

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

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NH Boat Museum to open June 29

Wolfeboro, NH--May 16, 2019--With opening day just one month away, staff at the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) are not only looking ahead to the summer, but behind at a busy off-season.

This past winter, NHBM not only paid off the mortgage on 4-acres of waterfront property upon which it plans to construct a state-of-the-art facility, it repaired its current structure.

“The roof on our current museum structure was replaced, which lays the groundwork for its future as a boat building and restoration workshop center,” explained Martha Cummings, executive director. “This was quite an undertaking.”

This past off-season, staff also planned a number of events, some of which will be expanded this year. Highlights in 2019 include its Vintage Boat and Car Auction in July and and biennial Wolfeboro Vintage Race Boat Regatta in September.

Featured programs at NHBM include Model Yacht Building, Youth, Family, and Adult Boat Building, Sailboat Sharing Program (SSP) and Community Sailing Program (CSP).

Staff also worked to develop its featured exhibit, which this year is entitled, Racing on Waterways of NH, for which Cummings expressed particular excitement.

“Racing on New Hampshire’s lakes is part of our history, and it still takes place today, too,” she said. “I think NHBM serves an important role in that we do not just educate people about the waterways of NH, we let people explore and experience them in a number of ways.”

One program at NHBM has nearly begun, as locals and area visitors can enjoy 45-minute tours on the Millie B beginning Memorial Day Weekend.

A 28-foot, mahogany, triple cockpit “woodie” and replica 1928 Hacker-Craft that is accurate down to seat colors, the Millie B recreates “the experience of the golden age of boating.”

In looking ahead at the season, Cummings said she expects the busiest season in NHBM’s history due to expanded programs and events within a condensed time-frame.

“We are going to hit the ground--or water, I should say--running,” she said. “If anyone wants to experience the Lakes Region, I think NHBM is the place to be.”

Founded in 1992 by vintage boating enthusiasts, NHBM is committed to inspire people of all ages with an understanding of, and appreciation for, the boating heritage of New Hampshire’s fresh waterways.

To learn more about NHBM, visit NHBM.org.