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GUIDE TO THE 53rd ANNUAL ANTIQUE BOAT SHOW & AUCTION AT THE ANTIQUE BOAT MUSEUM

CLAYTON, New York (July 28, 2017) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America’s premier freshwater nautical museum based in Clayton, New York, announced today a complete guide to the longest running Antique Boat Show in North America, to be held Friday, August 4 through Sunday, August 6.

The 53rd edition of the Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction will feature a wide variety of antique and classic boats from near and far with many exhibitors traveling from Canada to participate. In addition, the Marketplace returns with vendors offering an assortment of nautically related products, unique forums will be held, the popular boat auction conducted by Antique Boat America will take place on August 5 at 1 PM and the ABM education department has lined up an assortment of children’s activities throughout the weekend. Plus, live music rocks the Museum campus on Saturday evening with the return of the Retro Block Dance.

Below is a complete guide is below –

SHOW HOURS

Friday, August 4	9 AM – 5 PM
Saturday, August 5	9 AM – 5 PM
Sunday, August 6	9 AM – 1 PM

Note: ABM will remain open to visitors until 5 PM on August 6

ADMISSION RATES

Members	Free
Adult	\$15 (Friday/Saturday); \$14 (Sunday)
Youth (7-17)	\$10 (Friday/Saturday); \$8 (Sunday)
Child (6 & under)	Free
Military w/ ID	Free (Active, retired, veteran)
Military Spouse	\$10 (each day)
Military Youth	\$5 (each day)
Adult 3-Day Pass	\$30
Youth 3-Day Pass	\$20

ADMITTANCE TO THE SHOWS Visitors will be directed to the ABM’s Boat Shop located on the corner of Mary Street and Alexandria Street to purchase admission bracelets or check-in as a member. Admission is required to attend the auction but admission is NOT required to shop the Marketplace.



**SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

Boat auction conducted by Antique Boat America, takes place Saturday, August 5 at 1 PM. Bidder paddles can be obtained in person the day of the auction. Show Admission is required to attend the auction.

Marketplace returns with a significant increase in vendors offering a wide variety of nautical products from used boat parts to boating accessories, jewelry, and art. Admission is not required to shop the Marketplace.

Retro Block Dance on Saturday, August 5 from 8 PM – 10 PM on Mary Street in front of the ABM featuring local favorites The Bad Husband's Club. Free admission to the Block Dance, cash bar.

Forums include Dave Kunz presenting "Wooden Boats of the St. Lawrence," Robert McKay presenting "Great Yachts of Long Island Sound," and Tony Mollica presenting "Highlights of Gar Wood."

Enjoy a beautiful waterfront dinner, catered by The Clipper Inn, on Saturday, August 5 from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. A delicious dinner and the chance to see the boat show without the crowds. Dinner tickets must be purchased in advance; available by calling 686-4104.

The awards ceremony will be held on Sunday, August 6 at 10:30 AM in the ABM Tent.

Boat Show concludes with the Grand Parade presented by Bernier, Carr & Associates led by Clayton Fire Department's *Last Chance* on Sunday, August 6 starting at 12 PM. Parade route passes the ABM campus and the Clayton downtown waterfront.

PARKING

Free shuttle during Boat Show, courtesy of Wood Boat Brewery, available at Guardino Elementary and Lions Field Lot (Webb Street).

Village street parking is permitted, however the ABM asks that you be considerate of our neighbors and avoid blocking sidewalks and driveways.

The ABM Community Lot located on Riverside Drive behind Watertown Savings Bank will be utilized by the Museum and should remain clear of all vehicles and trailers beginning on Thursday, August 2 at 9 PM through Sunday August 6 at 5 PM.



**DOCKING**

Visitors coming to the show by boat may wish to reconsider as dock space is likely to be minimal. If attempting, please know that dock space is on a first come-first serve basis along the French Bay end of the Mary Street Municipal Dock. All boaters will need to check-in through admissions in the Boat Shop before proceeding into the show.

No docking will be permitted on any of the ABM docks for the general public during Boat Show.

BOATER SAFETY

The ABM asks that boaters be courteous and neighborly when cruising near the Museum and keep wakes to a minimum.

SMOKING

Smoking will only be permitted within designated areas on the grounds during Boat Show. No smoking will be allowed on the main campus, within exhibit buildings, or on the docks.

DOGS

Dogs will only be allowed in the Marketplace and street-side areas of the event grounds. No dogs will be permitted into buildings or the interior main campus of the ABM. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dog and keeping them leashed at all times.

NOTES OF INTEREST

The main entrance to the show will be at the ABM Boat Shop on the corner of Alexandria Street and Mary Street. All visitors must obtain wristbands or badges to enter.

Mary Street Closed – the stretch of Mary Street between Alexandria and Theresa Streets, in front of the ABM, will be closed to traffic throughout the show, including overnight hours.

Clayton Public Boat Ramp will remain accessible via Theresa Street throughout the event.

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Enclosures (Photo by Kent O. Smith, Jr.)

About ABM

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, the ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats and thousands of recreational boating artifacts. Each summer the waterfront campus comes alive with numerous educational programs and special events, including the longest running antique boat show in North America. This year the Museum is celebrating its 50th Birthday, having been founded in 1967. For more information, please visit the Museum's website at abm.org.

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