

# Volunteer Voice



## For and about ABM Volunteers

Spring 2012

De Olde Editor's Corner by Dick Ashley

Hello Volunteers! It is time to leave the winter doldrums behind and focus on the spring and summer — with our boats, and with our Antique Boat Museum. I'll be focusing this issue on the exciting events that have been planned for the Museum for 2012, and for which we will once again staff up, as well as some other material which I hope you will find interesting. Oh, as a quick aside, should you ever find this publication dull and uninteresting, there is a solution — I rarely turn down an article or photographs that you, the Volunteers, and the Museum staff and Trustees would like to provide. Handwritten text or photo prints are fine; electronic versions are better (easier for me to use).

As usual, there is an Antique Boat Show and Auction, the 48th such event, with this year's theme being "Celebrating Boats and Boaters." It will be held from 3 to 5 August, and will be spectacular, as usual. It will be quickly followed by the Antique Raceboat Regatta from 17 to 19 August. We'll have to "staff up" for these.

The first "real" event is the Volunteer Breakfast on May 24. We will have the opportunity to say "Hello" to old friends and meet new ones, to learn some of the plans for the year, and have breakfast. Oh, and of course, to sign up to be Volunteers for the various events, activities and needs of the Museum for 2012. The Volunteer Sign-up form will be available at the event, or use the one conveniently included on the last page of this issue and



send it in early.

I have taken a lot of the information in this issue from the Antique Boat Museum web site; check it out for yourselves at [abm.org](http://abm.org). It is very well done and has lots of information.

As you know, Fred Schmitt has left the position of Executive Director of the Museum; at this point, while the search goes on to fill this position, Fritz Hager is filling the spot, as well as Chairing the Antique Boat Show and Auction. We all owe Fritz a thank you for providing the leadership he does for our Museum.

As some of you may not know, the Rivershed has been removed (see page 6). A large event tent has been purchased for the 2012 season, and the Museum's Building & Grounds Committee is working on plans for a permanent replacement building for 2013 and beyond.

Now, on to the rest of the story of our Antique Boat Museum and our opportunities, as Volunteers, to support it and make this a great season.



## 48th Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction

With the excitement and success of last year's show as background, the Boat Show Committee, a mix of Museum and Volunteers, has been working on the plans for the 48th Antique Boat Show and Auction. As we enter into the final months and weeks, much needs to be done to incorporate the

plans into the event. As usual, this is a major venue for Volunteers to be involved. From Dock Hands to Refreshment Stand, from Boat Rides to Security, from Sign-In to a myriad of other activities, we need to be there, as Volunteers, to help.

### Welcome to a New Year for the Antique Boat Museum by Hank Parker, Lead Docent

Excitement fills the air for a great year at the Museum and I, for one, look forward to being a part of the excitement! As Lead Docent, I would like to share with all Docents the three new exhibitions for the 2012 year. The first exhibit is titled "Introduction of the History of Museum." It is my belief that a clear focus will be made in this exhibit as to how much the Antique Boat Museum has grown and prospered over these many years. The second exhibit is titled "Lure of the Thousand Islands." Ask yourself the question "What 'lures' attracted you to the Thousand Islands? The third exhibit is titled "Art Exhibit of Boats." I understand that this venue will present an artists view of boats.

In conclusion, I propose that an orientation be held the last week of May in order to review all the new exhibits. I am looking forward to seeing all at the Volunteer Breakfast on May 24.

Thoughts to consider:

PS: Do more than belong: Participate. Do more than care: Help. Do more than believe: Practice. Do more than be fair: Be Kind. Do more than dream: Work.



Just two weeks after the Antique Boat Show — what can we say but another exciting event for our Museum — the semi-annual Raceboat Regatta . This event, the weekend of August 17-19, will bring these fantastic craft for our viewing pleasure on “the hard” **and** doing their thing on a race course. This is obviously a big draw for the public, and therefore a great opportunity for the Volunteers to perform their service for the Museum. Sign up at the Volunteer Breakfast. A local artist, Rob Hess, generously donated his time and talent by creating the original artwork for the Raceboat Regatta poster.

2012 Calendar of Events

Friday – Sunday, May 4 – 6  
ACBS & ABM Symposium Presents  
“Preservation or Replacement”

Friday, May 11 — Opening Day

Thursday, May 24 — Volunteer Breakfast  
Look, Visit, Meet, Sign-up to Volunteer

Friday, May 25 — Exhibit Opening

Saturday, June 16 — Family Day  
Free — Free — Free for the Day

Sunday – Saturday, June 17 – 23  
Great International Steamboat Flotilla

Monday, June 18  
*Volunteer Voice Deadline*

Wednesday, June 20  
TIPS Training – see page 5

Wednesday, June 27  
Great Race Pit Stop at the Museum

Saturday, June 30 — River Reunion  
A Brand New Event  
Picnic with Friends and Family  
Re-launching of “Wild Goose”

Friday, July 13 – North Country Access Day 2012

Saturday, July 14 — Clayton Lion’s Club  
Jet Ski Poker Run

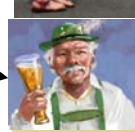
Saturday, July 21 — Concours d’elegance  
1000 Islands Car Show

Friday – Sunday, August 3 – 5  
Antique Boat Show and Auction  
Celebrating 48 Years of Boats and Boaters

Friday – Sunday, August 17 – 19  
Antique Raceboat Regatta

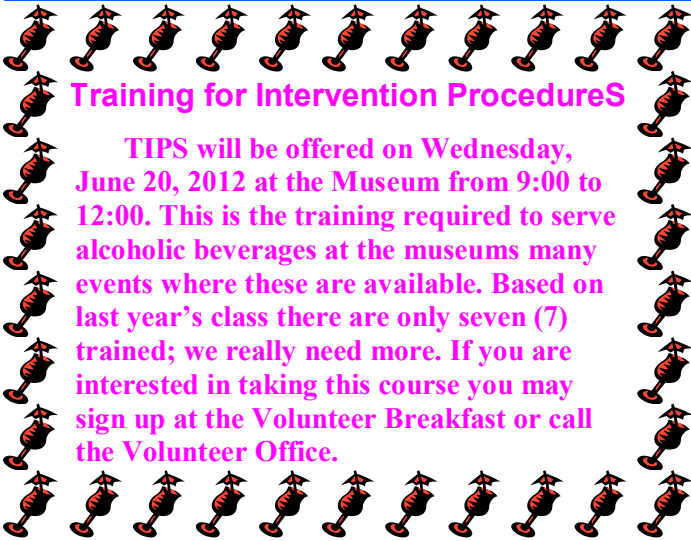
Thursday, September 6  
Volunteer Appreciation Dinner

Tuesday, October 9 — Museum Exhibits  
Closed for the Season



Photos from  
ABM Website





**Training for Intervention Procedures**

TIPS will be offered on Wednesday, June 20, 2012 at the Museum from 9:00 to 12:00. This is the training required to serve alcoholic beverages at the museums many events where these are available. Based on last year's class there are only seven (7) trained; we really need more. If you are interested in taking this course you may sign up at the Volunteer Breakfast or call the Volunteer Office.



Spring at the Museum — clockwise from above: *Zipper* was the first Museum boat in the water, looking beautiful after having her varnished (freshened up) by Wooden Boat Specialities; Tulips return in front of the Launch Building bring smiles to the ABM staff; ABM Watercraft Conservator applies varnish to *Wild Goose's* name plate. She is scheduled to launch at the River Reunion, June 30; our Volunteers are not the only ones returning from the south – ABM's resident Osprey pair have returned to their nest.



Julie Broadbent, photo right, recently joined the staff of the Antique Boat Museum where she was appointed Educator. Ms. Broadbent takes over the responsibilities of the Museum's Education Department from Lora Nadolski, who was promoted to Director of Public Programming.



A native of Shaker Heights, Ohio, Julie has held educational posts at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michael's, MD, and the Nantucket Historical Association.

In her new position at the Museum Julie is responsible for all education programs including the summer sailing program, Camp ABM (for children), lecture series and boatbuilding classes, for adults and youth. Frederick H. Hager, Interim Executive Director, said: "On behalf of the entire Board, I am pleased to welcome Julie to the ABM, and introduce her to Clayton and the 1000 Islands region. We are fortunate to have found a professional with her experience to head up the expanding education offerings of the ABM. I look forward to working with her and know that the fresh ideas she brings to the ABM's educational programs will be well-received by the community at large."

Julie is a graduate of the University of Rochester, and will also complete her Master's degree in History Museum Studies next month from the State University of New York at Oneonta.



Volunteer Jack Ward and the Museum's new Educator, Julie Broadbent, enjoy Julie's Welcome Aboard on *Teal's* first ride of 2012. It was also Julie's first boat ride on The River.

## Volunteer Sign-Up Form

If you missed signing up for a volunteer opportunity at the Breakfast, please fill out the form below and we will get you on the schedule for 2012.

### Sign Me UP!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State & Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

I am interested in volunteering at the Antique Boat Museum for the following position(S):

1) \_\_\_\_\_

2) \_\_\_\_\_

3) \_\_\_\_\_

Dates & Times I am available to work:

\_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I need some training as I am new to this position.

No, I do not need any training. I have done this before.

**Mail this form to: Volunteer Council, Antique Boat Museum, 750 Mary Street, Clayton, NY 13624**

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### Something Missing On the Waterfront?

If you have not been in Clayton, or haven't seen any other notification of some of the events of last winter, the view at the waterfront at the Antique Boat Museum has changed — dramatically. The Rivershed is GONE! These photos show what is left after the crews came in to remove the structure from the property. Plans are under way for the temporary replacement for our use during the 2012 season, with a replacement structure scheduled for later. Sometimes even antiques should not be restored, and so a page of history passes. Your Editor hopes to have more information available for the next issue or two of Volunteer Voice.

