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GUIDE TO THE ANTIQUE RACEBOAT REGATTA AT THE ANTIQUE BOAT MUSEUM

CLAYTON, New York (August 11, 2016) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America’s premier freshwater nautical museum based in Clayton, New York, announced today a complete guide to the home of vintage and historic racing, the Antique Raceboat Regatta, to be held Friday, August 19 through Sunday, August 21.

The 13th edition of this biennial event is a sanctioned event of the Vintage and Historic division of the American Powerboat Association and will feature a wide variety of vintage and classic raceboats including outboards, tunnel drives, jersey speed skiffs, and hydroplanes. On Friday visitors can tour the grounds and see the raceboats on display on land and at the docks for the price of regular Museum admission. The main action of the Regatta will be on Saturday and Sunday when the raceboats take to the water of French Bay to run demonstration fly-bys according to boat class. The Museum will also come alive with vendors, unique forums, an auction featuring racing memorabilia, a very special exhibit opening with longtime Regatta attendee Buddy Byers, and the popular Legends Banquet on Saturday night.

SHOW HOURS

Friday, August 19	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. <i>Land displays and test runs</i>
Saturday, August 20	9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. <i>Vintage fly-bys</i>
Sunday, August 21	9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. <i>Vintage fly-bys</i>

Note: ABM will remain open to visitors until 5:00 p.m. on August 20 & 21

ADMISSION RATES

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

ADMITTANCE TO THE REGATTA

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.

The south side of Mary Street and the Marketplace will remain open to public access at all times throughout Regatta.





SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

Kids ages 9-12 have the opportunity to learn to drive a raceboat! A J-Class course will be taught on Friday morning starting at 9:00 a.m. (check-in at 8:00 a.m.). The course will be taught by four world-record drivers and will feature time spent in the classroom followed by the opportunity for kids to actually learn to drive the boats on the water. Pre-registration is required; contact Educator Deb Rantanen at 315-686-4104 x235. \$50 registration fee + \$20 fee for an APBA one-time event fee. A parent or guardian must attend the course with their child.

An auction featuring racing memorabilia will be held on Friday at 5:00 p.m. outside the Morgan Building on the south side of campus. Admission is free to attend the auction; a cash bar and light snacks will be provided.

Immediately following the conclusion of the auction, a reception will be held in the Morgan Building to celebrate the opening and dedication of the exhibit featuring the original artwork of the Antique Raceboat Regatta posters along with historic photographs and memorabilia of legendary raceboat driver Buddy Byers. Admission to the reception is free and all are encouraged to attend; complimentary refreshments will be provided.

On Thursday two instructional forums will be held in the Cox Theatre: at 10:00 a.m. Marv Hart will make a presentation for Drivers & New Drivers, at 1:00 p.m. Rich Evans will make a presentation for Inspecting Your Boat, Owners, & Prospective Inspectors.

On Saturday from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. the Legends Banquet will be hosted in the ABM Tent. Dinner will be served by The Clipper Inn. Tickets must be purchased in advance, \$35 per person.

PARKING

Free Shuttle during Antique Raceboat Regatta 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 18 through Sunday, August 21 at 5:00 p.m.



**DOCKING**

Minimal docking is available for visitors coming to the show by boat. Dock space is available on a first-come, first-serve basis on the south side of the Mary Street Municipal Dock. All boaters will need to check-in through admissions in the Boat Shop before proceeding into the event.

No docking will be permitted on the ABM docks, including the seawall, for the general public during Regatta.

BOATER SAFETY

Boaters cruising the water of French Bay should not cross the race course while the course is active. Boaters should look for picket boats and patrol jet skis who will direct them safely around the course. For the safety of the raceboats running on the course, boaters are asked to proceed slowly and minimize their wake.

SMOKING

Smoking is allowed only in limited areas of the event. Absolutely no smoking is allowed on the interior of campus. Smoking is allowed on the street except in proximity of the parking lot (Inboard Pits).

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, including dogs in carriers. Owners are responsible for cleaning up after their dog and keeping them leashed at all times.

NOTES OF INTEREST

The main entrance to the Regatta 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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