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ANTIQUERACEBOAT REGATTA AUGUST 17-19

CLAYTON, NY (August 8, 2012) -- The Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, N.Y., is the host site of the Antique Raceboat Regatta. The Regatta will be held this year from August 17th through August 19th. Held every other year, this year's event is special. It is the 11th anniversary running of the Antique Raceboat Regatta, marking 20 years of go fast fun! Many vintage raceboats (and vintage drivers as well) are expected at the event. From 10 foot long outboard racers capable of 50 mph to the big Grand Prix hydroplanes capable of speeds in excess of 150 mph, this event is sure to please.

What happens at the Antique Raceboat Regatta is very different from what normally occurs at the Antique Boat Show. The museum with its beautiful campus setting right on the shore of the St. Lawrence River has exquisite exhibits featuring our nautical history. The Antique Boat Show, held every year the first weekend in August, displays more than 100 boats at the docks and on land. These are *static* displays for the most part. You walk around and look at the boats. And we encourage people to do that! However, at the Antique Raceboat Regatta, the vintage raceboats are doing what they were meant to do; they are running, and running fast.

The Antique Raceboat Regatta is sanctioned by the American Power Boat Association (APBA). The APBA, begun in 1903, is the governing body of power boat racing in the US. The Vintage and Historic Division of the APBA is the governing body for the raceboats at the Antique Raceboat Regatta. With strict safety rules in place and a crack APBA Rescue Team on station, the main event of each day of the Raceboat Regatta will be demonstration fly-bys by the various vintage raceboat classes. Small outboard racers, high-powered outboard boats, thundering inboard hydroplanes, Gar Wood speedsters, and the beautiful mahogany Gold Cup racers will all get their chance to show what they've got. A flyby course is laid out in French Creek Bay adjacent to the museum grounds. Spectators can watch the raceboats from many vantage points at the museum. Additionally, the docks are open to visitors and during designated times the hydroplane pits are also open so you can get up close and personal with the boats and see what makes them tick, and visitors will be able to talk to the drivers and owners.

There will be interviews with famous raceboat legends of the past who will tell what it was like to run these boats when they were new designs and tops in their class. There will be interviews with current drivers who will talk about their boats including past racing history, records that still stand, and what is like to be in the driver's seat of one of

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these incredible machines. The action starts early in the day; running the smaller outboards early in the morning, and then progressing to the larger and faster boats later in the day. Action continues throughout the entire day, so come early and stay late. This is a fun-filled weekend that will satisfy the motor head, the racing history buff, and anyone who likes to see boats go fast and hear and feel the thunder of 1000 hp motors.

The show runs Friday and Saturday, 9-5, and Sunday, 9-3. General admission is \$15 per day or \$30 for a three-day pass. Museum members and active military with ID are free. For more discounts, visit www.abm.org.

The Antique Boat Museum is the premier freshwater nautical museum in North America. Located on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands, the ABM features over 300 antique and classic boats among thousands of recreational boating artifacts. From May to October, the campus comes alive with speed boat rides, boat shows, and educational programs for all ages, special events and more. For more information please visit the Museums website at www.abm.org.

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