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Olympian Hilary Gehman to speak at NHBM's Free Online Lecture Series

Wolfeboro, NH--August 17, 2021--When people think 'boats' in New Hampshire, the New Hampshire Boat Museum (NHBM) is apt to come to mind, an association staff hopes is the beginning of many 'connections.'

"We are more than just boats," said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings, who cited their current 2021 Lecture & Arts Series as one example.

"Our free virtual lectures explore rowing and crew from multiple perspectives, which is important because it is often viewed as a sport reserved only for white men," she said. "Our lectures, though, look at rowing through the eyes of those we might not immediately associate with the sport."

NHBM's next lecture will feature Wolfeboro, New Hampshire native Hilary Gehman, two-time Olympian (2000 & 2004) and six-time National Team member. She is currently a Counseling Associate at Sparks Rowing working with Olympic-level rowers.

"She spent 15 years coaching at the collegiate level and most recently served as the head coach of women's rowing at Cornell University," said Cummings. "At the lecture, she will share her story about the aspirations and challenges she faced as a women competing in a predominately male sport."

NHBM's lectures also reflect its main exhibit, "Who's In The Boat?" which explores, among other things, New Hampshire's relationship with competitive and recreational rowing.

"Rowing dates back to 1852 in Center Harbor, New Hampshire where the first intercollegiate competition of any kind took place between Harvard and Yale," said Cummings.

In looking ahead at the rest of the season, which runs through September, Cummings noted several remaining highlights, including the Vintage Race Boat Regatta.

"This is a wonderful event that only happens once every two years," she said. "There is still plenty to do here at NHBM this season."

Founded in 1992 by vintage boating enthusiasts, NHBM is sponsored in part by Goodhue Boat Company, Eastern Propane & Oil, Meredith Village Savings Bank, FL Putnam, Stark Creative, and Bank of New Hampshire and NH Humanities.

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