



A flotilla begins to take shape Wednesday morning in Clayton for a trip by Antique and Classic Boat Society members to Boldt Castle. Photo by Holly Weber

Boats

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been held on the St. Lawrence River.

On Wednesday morning, under a cobalt blue sky and steps away from a pancake-flat St. Lawrence River, participants gathered on the lawn in back of the Antique Boat Museum before a 9:15 captains meeting, where officials explained the day’s excursion to Alexandria Bay and a tour of Boldt Castle. A flotilla of classic boats, categorized into batches depending on speed, began gathering shortly after 10.

The attendance at the annual gathering has been impressive, said Rebecca Hopfinger, Executive Director of the Antique Boat Museum, as she looked upon the

captains meeting.

“The ACBS has been able to attract, on average, 400 to 500 of their members to this annual meeting,” she said. “This is no exception, and maybe an exception that this is a few more. It’s been a great turnout for the 50th anniversary.

Hopfinger noticed that the ACBS gathering includes contingents from France and Northern Europe.

“It’s been a great opportunity to showcase the beautiful Thousand Islands, and of course, the museum and the collection that we have,” she said. “People are really enjoying the experience.”

Nalle and Johnstone are staying at the 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel.

“We see people at these shows from other states that we only see at the shows,” Johnstone said. “We have a lot

of friends here.”

“This is a very quaint place,” Nalle said. “We went to a cute little Italian place last night.”

“And we watched the sunset. It was great,” Johnstone said.

As his interviewer was departing, Nalle said that he wanted to add something. “A quote that you need to put in the paper is, ‘The only thing on an old boat that works is the owner.’ Somebody told me that years ago, and it’s the Gospel truth. If you like them and love them, you pay for it. That’s all there is to it.”

William Ballard III, from Marquette, Michigan, has been to three ACBS annual shows. This trip is his first to the Thousand Islands area. “It’s amazing,” he said of the area.

His first ACBS show he attended was in 2000, in Michigan. There was a 24-year gap before he attended his next one – the 2024 show held at Gull Lake in Lake Shore, Minnesota. “I hope not to miss another one,” he said.

Ballard is attending the show, which concludes Saturday, with his father, William Ballard Jr. They brought a 1954 Century Restorer, a mahogany-planked wooden runabout known for its open-hull design and speeds up to 42 MPH.

Forty-seven years ago, James Hartman left the Thousand Islands area and where he had vessel-related jobs at Boldt Castle, Bonnie Castle and Dark Island, to work for Hatteras Yachts in New Bern, North Carolina. He returns at least once a year to the St. Lawrence River area, especially to attend the annual boat show

at the Antique Boat Museum.

Hartman brought his 20-foot Chris Craft Continental, a model built primarily from 1956 to 1961. “I bought it five years ago from a guy in Syracuse who kept it on Oneida Lake,” Hartman said. “I’ve been going to all the shows and having a good time with it.”

Hartman traveled here with Alice and James Dean, who live near him in North Carolina. The Deans have been to previous shows here.

“The water is so beautiful,” James said. “And you have the ships going by and the islands.”

“The gods have been with us for the weather, that’s for sure,” Hartman said.

He added that all together, there’s nearly a dozen ACBS members from North Carolina at the show.

“I like the people more than anything,” Alice said. “That’s my thing. I’m with a group and we’re staying at Wellesley Island. The boats are great, but it’s the people more than anything.”

PUBLIC DAYS

Friday and Saturday will be the public parts of the show, with the ACBS International Boat Show at the Antique Boat Museum, 750 Mary St. The museum will be open to the public on Friday and Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., both days, free of charge. The show’s class awards presentation is at 11 a.m. Saturday.

BRIEFLY

Brasher Falls teen cited with DWI after crash

HOPKINTON — State police charged a 17-year-old female from Brasher Falls with second-degree vehicular assault, operating a motor vehicle while impaired which caused an injury and driving while intoxicated following a crash Sunday on Lake Ozonia Road in the town of Hopkinton.

Troopers responded to a report of a Dodge Ram hitting a tree on Lake Ozonia Road at 3:07 a.m. and an investigation found that the Ram was being operated by a 17-year-old driver, whose name was not released, when she lost control of the truck around a curve, exited the roadway and struck a tree.

Two passengers in the truck — a 16-year-old male from St. Regis Falls and a 17-year-old female from Nicholville — suffered unspecified injuries and were taken to Canton-Potsdam Hospital for treatment. They were later released, according to troopers.

Troopers state that the driver, who had minor injuries and did not require medical attention, failed field sobriety tests and was charged.

She was released on a St. Lawrence County Court Youth Part summons for later this month.



The Antique and Classic Boat Society show also includes human-powered vessels, such as this “courting canoe” owned and restored by Bo and Kathy Muller of Sunapee, New Hampshire. An info sheet at the display noted: “In Boston and Detroit, young couples flocked to the Charles River and Belle Isle, rented canoes outfitted with pillows, picnic baskets and Victrolas and enjoyed lazy afternoons on the water — a pastime known as “canoodling.” Chris Brock/Watertown Daily Times

ADK Bark in the Park returns to Tupper Lake

Sunday’s fundraiser for Tri-Lakes Humane Society takes on extra significance amid facilities construction

Adirondack Daily Enterprise

TUPPER LAKE — The annual ADK Bark in the Park is set to return to the Tupper Lake Waterfront Park from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

The event is one of the Tri-Lakes Humane Society’s biggest fundraisers of the year. In 2024, hundreds of people and their furry friends turned out for an afternoon of pet-friendly attractions, live music, food and community.

This year, there are several new attractions and more vendors. The timing of this growth could not be more critical, according to Shelter



Hattie, a shelter dog, is seen wearing an ADK Bark in the Park alumni bandana. Photo courtesy of Tri-Lakes Humane Society

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