Gail Gotham. Check out how to build and register a boat for this year's race by going to www.cranberrylakeboatclub.org under "Upcoming Events". Watch the Bargain Hunter for full race day information or contact Bob Raymo, (315) 848-3714.

Commodore's note: This has become the keystone community event for our Boat Club. It is great fun, it's exciting, and it is for all ages. To me, the best thing about this event is that it attracts people from all of the community, members and non-members, summer people and local folks, young and old. It brings us together!

- **Poker Paddle:** Tim and Catherine McCann will be our team leaders for the Poker Paddle on July 27. Tim and Catherine have two young daughters and are interested in promoting the Poker Paddle as an attractive event for families as well as others. We look forward to their ideas as we continue to enhance and improve this excellent event, which benefits the Clifton Community Library. Last year we had 38 paddlers and 26 virtual paddlers. Local merchants and friends contributed \$1000 in prizes for the participants, and \$975 was raised for Junior Library Guild youth and children's programs at our Community Library. We had positive feedback from participants, including some great suggestions for improving the event. These included logistics, convenience and safety ideas that will be incorporated in this year's race.
- **Float Plane Rides:** Tentatively scheduled for August 3, our flight chairman Bob Kahute is attempting to charter a plane to come in for a day of rides over beautiful Cranberry Lake and the Five Ponds Wilderness area. Be nice to the pilot, and he may take you over your camp and other areas of particular interest! Look for details and schedule your flight early!!
- **Annual Picnic:** The Pine Cone in Wanakena has long been the venue for this event. We have received word that the sale of the restaurant did not go through, and apparently Mark has closed the doors for good. We are looking for another place to have this popular event, to be held on August 10. Among our ideas are the Ranger School and the State Campground.
- **Ring of Fire:** On August 31, we will renew the Ring of Fire to celebrate the beauty of our lake and to support the Cranberry Lake Fire and Rescue Department. Let's hope we have just enough rain this summer so that we can have a safe event! Originally an old Seneca Indian tradition, the Seneca Indians they would gather around fires on the shoreline to celebrate the beauty and abundance of the lake. At Cranberry, residents light flares at a designated time along the entire shoreline of the Lake, creating a RING OF FIRE. Purchase of the flares supports the Fire Department.

What's Happening Now:

The Cranberry Lake Lodge is currently closed, and will be open by May 1. The new manager of the Lodge is Catherine Curtis. The work on the Marina store is nearing completion. Work has been done on the boat ramp, which will benefit our Cardboard Boat Race at the Lodge. Bill Smith is the new Marina manager. Bill has substantial marina experience (he worked at the marina in Tupper Lake for many years). Scott Pickens reports that we can expect customer service from Bill that will be both friendly and responsive. Bill can be reached through the Marina ((315) 848-2980), or the Lodge ((315) 848-3301) or through the Lodge email (cranberryklodge@aol.com). Bill is Kelly Smith's son (Kelly Sr., the former Town Highway Dept Superintendent). Our storage and slip customers should contact Bill to arrange the schedule for launching their boats or otherwise getting them out of storage. Scott also expects to have expanded water Taxi service this season with several PV drivers.

By the time you read this, the ice on the lake should be out. Take a look at the Cran-Cam!
<http://www.cedarpath.com/crancam.html>

The Pine Cone has not been sold. The restaurant has been closed. It seems unlikely that it will reopen. As stated previously, we are looking for an alternative venue for our annual picnic.

The Windfall is still for sale. It is expected to re-open soon.

Chris Westbrook will be retiring as director of the Ranger School in June. Thankfully, he and Sue will continue to reside in Wanakena. He has been a great contributor to progress in our communities.

The Post Office remains open, thanks in part to the diligent efforts of Boat Club members last spring. Cindy Whitmore reports that the hours for the postal window will be reduced to four hours a day at sometime in the future, but there are many physical changes that must take place in the facility (door locks, parcel locker, etc.) before the hours can be changed. Stay tuned!

Realtors continue to report active interest in lake homes. Cranberry Lake contractors are planning for a busy season as lake homes change ownership and improvements and repairs are undertaken.

Cleanup has been stalled on the Emporium property. The Town of Clifton is making efforts to move this along.

There was an excellent article by Tom Woodman in the March/April Adirondack Explorer about his winter hike on the Peavine Swamp trail, a section of the Cranberry 50. <http://www.adirondackexplorer.org/stories/2013/02/28/skiing-the-quiet-groves/> Check it out!

Coming soon:

Boat Club golfers, please consider supporting this event! The second annual Clifton-Fine Hospital Wilderness Foundation Golf Tournament will be held Saturday, August 10 at the Clifton-Fine Golf Course. The tournament is named in honor of two former members of the boat club and dedicated supporters of the hospital's recent building campaign who both passed away last year; Dr. Richard Narkewicz and Gary Goolden. Last year's tournament raised \$5000 for the hospital. Registration forms will be available on line after June 1, so watch the Bargain Hunter for further details. A chicken BBQ will follow the tournament for the golfers and their guests. Anyone interested in sponsoring a hole or requiring further information should contact Bob Raymo @ (315) 848-3714.

Schedule of Boat Club Events for 2013:

Directors Meetings - June 1, July 13, and August 10
Firecracker Race/Walk and Independence Day Boat Parade - July 4, 2013.
Annual Meeting of Members and Gala Member's Reception - July 13, 2013.
Poker Paddle - July 27, 2013.
Cardboard Boat Race - July 20, 2013.
Float Plane Rides (tentative) August 3, 2013.
Picnic - August 10, 2013.
Ring of Fire - Aug. 31, 2013

Sad News:

We have recently lost three long-time members of our lake community.

Andrea Arquette, our former Library Director at the Clifton Community Library in Cranberry Lake, passed away on February 19 after a long battle with cancer.

Kit Read, an honorary member of the Cranberry Lake Boat Club, passed away on March 23, peacefully and at home.

Francis Rhode, a long-time friend of the Cranberry Lake community, passed away on April 15 after a lingering illness.