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## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

By Jeannie Lewis

Volunteers, trustees and members always scramble for space in the spring issue of the *Boathouse News*. They all want plenty of room to hype their summer activities. I edit and cut, while production editor, Carol Cloutier, carefully fits the pieces together for best space utilization. I've pondered for weeks how it was all going to work this season. Everything on my summer calendar is scribed only in pencil, so how could I pull together another issue full of summer plans?

Admittedly, it was a little annoying while hoping for the best but trying to plan for the worst. I encourage you to read every article and recognize how all of these current writers showed such creativity in their comments about their subject while dealing with a summer full of question marks.

My goal was to give the readership a glimpse of the action during this quarantine period.



While Zoom meetings certainly lack the advantages of personal gatherings, they are functional and have been a great help during this most-unusual time. Continue to check the website NHBM.org to keep connected with our current plans while we continue to remain flexible.

### WISH LIST FOR OUR COLLECTION AND PROPS

We are on the lookout for some "stuff" for our collection and props. Do you have any of these items and would like to donate them to NHBM?

1. Fishing gear (early 1900s – 1960s)
2. Life jackets (early 1900s – 1960s)
3. Bathing suits (early 1900s – 1960s)
4. Picnic baskets – vintage
5. Plaid wool blankets – vintage
6. Porch chairs (1930s – 1960s metal or wood – that you would find on a lakeside cottage porch)
7. Souvenir items from steamboats (1880s – 1920s)
8. Trailer for 30" boat in good condition

**ABOUT THE COVER:** Once again, Larry Houle snatches his camera in time to capture the rainbow over Camp Brookwoods' boathouse on Lake Winnepesaukee.



## DIRECTOR'S NOTES

By Martha Cummings

We are living through a watershed moment in the contemporary history of our world. Hopefully, none of us will ever have to experience another global pandemic in our lifetime. In the face of the COVID-19 storm, here at the New Hampshire Boat Museum we are creating our own watershed moment in the history of NHBM. No other season before or after will resemble 2020!

As we forge ahead towards the summer we are actively making changes to our season so that our visitors, volunteers, and staff are safe and that NHBM is in compliance with state and federal guidelines. With that being said, we have had to make some difficult decisions regarding our programs and events for this year. We have delayed opening the Museum until July 1, with a modified schedule, and made the decision to cancel the spring Ice Out fundraiser event and the Opening Reception. In lieu of Ice Out, we sent out a Spring Appeal for monetary donations.

Though this is a challenging time, we are using it to take the opportunity to get creative with sharing the Museum and educational resources through video, photos, and content over social media like Facebook and Instagram. Our exhibits committee members are diving into technology resources that will enable NHBM to have more collections material on our website. We're also already thinking on how to reset our plans for 2021.



A major goal of NHBM's strategic plan has been and continues to be to construct our new year-round museum on Bay Street. The fundraising campaign has not stopped for our new building, but we have taken a pause in our fundraising efforts due to COVID-19. Our site planning committee continues to work through the planning process for the project in order to be ready to put the shovel in the ground when our funding goal is reached.

Other changes are sure to come for this season, but we're actively creating new versions of old favorites, like the Boathouse Tour, which you will read about in the pages that follow. The Vintage Boat and Car Auction is also being re-imagined by using online auction technology coupled with video which have the added bonus of enabling us to reach a wider audience. As one of the few remaining

boat auctions in NH, it is an exciting step forward for this event and for the Museum.

I would like to take a moment here to thank this year's generous corporate sponsors:

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We are grateful for our corporate sponsors' support, especially during this challenging time.

As we approach the end of May and New Hampshire's stay at home order becomes less restrictive, our volunteers will ramp up efforts to set up the exhibits and prepare for our re-invented programs and events. July 1 is the date we are planning to open the Museum, in line with many of our fellow New Hampshire Heritage Trails museums. The hours and schedule will be a bit different as we ease into summer and safely welcome visitors, volunteers, and staff back. Program start dates and event details will be forthcoming as pandemic guidance is updated. We will do our best to keep you informed via email and our website homepage.

Until soon!

## Greetings all from the Town Docks

by Chip Bierweiler  
*Millie B* Operations Manager

**Happy Spring All!!** What strange times we are living in! I hope this writing finds all of you well.

I've been asked many times, what it takes to get *Millie* ready for a summer season on the lake. So hopefully this will answer a few of the questions.

In late February or early March, I usually start contacting our crew to determine who's returning and who can not. We are so lucky to have such a dedicated crew. Most everyone had planned to return this season, and even a couple of new captains had planned to join us.

*Millie* spent the winter at Lane's End Marine, and is currently undergoing her annual makeover and tuneup. This makeover will consist of first: taking all the "hardware" off the boat, all cleats, rub rails, stainless trim, etc are removed. This will be followed by a thorough inspection of the hull, looking for any rot or other damage. Any found, will be repaired. Next is sanding the hull. Three coats of lacquer will be applied to give *Millie* her shine! This year, the bottom part of the hull will also be sanded, inspected and fresh bottom paint applied. This is done every 3 to 4 years.

After the hull work is completed, *Millie* is returned to the marina



to undergo a total engine tuneup, including oil change, belts, checking water pumps, spark plugs, the works! This will ensure *Millie* will run well all season, with limited down time for any repairs. Any other repairs, such as cracked windshields, making sure the headset/PA system works, and so forth, are also repaired. This season, *Millie* is getting an upholstery

makeover, to fix and freshen up her cockpit appearance. She will also be gone over to prepare her for her annual Marine Patrol Inspection. Lifejackets will be inspected and replaced as needed, lights and horn checked, fire extinguishers inspected and tagged. Once this is done, *Millie* is launched and arrives at the Town Dock mooring for the summer. Time is allocated for staff training and a refresher for the returning staff. Items are inspected, dock cart stocked, tickets ordered, and schedules prepared, as we cruise towards our opening weekend.

Hopefully this answers a few of your questions!

The Museum made the most difficult decision not to run the *Millie B* this season. Already we are anticipating 2021.



## BOAT HUNT BINGO

As most of you know, many families have been enthusiastically participating in local “Teddy Bear Hunts” and various forms of Bingo as a fun togetherness activity and a way to lift spirits during the covid virus shutdowns. NHBM is combining these popular activities with a BOAT HUNT BINGO. Take this Bingo card with you on walks by the water, road trips around the lakes region or on your next boat ride! Search for the watercraft in each square, and mark off the square when you see that particular item. First to get 5 in a row wins! OR if you love a good challenge keep the hunt going and try to be the first to find every item on the bingo board and complete a “blackout bingo!!” HAVE FUN!!

P.S. You can download and print more Boat Hunt Bingo cards on our website at [NHBM.org/family-fun-center](http://NHBM.org/family-fun-center) - OR- you can play on your phone or tablet by visiting our social media pages and taking a screenshot of the board and "draw" on squares as you see the boats. Don't forget to tag us on Facebook or Instagram with your bingo fun!





## Meet Rhoni Harding Education Committee Chair



I grew up in the north Dallas area of Texas. My family fished and water-skied, so we always had a boat. I moved to south Florida for my husband's job in 1999, and there we enjoyed canal and intracoastal boating in our Sea Ray Sundancer cabin cruiser. We moved to Wolfeboro in 2017 to enjoy the lakes, mountains, beautiful seasons, and retire.

I was a teacher for 36 years, and I'm truly excited for this opportunity to combine my love of boating and nature and my love for education and lifelong learning at the NHBM.

I hope to greatly expand our museum outreach and connections to the lakes region's schools and families. Our new year-round facility will provide amazing possibilities!

## THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

By Sally Ferbert

The newly-formed Education Committee has had a busy winter and spring. We are developing new projects for kids in the Family Activity Center, and scheduling library story time hours, special author presentations, and informational lectures. We are also planning for future school group visits and how we can enhance knowledge and interest in NH boating history and culture, boating safety and lake ecology.

Due to the onset of the COVID-19 virus and the delayed opening of the

Museum, we are now sharing many of our family and kids' activities on social media. We are excited about our FUNDAY MONDAYS, which began the week of May 4th. Every Monday at 1:00 PM, a fun new boat museum game or project will be posted to the NHBM website, Instagram, and on Facebook. These activities can be downloaded, and special prizes will be awarded to those who are first to finish and submit their completed activities. The weekly choices will be fun and educational word searches and puzzles, mazes, art, or writing. Be

sure to participate in our BOAT HUNT BINGO game.

The Museum welcomes aboard Rhoni Harding as the new Chair of the Education Committee. Her long teaching career spanned grades 1st-8th while residing in Texas and Florida. She is delighted to be retired in beautiful Wolfeboro and is ready to add her energy, enthusiasm, creativity, and organizational skills to help execute the visionary goals of the Education Committee.




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## EXHIBITS ARE A CHALLENGE THIS YEAR!

By John van Lonkhuyzen

So exactly what kind of a boat did you say a COVID-19 is. We are all learning to cope with significant changes in our lives because of this virus and the Exhibits Committee is no exception.

Nancy Black, Nancy Harwood, Ann Rowe, Martha Cummings and Evan Liotta as well as myself have worked since shutdown last year to come up with another interesting and insightful exhibit. Nancy & Nancy have done exceptional historical research into waterski manufacturing in the Lakes Region, Nickerson Boatworks in Ossipee and Goodhue & Hawkins Navy Yard. The committee even took a field trip to the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath, Maine, in February to look at creative presentation, use of technology, and weaving the historical story into exhibits. Arranged by Martha in advance, the Committee was able to go "behind the scenes" to see how the museum's holdings are stored, maintained and prepared for display.

Then along came the Novel Coronavirus, COVID-19. Were we



on it. It will remain in place for next year.

What this virus has challenged us to do is to re-imagine how exhibits are presented at the New Hampshire Boat Museum, from conception through display. For example, in the Family Activity Center will we be able to have hands-on activities. The flow of traffic through the Museum and maintaining social distancing takes rethinking. The Lecture Series for this year will not happen, but is there a

way to incorporate technology for next year? Can we do video walk-throughs of the exhibits with in-depth comments by exhibit experts?

Yes, exhibits are a challenge! But out of this, the Museum's offerings may emerge stronger, more interesting and more diverse. With the leadership of our executive director and the enthusiasm and creativity of our volunteers we are becoming a better Museum.

going to open this year. If so when. How can we plan and prepare an exhibit incorporating appropriate State and Federal guidelines.

As this edition of the *Boathouse News* goes to press, we know. We will have an exhibit this year, if the Museum is able to open, entitled "Locally Produced". It will feature some incredible boats such as the *Regina* that you have read about in past issues of the *Boathouse News*. The exhibit will be evolving over the summer as we are able to work



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## 2020 SPRING APPEAL

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Dear Friend,

We've turned the water back on at the New Hampshire Boat Museum's building, which normally signals the start of a busy pre-season with teams of volunteers working inside and out in preparation for a busy summer.

This spring, however, has been quite different due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Though our staff and volunteers are working remotely behind the scenes, creating educational, inspirational and fun content that we can share online, we know this year will not resemble any previous season.

While our hope is that we can welcome you back to all the Museum offers this summer, we are preparing for a prolonged period of social distancing and more stringent requirements for our events, programs and exhibition hall. We in fact have already had to cancel our Ice Out event which is a substantial and critical fundraiser.

We are working lean and have already taken steps to reduce expenses, but **we have a budget gap of \$35,000. Can you help fill this gap?** We have received Federal government help in the short term but very much need your assistance to help cover operating costs going forward in order to keep NHBM out of rough waters.

**We are so thankful for your continuing support and that you and your family are staying safe and healthy.** We look forward to welcoming you back to NHBM as soon as we're safely able to do so at some point this summer. Be well and thank you for your consideration.

In gratitude,



Martha Cummings  
*Executive Director*



Jaime Laurent  
*Board Co-Chair*



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## DILEMMA SOLVED – THE 2020 BOATHOUSE TOUR, REIMAGINED

By Kristin Isley

About a month ago, the Boathouse Tour team saw how many organizations, towns and social groups were postponing and even cancelling events for the foreseeable future due to COVID-19 and related social regulations. We realized that we could not wait until a particular date to decide what to do about the 2020 Boathouse Tour. We had quite a lot to consider:

**QUESTION:** How could we fill a dozen antique and classic boats with about six guests each and have the captains take them on a tour of interesting boathouses and still observe current social distancing guidelines?

**QUESTION:** How could we fill about half a dozen antique and classic cars with three or so guests each and have the car owners drive them around to these locations while keeping everyone six feet apart?

**QUESTION:** How could we expect guests who drive their own cars to take the tour and yet not get closer than six feet to anyone outside the car while walking the boathouse properties?

**QUESTION:** How could we expect boathouse owners to participate in our tour at this time, when we cannot know

when current social restrictions and guidelines will be lifted, or who would be touring their properties?

**ANSWER:** We couldn't. But we decided that we must, somehow, hold this event!

And so the team that plans and manages the Museum's Annual Boathouse Tour reimagined how to implement the tour – one that not only is a true exemplar of the Museum's Mission, but also an important fundraiser.

We have decided to do what so many other organizations are doing, and we will present the 2020 Boathouse Tour online. At this time, much of the necessary work is the same, and so the team is soliciting boathouse owners for their participation. The good news, however, is that we won't be constrained by locations, distance from a launch point, or navigability – either by water or by land. In other words, we'll be able to show you boathouses you would not be able to see on a live tour! We expect to show our virtual guests about the same number of boathouses we have on tours in the past, and to include as well profiles of an antique boat and car or two.

Right now we ask for your patience as we work out the online logistics of putting this event on in a totally new way. We'll be working with videographers and drones to produce the visual experience, along with narration for each location and for the boat and car profiles. Our goal is to provide our virtual guests a similar variety of interesting architecture, history and personal stories that havemade each Tour so appealing for the past thirteen years.



The payment portal will allow participation in the tour, and the team is working on a reasonable price point; proceeds from this event have been a major contributor to the Museum's operating budget.

We understand that the actual experience of the boat ride and the car ride will be missing, but the Museum hopes in the future to again put on events that provide these exciting opportunities. For now though, stay tuned for details as we develop a totally reimagined Boathouse Tour that addresses the safety of everyone involved – all volunteers, all property owners, and all guests who support this great event.





## SMILE!

By Photographer Larry Houle

The day I've waited for has arrived. No. It's not my birthday, rather it's the day of the NHBM's August Boathouse Tour (BHT) on the Big Lake! My excitement is heightened by the bright sunshine and relatively quiet wind, both of which will make photographing the event extra special.

Camera gear, including a backup camera, is cleaned, checked and ready to go. Routes and locations for pictures are identified. Armed with knowledge of the history and background of the boathouses, plus their unique features and surroundings, I set out for the launch location. I capture people's excitement as they check in, identify their historic boat, meet their driver and head out for their adventure.



After the last boat launches, I drive to the boathouses to photograph the people arriving, touring, meeting the volunteers and in some cases the owners. Photographing people seeing the boathouse and learning about its unique features as well as capturing the volunteers guiding, explaining and answering questions

is challenging and fun. I select the best locations with good light, take an interesting angle, double check camera settings and wait for the smiles!!

On the way from boathouse to boathouse, I plan to intercept the antique cars touring people around. A couple, smiling and enjoying themselves in the rumble seat, show the fun they are having. After lunch, the morning's process is repeated for a second group of BHT adventurers.

With camera batteries almost depleted and memory cards packed, I head home. It's been a great day; I feel very fortunate to be able to photograph people enjoying the BHT on "The Smile of the Great Spirit"!

## WOODEN BOAT GRADUATE SCHOOL

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*The Wooden Boat School is closed this summer 2020 but scheduling for the 2021 Wooden Boat Graduate School.*



## Views from the Facilities / Site Planning Committee

By Bob Sterndale, Committee Chair

The Museum's Facilities Committee has been beaver away quietly while keeping a low profile. Quiet beavers include: Bob Sterndale, Chair, Joe DeChiaro, Doug and Sharon Smith, John Robinson, and Martha Cummings.

The Committee is putting together a roadmap for the journey from here to a new museum on the Back Bay site. We want to be ready to hit the road quickly when the pervasive pandemic fizzles, and the funds are available to make this happen.

When we are not thinking about the new museum, we find lots to do around our existing facilities. At our once or twice monthly meetings, we review a loooooong list of items (~50 at a recent meeting) that need attention. Some items are small: change a lightbulb. Some are not so small: a roof leak at the storage barn! And everything in between. Committee members handle many items directly. Our volunteers take care of many more. Some items require skilled service, so we hire a pro.

We believe we are actually making the Museum better, not just maintaining

status quo. But as fast as we clear items from our To-Do list others seem to pop up, in part due to the attentive eye of the director. With Martha's talent for growing the list we could use all the help we can get to keep her happy. So how good are you with a rake? A paint brush? Maybe a little light carpentry?

Do you know the difference between a Philips head or flathead screwdriver? Good. We have a job for you. Contact the Museum office to find your list item today. Help us cross off more of those items at our monthly meetings!



## Tradition to *TRANSFORMATIVE*

By Jaime Laurent, Board of Trustees Co-Chair

My favorite event of the year is the "Opening Summer Social". It is the first event that welcomes the new 2020 season for the New Hampshire Boat Museum. Your smiles, energy, and joy of connecting with friends, in an atmosphere of fresh and inspiring exhibits, cannot help but stir our shared passions in providing family learning experiences. They enhance our community through our collective collaboration, membership, and volunteerism.

This "Pandemic Pause" in our normal routine has caused the Board of Trustees to pivot our strategies and focus on innovations that will continue to provide access to all that we value. Our anticipated increased membership, new exhibits, exciting business partnerships, creative programming, and hands on opportunities will



continue this summer and reinforce all that we have come to trust and expect of the New Hampshire Boat Museum.

Your continued belief in our organization invigorates our drive to become more committed to deliver those activities and events that have become not only our tradition but are transforming ideas into effective and engaging opportunities and operations.

Whether we are standing on the shoreline or we are sailing on the waters blue, we are together. We can catch a wave, catch a fish, catch the sunset, or catch a glimpse of nature that takes our breath away. From tying a bowline, to paddling a kayak, to tacking a sailboat, to building and launching a boat of our own, we are a dedicated crew in the effort to build knowledge and

confidence in our members and visitors to the Museum this season.

We believe, we will continue to share New Hampshire's boating lifestyle and culture, grow important hands on skills for youth and families, and share the progress and events from the past and the present that will make a difference in someone's life in the future.

## A Trip to Maine Maritime Museum

By Nancy Harwood

On the 26th of February, a group from NHBM were guests of the Maine Maritime Museum in Bath. The field trip was both fun and informative, with participants representing NHBM Board members, staff, and volunteers ranging from events to exhibit and finance committees. The group was welcomed by Maritime Museum staff and treated to a day of learning about different aspects of museum operations. It was filled with inspiration for the coming season and our move forward to year-round operation.

First stop was the spacious, climate-controlled collection storage floor, a great source of ideas for housing NHBM collections in our future Back Bay home. Next, a tour of the museum's current and permanent exhibits on the main floor gave an opportunity to see a variety of designs and new ways of integrating technology within displays. The group was shown the extensive historical archives and book collection in the library and made a last stop to explore the offerings in the gift shop.

Over coffee in the conference room, Director Amy Lent and Kelly Page, Collections and Library Services Manager, fielded the group's questions



Left to Right: Ann Rowe, Kerry Lynch, Martha Cummings, Doug Smith, Sharon Smith, Bob Sterndale, Evan Liotta, Nancy Harwood (article author), Jeannie Lewis, Jaime Laurent

on topics such as financial planning for future exhibits and programs, maintenance of buildings and grounds, fundraising, and other revenue generators. Like our *Millie B*, Maine Maritime offers cruises and also has a waterfront dining space which can be rented as a public venue. Other topics included membership involvement, communicating with volunteers, and recognizing donors. Maine Maritime is open year-round, and neighborhood and community

relations were discussed as well as opportunities, in areas like programs for schools, which will expand for us as we reach toward that goal for NHBM.

The Maine Maritime Museum and its welcoming staff offered engaging visions of what is possible as we work to expand NHBM's offerings not only this summer but into the future in our new waterfront home.



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## ZOOMING FORWARD

By Ann Rowe, Exhibits Committee Volunteer

Here is an excerpt from an email on Monday, May 11, 2020, from Bob Sterndale, trustee and boat restoration volunteer, to the volunteers of the NHBM Restoration Crew:

“Dear Virus Avoiders,

As is now the norm, there will be no restoration boat shop session this Monday.

No sanding, no staining, no varnishing, no fitting of new (or old) boards; no disassembly, reassembly, or cleaning; no moving of boats, no painting or polishing. No coffee will be drunk, no Munchkins eaten.

No tall tales will be told. The world’s problems will go unresolved for another week.

And most importantly: no viruses will be exchanged.”

For the New Hampshire Boat Museum and the world, the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic has changed most of the operations of the Museum. Suddenly! While in the midst of speeding along with committee meetings; fundraising; special showings; auction; exhibits; scheduling special events; restorations; and moving the winter office from Clark Plaza back into the NHBM on Center Street, everything stopped. For a moment.



Then as safety precautions were created, the surge forward to the summer season and beyond restarted! As staff and volunteers have cautiously emerged with masks, attention to eyes, glasses, hat, hair, beard, and voice has been intensified, to identify to whom we are talking or listening! We need to talk a little louder to be heard through the muffle of the mask, but are grateful for the protection it affords us.

The word Zoom, more commonly remembered by many of us from the New England area as a children’s entertainment series in the 1990’s-2005, has now taken on a whole new meaning! Zoom is a video conferencing

platform and is now the lifeboat to keep families, friends, and businesses afloat in this time of social distancing. The NHBM has hopped aboard this Zoom platform to continue committee meetings while staff and volunteers can remain socially isolated. What a great life saver device to “keep us afloat”!

To develop the Museum exhibits for the 2020 season, volunteers will move around the Museum floor performing the newly-choreographed Museum Shuffle, configuring the layout, while masked and maintaining a 6+ foot distance.

Thanks to Bob’s levity and emails for keeping up the morale of the Restoration Crew’s in this time of social isolation:

“...there are painting and fixit chores at the museum that you can work on without violating social distancing! These exciting opportunities may not last. Contact me for your assignment today!”

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## Loss of a New Hampshire Boat Museum Founder

On May 6, 2020, Donald Minor of Gilford passed away from Alzheimers Disease. Don was one of the founders of and a longtime Friend of the Museum. Don was quite a conversationalist and great fun at our Friends' Receptions. He particularly enjoyed the subject of boats and boating.

As Chair of the Alton Bay Boat Show Don presided over it for many years and was a grand presenter



of awards. Years ago, he wrote a history of this event for an issue of the *Boathouse News* where he recalled a particularly special show - the year it poured rained. He was the only attendee, but dutifully sat in his truck for several hours, just in case someone might arrive.

Don will be missed. The Museum sends its sympathy to his wife, Judy (a volunteer at the Alton Bay Boat Show) and their family.

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## RETIRING TRUSTEE

By Steve Farley

**News Flash...**growing your hair to improve one's comb-over during the "no barber" quarantine, doesn't work. You may get a pony tail out of the effort but guarantee you will look like a ridiculous aging hippie even if you do grow a beard and buy a tie-dye shirt to round out the new look.

So to answer Jeannie's question as to what I have been doing besides growing my hair during the quarantine...whatever Betsy tells me to do.

There is not a leaf to be found on the Farley lawn; trees have been replanted (sometimes 2 feet from the original place, but I don't question), decks sanded and primed for staining, wood stacked, chairs painted, garages rearranged, furniture moved ("let's move the couch over there this time") and so on. Thank goodness for Advil.

To get out of the house, I did accompany my wife to the supermarket, but she vetoed any future trips since I violated all kinds of new shopping protocols and norms. The worst was yours truly missing the one-way sign and going into an aisle the wrong way. The dagger eyes and four-letter grumbings from other shoppers were downright scary.



But I have also discovered how truly blessed I am to have such wonderful children (Alex and Cassie are quarantining here with us), how truly beautiful NH really is as we have hiked all over the state and finally how lucky I am to be married to my lovely bride.

As to my thoughts on leaving the NHBM Board....

I have worked with and on many charity and corporate boards, and I can honestly say the NHBM Board is the hardest working, the most dedicated group of members I have ever had the privilege of being associated. Their passion, energy and work ethic are truly amazing. Whether it is spring cleaning the Museum, volunteering countless hours for the auction/boathouse tour/dinners/fundraising or whatever is needed, the Board always rises to the occasion.

But most importantly, I got to know a wonderful group of people. I remember my first volunteer effort, sanding the Millie B and getting her ready for the summer. Despite my New Jersey accent and obvious lack of mechanical abilities, I was warmly greeted, patiently taught how best to stain a wooden boat, kindly asked to get out the way as we moved the boat and in the end I had a feeling of belonging to something important. That feeling steadily grew as I realized how important the Boat Museum is to our community.

I am proud to have been a Board Member of the NHBM. \

Steve Farley

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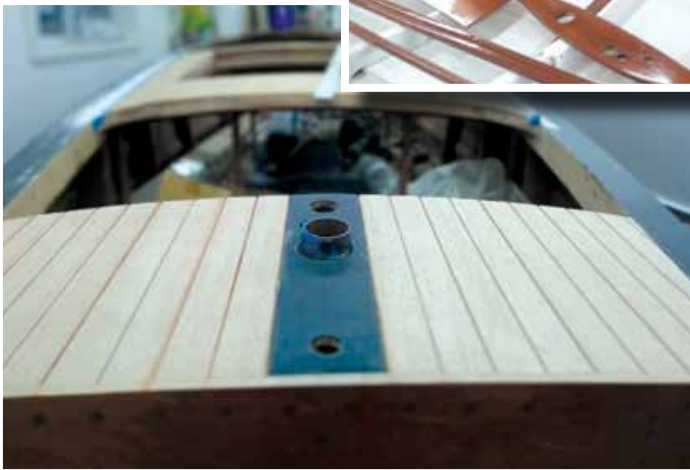
By Bob Sterndale

The Pandemic has arrived at the Boat Shop. The coffee pot is cold; the sanders are silent and the sawdust has long since settled on the two boats in the shop.

The 1936 Chris Craft Utility model was moving along nicely with most of its new decking in place and preparation for finishing well under way.

The Chris Craft kit boat hull (that's right, CC once sold DIY kits) is painted inside and out.

The mahogany trim pieces were partly refinished when work came to a halt. Zeke Bly repaired a broken trim piece in his shop, and Struan Robertson (right) has continued refinishing work on



those at home. It's going to look nice when we put it back together!

Our early 1960's Johnson outboard model TN27 has been stripped and cleaned and is about ready to repaint. Frank DeMore took the gas tank home to work on making it pretty once again. It needed a bit of Bondo for its many dings and dents before it gets fresh paint. Frank lives by himself. Apparently inspired by Tom Hanks' character in the movie *Castaway*, Frank has named his tank

"Hank" and regaled the shop crew with tales of Tank Hank's adventures at Frank's home isolation "island". We are optimistic that Frank (and his anthropomorphized<sup>1</sup> buddy Hank) will return to the real world once the contagion has passed.

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<sup>1</sup> We hope we have impressed you with the use of this 6-syllable word. The boat shop crew is obviously a very intellectual group.

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## To Be or Not To Be.... *The Vintage Boat and Car Auction*

By Betsy Farley Auction Co-Chair

Like so many businesses, the New Hampshire Boat Museum is facing a very tough summer. Already we have had to cancel two major events and a lot of really great programs. The financial loss to the Museum for 2020 will be significant.

For more than 20 years the annual Vintage Boat and Car Auction has been a very important part of the Museum's fundraising. The thought of cancelling this event weighs heavily on all our minds. However, being the geniuses that we are, we have a plan!

**YES, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE  
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### Here are the details:

The NHBM.org website will begin listing auction items in late June. In addition, we will provide all the information you will need to donate or consign an auction item, register to bid and simple steps on how to use the on-line bidding site.

We will have two days of Previews on the Museum property, July 16 and 17. Boats and cars will be displayed

and available for inspection. Social Distancing will be put into practice.

On Saturday, July 18 at 10:00 AM, the Vintage Boat and Car Auction will begin on-line, in your living room, beside the lake or on top of a mountain.

We are sad that circumstances have led us in this direction, but truly excited about what an on-line presence will add to our fundraising in the future. Sometimes you need a kick in the pants to move forward. Genius!

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## COMMUNITY SAILING

By: Jim Farina, Community Sailing Program, Chair  
Kerry Lynch, Community Sailing Program, Vice-Chair

**Ahoy mates!** Typically, at this time of year NHBM's Sailing Committee would be feverishly preparing the fleet for the Community Sailing Programs NHBM runs during the summer in collaboration with Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation. The preseason commissioning of the sailing fleet (Sunfishes, Optimists, safety motorboats, J/24, Ensign) requires the team to work in close proximity of each other at NHBM's Boat Shop. Needless to say, in order to protect the health of the team, due to the coronavirus pandemic we have not been able to work on the sailboats.

However, that does not mean the Sailing Committee has been at a standstill this spring. In concert with Wolfeboro Parks & Recreation, we have been developing options for operating some of our programs this year, given continuing pandemic health protection requirements, including social distancing. Rest assured that we will adhere to NH state and federal guidelines which will require patience and flexibility on everyone's part.

We have also been busy upgrading our large keelboat fleet. At the end of the 2019 sailing season we made



a decision to sell the J/24 and replace it with a less technical, more cruising friendly sailboat with a larger cockpit. We had been keeping our eyes peeled for a replacement boat, such as a J/22



or Sonar. During that time we got a super generous offer from a former Sailboat Share Program participant! They wanted to donate their 2017 Colgate 26 (Wind Chaser) to NHBM's sailing program, which the Board of Trustees approved.

The Colgate 26 is a 26-foot, modern design sailboat that is a quick and stable performance keelboat, with well-thought-out safety and ergonomic features that make it not only fun to sail, but comfortable and very safe in any wind and sea conditions. This sailboat has positive foam flotation, rendering it unsinkable according to the manufacturer. The Colgate 26 transom is only a few inches above water, providing much easier boarding from our dinghy. This boat will undoubtedly enhance our keelboat classes and our Sailboat Sharing and Cruising programs.

If you are a sailing enthusiast, or would like to become one, and would like to help with the various aspects involved in running the sailing programs, let Jim or Kerry know. We have a great committee and an incredible group of volunteers – many local adults plus a dedicated group from Kingswood Regional High School – who we depend on to make the programs a success. We'd love to have you join us!

Your Sailing Committee: Jim Farina, Kerry Lynch, Bruce Brown, Joe DeChiaro, Dave Shannon, Keith Simpson

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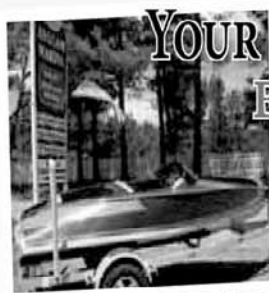


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## WON'T YOU JOIN US?

By Bob Conrad

As a reader of *The Boathouse News*, you are already part of the extended community of The New Hampshire Boat Museum. If you are not already a member of the NHBM would you consider joining us now?

Throughout the year there are NHBM events that have become traditions such as Ice Out, the Antique Boat & Car Auction, the Boathouse Tour and the Vintage Race Boat Regatta which are fun for all. Who doesn't like to take a ride on the *Millie B* from the town docks in Wolfeboro to get out on the water and experience what an "old" wooden boat feels, smells and sounds like. There are many programs to engage young and old in community experiences. The Community Sailing Program offered in conjunction with the Town of Wolfeboro, Adult Sailboat Sharing, Boat Building,

Boat Restoration, Model Yachting, Children's Story Hour, and Lake Discovery Day Camp. Each event, experience, or program connects us with our heritage of boating in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire.

One of the easiest things you can do to connect with this boating heritage mission is to become a member of the New Hampshire Boating Museum. This spring we conducted a survey of everyone in the Museum contact database. Perhaps you received the survey and were one of the respondents (thank you if you did). The number one reason given (two-thirds) as to why people decided to become a member, was to simply support the Museum. That sentiment is a resounding affirmation of the Museum's place and contribution to the community.

Becoming a member of the NHBM is easy to do on-line. Go to NHBM.org, click on "Support" and then "Membership". You'll find levels from for everyone, starting at \$30. Benefits include free admission to the Museum, subscription to the *Boathouse News*, discounts at the Museum Store (on-line and at the Museum), discounts to some Museum events, and at the higher levels free admission passes for your guests. COVID-19 has disrupted everyone's lives in ways that are big and small. Traditional fund raising events for the Museum have had to be postponed, cancelled or reimaged in the interest of everyone's safety. So now more than ever, membership is an important part of support for the Museum. Please join us in supporting the Museum by becoming a member.

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Membership and donations listed are the only ones we have received by May 10, 2020, since the last newsletter.

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## Going Virtual, Refreshing NHBM.org's Homepage

Martha Cummings & Yvonne Lauziere

Overnight our country went from face-to-face business and teaching, to nearly completely remote and online. We found ourselves in the same situation at the Museum. Fortunately, we were in good shape for working remotely, as we had already taken several steps to upgrade key software programs making that transition to work from home possible. On our list of technology upgrades was to update the home page of our website NHBM.org in order to have more customization capabilities. With this new way of working and communicating, this project has suddenly leapt to the top of the list!

Overall, our website is dynamic, colorful, and user friendly due to a complete renovation a few years ago. With the pressing need to transform from in-person New Hampshire Boat Museum experiences to virtual experiences for the 2020 season, we must do an evolutionary home page redesign to accommodate a more efficient way of communicating.


There are two parts to the redesign of our home page, mechanics and aesthetics. Currently, the home page of our website is hard-coded, which means we have less flexibility in the amount of news we can push to it. Our goal in upgrading the mechanics is to provide a user experience that showcases all the Museum has to offer, efficiently and invitingly, while assuring that all our offerings are current and timely. We will be accomplishing this by creating a home page structure that can be updated easily, in-house, so no hard-coding. A calendar of events will be added directly to the home page that will automatically populate

so that the most current offerings are front and center. We will also be adding more image areas that will link back to other sections of the website, as well as areas for current news or announcements and video.

When a user visits our website we want to convey the beauty of the region and the excitement we all feel about the Museum in a single glance, without overwhelming the audience or having the site look too confusing. This is where aesthetics come in to play. We will move away from using a top-heavy approach, to a more modern, refined approach. One important part of this transition is developing a distinct color palette for the New Hampshire Boat Museum brand, which we are applying

to the site. Color is one of the most noticeable, tangible components of a brand. It plays a large role in how a brand is perceived, it helps with recognizability and memorability, and it has the potential to attract loyal customers and social media followers. We are moving away from the jewel colors of blue, red, and yellow, to a more modern palette of greens, blues, and light neutrals which we feel better reflects our environment, and has started to appear in some of our more recent marketing pieces.

We are excited about this project and look forward to being able to share the finished product with you.



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## Model Sailing: Small Steps Toward the New Normal

by Mark Whitehead

We hope to take the first small steps toward some resemblance of normal. The governor has extended the “stay at home order” to June 15. The dock was installed Monday, June 1, as planned but Soling sailing will not begin until Tuesday, June 16, weather permitting and with restrictions. Wednesdays will be used as a flex or rain day and the US12s should start on Thursday, June 18. Lily Pond in Gilford will be activated on Sundays at 9 a.m. offering a venue to sail whatever you bring, with no spectators.

### Sailing Guidelines

We will be working hard to keep everyone safe. Our skippers will be required to wear face masks and to stay six feet away from each other, guests will be asked to do the same. The number of boats will be limited to no more than ten in the water at any given time. Skippers will be asked to register by 6:00 p.m. Monday, and if we get too many, we'll shift some to our Wednesday flex day. At least until mid-July we will not keep score as

we issue only bragging rights — and, boy, are we good at that!!

Bring your camera for the show but also bring and wear a face mask. Sailing always begins at 1:00 p.m. on Back Bay at the Lehner Street/Glendon Street municipal parking area.

*Please enjoy Back Bay Skippers sailing as seen on the New Hampshire Chronicle video:*

<https://www.nhbm.org/model-yachting-news/2015-back-bay-skippers-video/>



## TRADING DOCK...

*Due to space considerations on this page, please go to website for complete descriptions and pictures.*

**Trading Dock guidelines have been established for the convenience of our membership.**

*Trading dock ads will also be posted on the Museum website.*

**To place ads for the Boathouse News or the website - email: [museum@nhbm.org](mailto:museum@nhbm.org) or call 603-569-4554**

### Trading Dock Guidelines

1. The Trading dock is available at no charge to current members.
2. Ads for boats and marine related items are accepted in the order received. Based on space available.
3. Ads will be deleted after 4 issues. # at end of each ad indicates number of issues in which ad has appeared.
4. Ads are limited to 50 words, not including contact information
5. Limit is 5 items per issue
6. Museum is not responsible for typos or other misinformation
7. **Seller is responsible for contacting the Museum when items are sold**

**1934 Hutchinson 28' triple cockpit runabout** - Believed to be one of only seven Hacker-Craft designed Hutchinsons ever built! SAMS surveyed with sea trials last completed in 2019. Chrysler marine 318ci V8 engine, recently rebuilt and resealed, top speed of 42mph. The main cockpit has a triple windshield. All of the three cockpits are finished in green vinyl with wood floors. Upgraded no-soak bottom! Contact Jon Faust 314-993-1330 #3

**1947 Original Pacific One Design Runabout**, 13' single step hydroplane, original Ford V-8 60, 136 CID 60 HP engine, 90% original wood, hull refinished and engine rebuilt in 2001/2002, red leather upholstery,

first place in class at Winnepesaukee Vintage Raceboat Regatta (2003), contact Vince Bober, 603-285-2529. #4

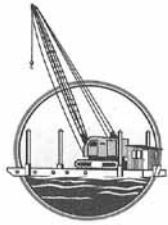
**1954 17' Chris Craft Custom Sportsman-Hull** Number CC-17-398, Custom Sportsman utility boat with mahogany paneled interior. Nice condition boat that is mostly original with period correct 6-cylinder Model K (95 HP) engine. Boat runs good and has been used (fresh water only) most summers since purchased in 2003. Boat is stored inside during off season. Sale includes life preserver seat cushions, mooring cover and 2004 EZ Loader single axle trailer. Contact: Bill Jacobsmeier 603-740-8555 #1 **1956**

**Penn Yan Swift CZT (12ft)** w/trailer \$ 3,550.00 Beautifully restored by Owl Brook Boat Works, Inc. in 1995. Depicted in Peter Ferber's 2001 Antique & Classic Boat Show Poster. Always stored indoors and covered. Only used in fresh water. Repair in the forward hull, part of the 1995 restoration. The hull has a perfect smooth finish and you cannot tell there has been a repair from the outside. Contact: Victor Petryshen 412-706-1801 #2

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