

Volunteer Voice

For and about ABM Volunteers



Winter 2011-2012

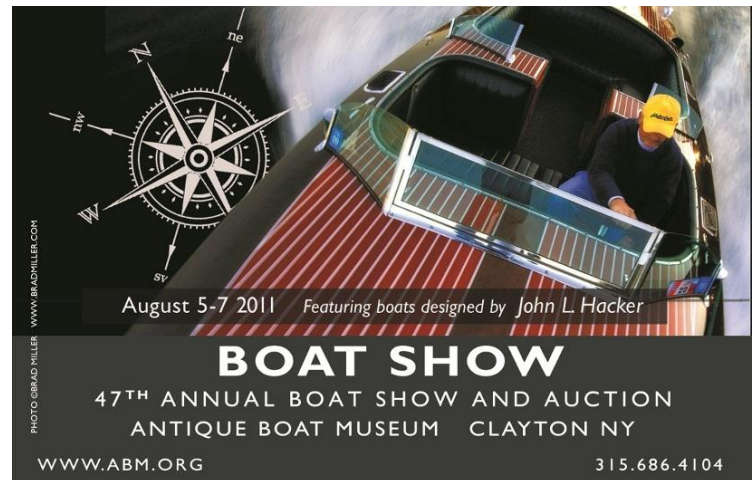
47th Annual Boat Show and Auction

by Fritz Hager, Boat Show Committee Chairperson

By many measures, the 47th Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction was a success. The weather was great Friday and Saturday, with threatening rain Sunday, but not a washout. For the weekend, we had over 90 exhibitor boats, and more than 7,000 visitors came to the show and auction over the three-day period.

Business Manager Dale Corsa reported that 7,120 people attended the show, up from 6,574 in 2010. However, total revenue from admissions, exhibitor registration fees, gift shop, memberships, dinner tickets, concessions, and raffle was \$101,463, down over 13% from 2010. A bright spot was boat ride revenue which set a new record at \$4,925, up over 50% from \$3,200 in 2010.

Planning for next summer's show began shortly after the last exhibitor boat was pulled. While we cannot do anything about the weather, we are brainstorming new ways to attract more visitors and exhibitors in 2012. Next year could present a challenge as Boat Show revenue and participation typically declines in a Raceboat Regatta year. If you're interested in joining us and taking part in brainstorming and implementing ideas to make the Boat Show even better next year, please let Judie Petersen or me know. There are several sub-committees on which we could use your creativity and assistance.



I'd like to thank all of you personally for your time, enthusiasm and commitment to making the 2011 show what it was. When I see you next, I will. In the meantime, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and all of the managers and staff at the Museum, please accept our heartfelt gratitude for all of the effort you put into making Boat Show and Auction 2011 one of the country's premier shows. It simply would not be possible to pull-off without you.

Boat Show Photographs on Page 2

47th Annual Antique Boat Show — Thank You Docker's

Hank Parker, Dockmaster

I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to all Dockers who participated in the 2011 ABM Boat Show. All of you gave your very best to insure our guests had an enjoyable and safe experience. Our guests were blessed with good weather, good food and beverages and most all an outstanding display of in-water wooden boats. Our Exhibitors expressed their appreciation for all the attention given by each of the Dockers who volunteered this year. The 2012 Boat Show Committee met for the first time in September. Mark your calendars for the 2012 ABM Boat Show which is August 1-5, 2012. Just a reminder, the Race Boat Regatta will be held two weeks later.

I would like to say "Thank You" to all the great ABM Dockers who over many years have volunteered and supported me as Dockmaster.



**Boat Show Photos —
— Provided by the
ABM Staff**



**Another Great Event —
— Thank You To All!**

A Message from Lora

Dear Volunteers,

Please accept my heartfelt thank you for all that you have done for me since I arrived at the Museum. It has been a real pleasure for me to serve as the Staff Liaison on the Volunteer Council for the past seven years. I cherish the time I have been able to spend working with and getting to know each of you. I feel as though I came to the Museum as an inexperienced young kid, and you took me under your wings helping me to grow. You have been kind and caring, wise with experience, and only wanted the best for me and the Museum. You were eager to encourage me, teach me, and remind me of what was expected. Your enthusiasm for this institution has been contagious, and now I can't think of any other place I would want to work.

It is because of the lessons you taught me that I feel I am prepared to step into my new role as Director of Public Programming. I will miss working so closely with the Council and all of you. However, I'll still be down the hall and expect that you'll stop in to say hello. For once I might actually be at my desk!

I am also happy to say that Events Coordinator Margaret Hummel will be stepping in as the new Staff Liaison on the Volunteer Council. As many of you recognized this past season, Margaret is a woman of action. She undoubtedly will be an excellent addition to the Council. Please welcome her as you so warmly welcomed me seven years ago, and pass on to her the great traditions of the Antique Boat Museum!

With sincere gratitude,

Lora



The Museum Store

Tish Michelson, Assistant Store Manager and Charlotte Brooks, Store Manager, ham it up in the Antique Boat Museum Store showing off as much logo merchandise as they can from the wide selection available. "Thank you to all the Volunteers for the long hours volunteering at the Museum and for supporting the Museum Store. We appreciate everything you do to enhance this wonderful institution. Happy off-season to all of you."

Editor's Note: Be sure to stop in when you return in the spring with your Certificate in hand!



1st Annual Community River Picnic

A grand event encompassing most of the Antique Boat Museum grounds. A featured part of the event was the Clayton Community Band performing for an hour concert, boat rides, model building for the kids, free fishing poles and St. Lawrence fishing guides to help show the kids how to fish. A busy place and another great time had by all. More photo coverage on page 4.



Community Picnic



Volunteer Appreciation Dinner



Volunteers of the Year! Seb and Bonnie Borello and Ruth and Chuck Cripe were honored with the Outstanding Volunteer Service Award, recognizing both couples for their long-time volunteering. Seb and Chuck have headed up many boat shop projects, and Bonnie and Ruth have been active in the library, with events, and many other aspects of the Museum.



Editor's Note: Hi Judie! Sorry I missed the event.



2011 Top 10 Volunteers

(From left to right)

- George Ronson
- Chuck Cripe
- David Dodge
- Chuck Burlingame
- Duane Chalk
- Barton Haxall
- Bob Brown
- Mike Michelson
- Seb Borello
- Linda Schmitt

Volunteers with 100+ Hours (listed alphabetically)

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| • Dick Ashley | • Duane Chalk | • Barton Haxall | • Judie Petersen |
| • Bob Bennison | • Chuck Cripe | • Greg Ingerson | • Rich Petersen |
| • Seb Borello | • John Davis | • Dale Maclaughlin | • Craig Powell |
| • Bob Brown | • David Dodge | • Mike Michelson | • George Ronson |
| • R.O. Brown | • Vicki Doyle | • Rick Micoli | • Linda Schmitt |
| • Steve Bull | • Rick Fuhrman | • Hank Parker | • Pat Sheldon |
| • Chuck Burlingame | | | |



2012 Calendar of Events
Sunday – April 1
Volunteer Voice Deadline
Friday – Sunday, May 4 – 6 — ACBS Symposium
Friday, May 11 — Opening Day
Thursday, May 24 — Volunteer Breakfast
Friday, May 25 — Exhibit Opening
Saturday, June 16 — Family Day
Saturday, June 30 — Summer Kick-Off Gala
Saturday, July 14 — Clayton Lion’s Club
Jet Ski Poker Run
Saturday, July 21 — Concours D’Elegance
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



Family Day
An Exciting Day in Clayton
And at the Antique Boat Museum!

The 2012 Museum Family Day will be tied into two other events in Clayton. First, the Sailing Seaway Tall Ship Visit will take place that weekend. Also, the Food and Wine Show will be held at the Rec Arena. There will be shuttle bus stops at each location, and it looks like a great weekend for Clayton. We’ll have more information in the next edition of *Volunteer Voice*. For more information on Sailing Seaway the organizer, Michael Folsom, has a web site you might want to check out:

<http://www.theshipwatcher.com/>

Wild Goose's Whiskey Plank



Before the plank went on everyone present signed the ribs for posterity.



The last plank going on.



Mike Corigan, Bob Brown, Chuck Burlingame, Jamie St Onge and Duane Chalk after the plank went on — Duane could not be there in person.



Boat Shop tradition is to toast the last plank with whiskey. Here museum staff and volunteers raise their glasses in celebration — and now you know what Wild Goose's Whiskey Plank means.



The staff was proud to tow Duane Chalk's *Little Toot* tugboat as the Museum's float in this year's Clayton Christmas Parade.



Many thanks to the volunteers who came in during the fall to help with the Thanksgiving Membership mailing.

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De Olde Editor's Corner by Dick Ashley

First, a huge apology to everyone who met the Deadline for this issue of *Volunteer Voice*, and to everyone who anticipated seeing this issue earlier. I am fine now, feeling better than I have in six months or more, but I had a fairly serious infection which laid me low. Besides sleeping through our cruise ship stop in Key West for their Halloween celebration, I spent five days in the hospital. Needless to say, that plus some recovery time left my desk an absolute disaster (Ann would say only a little worse than usual), and I've been in catch up mode for a couple of weeks now.

But enough of that. Let's talk about our Museum. As you will see from the calendar of events we have a very active summer coming up. Despite the fact that it is several months away, there are committees already working on such things as the Boat Show, and lots of staff folks are working on the other events. Personally, I am looking forward to the Family Day event where we are working with two other events going on the same weekend, with shuttle bus service among the three venues. I've just checked out the blog

<http://www.theshipwatcher.com/>

and it is very interesting. When I finish with the cleaning and Christmas preparations, I will go back and take a closer look.

With the big events coming up I would encourage you, if you have the opportunity, to take what I call the "Beer Course." Of course it is much more serious than that. It is the course taught in-house to qualify staff and volunteers to serve alcohol-

ic beverages, in our case mostly beer, to the public. It includes important topics such as proofing for age, estimating whether the buyer should be served more, restricting how many a person can get at one time, and other important material. I was one of the few that took the course last year. I had taken it mostly to experience it, and to be able to write a little about it and endorse it. I did NOT plan to actually serve. However, with the few qualified people we had, I volunteered. Did you know you can be fired as a volunteer? Despite the book training, I could NOT pour a beer without it being mostly foam. I was relieved of my beer pouring duties, and served soft drinks and other cold non-alcoholic beverages instead. Anyway, long story, but this is something very important to the Museum — so if asked, please take the course.

Finally, I want to thank Lora personally for all of her help in making this "newbie" feel comfortable and a bit more secure as I took over as Editor. Yes, I've done publications before, and yes, I knew a bit about the museum (although not as much as I thought I did), I did not know many of the people. I want to welcome Margaret as our new liaison to the Council. I've already told her I would be a pest and a tease; she is up to the task. Then a last "thank you" as well as congratulations, to Chuck and Ruth Cripe. They had encouraged me for years to get involved with the Museum.



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What does a Snowbird do in the winter?

Clockwise from upper left: three Carnival ships at Cozumel taken from the top deck of ours; Lighthouse on Grand Turk Island; Marker on the Anclote River, Tarpon Springs, FL; and Sunset at Hudson, FL