

NEW HAMPSHIRE BOAT MUSEUM



Jaime Laurent and Kerry Lynch, new co-chairs, with executive director, Martha Cummings

NHBM announces new chairs for Board of Trustees

Wolfeboro, NH—January 9, 2020—Capping a busy year in which it paid the mortgage on 4-acres of waterfront property to prepare for a new facility, New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) recently announced Jaime Laurent and Kerry Lynch as Board Co-Chairpersons.

Having joined the Board in 2017, Laurent has served in a number of capacities, including most recently as Co-Chair of NHBM’s Capital Campaign for a new facility.

Serving on the Board since 2018, Lynch has been chair of NHBM’s Community Sailing program.

Citing rapid growth for NHBM, Executive Director Martha Cummings said the Board felt a co-chairmanship was “an important step.”

“The idea was that this arrangement would allow the co-chairs to have specific areas of focus as well as shared responsibilities overseeing the organization,” she said.

“I think it is also important to recognize Board member Kristin Isley, who ably served as Interim Chairperson for the past year following the retirement of former chairman Joe DeChiaro,” added Cummings. “Kristin will continue in the role of Vice-Chair, supporting Jaime and Kerry as they assume their responsibilities.”

Former dean and teacher at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, Laurent is currently a student advocate counselor at Lakes Region Community College. Lynch's professional experience is in banking and financial services with a specialty in treasury management services, product development, marketing, and risk management. Both Laurent and Lynch have extensive experience with non-profit Boards.

"We are thrilled to have them lead our Board at this critical phase in our organizational growth," said Cummings.

When the new facility is built, which will be open year-round and offer substantially more programming, the current museum structure will serve as a boat building and restoration workshop center.

"We look forward to a strong 2020 with increasing membership, growing programs and some really fun events," she added.

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic 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, or its Capital Campaign, visit nhbm.org.

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