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Back Bay Skippers Model Yacht Club Delights Locals and Visitors

Wolfeboro, NH—June 29, 2021—Since 2008, the New Hampshire Boat Museum’s Back Bay Skippers Model Yacht Club has delighted onlookers with races that feature radio-controlled model yachts on Wolfeboro’s Back Bay.

“Model yachting is a great way for individuals and families to enjoy the water,” said Martha Cummings, executive director of the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM), which helped form the group. “It is a fun, technical and engineering challenge to construct the boats, and they maneuver them with precision via radio controls.”

In addition to racing one another, NHBM Back Bay Skippers has taught model sail kit building classes to students and adults as part of NHBM’s STEM curriculum.

“It is low impact and environmentally friendly way to enjoy New Hampshire’s small lakes and ponds and provides a wonderful social network for the participants,” added Cummings.

Recently, the NHBM Back Bay Skippers hosted an annual Sasquatch Footy Regatta at Back Bay in Wolfeboro after a yearlong hiatus. The Sasquatch Footy Regatta is part of the Nor’easter Footy Series that consists of several other regattas in the New England Area.

“The event here in Wolfeboro was terrific with a great turnout,” said Cummings.

The Sasquatch Footy Regatta also attracted individuals from American Model Yachting Association, (AMYA), which sanctions the Nor’easter Footy Series.

"The national Footy Secretary Brian Mau made the trek from Buffalo, New York, a nine-hour trip," explained Cummings, who said he unfortunately could not compete. "His boat did not cooperate, but he admitted to being a guy who saw the glass half full, so he made the most of a beautiful day with its accompanying camaraderie."

To learn more about model yachting, visit nhbm.org, or view model yachts in action on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 1 to 4 p.m., at Bridge Falls Walking Path in downtown Wolfeboro.

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. NHBM is sponsored this year in part by Goodhue Boat Company,

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