

Volunteer Voice

For and about ABM Volunteers



July 2016



Ahoy, Volunteers. I know most of you are signed up, doing your planning, getting ready for the big double events —

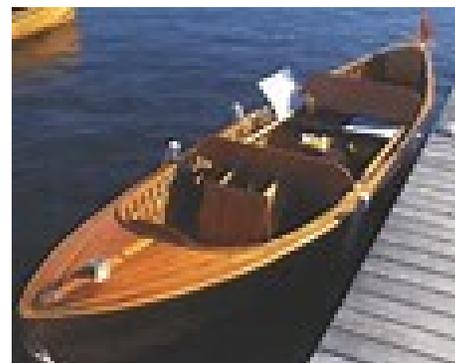
The 52nd ABM Antique Boat Show — 5-7 August 2016

followed closely by

The Antique Raceboat Regatta — 19-21 August 2016

From experience working with a large number of you that you will be there doing everything you can to make these two events a success. If you have not signed up — it is not too late — contact the Volunteer Office at 315.686.4101, x246.

Thanks, Dick Ashley, Editor



Dispros are the feature boat for the Antique Boat Museum 52nd Boat Show August 5 through 7.

The photos, and the following text, are primarily from the Dispro Owner’s Association website. “The legendary Disappearing Propeller Motor Boat and its Patented “Device” were both invented in Port Carling, Ontario, Canada in 1915. Powered with a 3 hp. in-board marine motor, 3100 boats were produced by four different companies over a 44 year time period. In the ensuing years, it has truly become an icon of classic small motor boats. It is fondly referred to as a Dispro or Dippy.

“The Dispro Owners Association mandate is to preserve the Disappearing Propeller Motor Boat and offer fellowship and technical information to all Dispro boat owners and enthusiasts. The association was formed in 1979 and has grown to represent approximately 250 operating Dispro boats and 400 family



members throughout North America.”

Personally I am looking forward to seeing these unique boats. Let’s give these dedicated boating folks a hearty welcome to our 52 Annual Antique Boat Show.

See y’all on the grounds examining Dispro boats!

Dick Ashley, Editor



ACBS Chapter Guest — Niagara Frontier (from Old Boats Buffalo Web)

If you love Classic and Antique Wooden and Fiberglass Boats, Classic Hydroplanes, Jersey Skiffs and other Race Boats, Welcome!

The Niagara Frontier Antique and Classic Boats Club is a not-for-profit organization focused on the appreciation of and dedication to the restoration of Antique & Classic Boats, and is a Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society, an international organization of wooden and classic boat lovers from around

the world. The NFACB’s membership hails mostly from the Western New York area including Buffalo, NY and it’s surrounding areas as well as Southern Ontario, Canada.

We also produce one of the largest Antique and Classic Boat Shows in the United States and Canada each September.



Wanna Have Some Fun?

Row for Donuts at the Boat Show!

Bringing back some nostalgia of former Antique Boat Shows plans are being made for an old-fashioned *Row for Donuts*. It starts with you choosing and boarding a skiff and rowing to the Village Public Dock. From there, the short walk to Frink Park for coffee, juice and donuts. Then back to your boats and a row back to the Museum. It all takes place starting Sunday morning of Boat Show at 7:30 a.m. Enjoy the fun.

This was once an activity of the Oar, Paddle & Sail Program. As part of this program kids used to build boats and launch them. This activity is now a one week part of the ABM Kids Camps.

And y'all got that right. These are the kinds of boats you may be using. Many of them are stored at the Doeblor Building. In case you haven't heard this before, this is my favorite at the Museum. It features all types of boats in many different stages of repair or maintenance. Dozens of Outboard Motors are lined up on racks against the wall. This exhibit is open from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Thursdays and Saturdays. It is staffed by Volunteers. At left and right are examples of the types of boats in the building, and they go all the way up to cruising boats. If the Volunteer Voice weren't enough activity for me I might volunteer for



Doeblor Duty. Talk to Hank Parker about the exhibit, and see if you would like a part in it. The photo below is of Skiffs on display in the Doeblor Bldg., and are only a small part of the boats, motors and equipment in the building

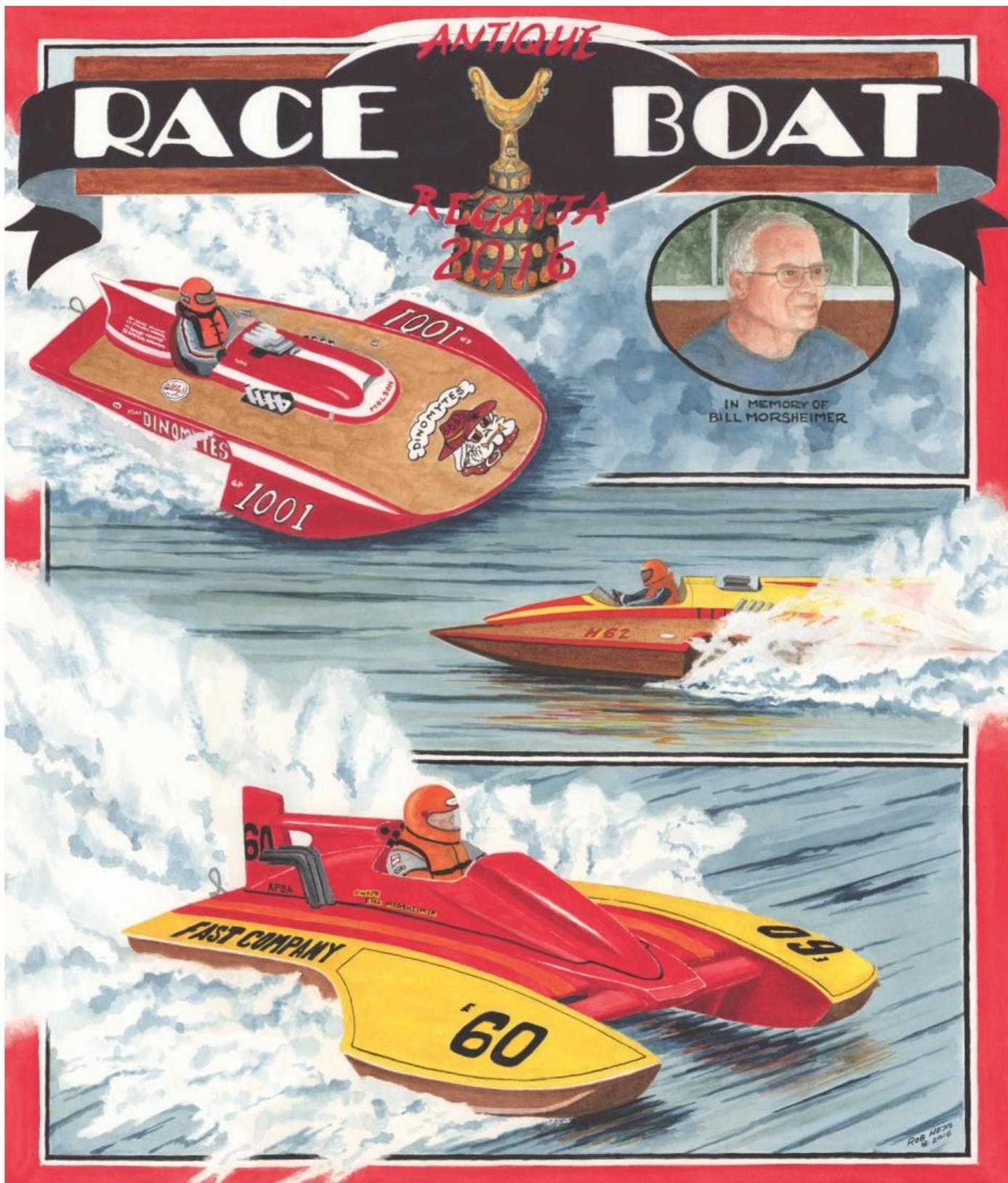


And while we are in the vintage period, here is a little more on La Duchesse. The beautiful photos in the last issue, you may have noticed, did not have a provider name available. Well, I lost the name — so please, please send me the name and I'll make sure that you get credit for the photos — they are great. The other reason for talking about this is we do need Volunteers for several for Docent slots the last weeks of July and early August. If you want to help us show off this beautiful

treasure to our public call Debra Rantanen at 686.41040 EXT 235 or drantanen@abm.org.



And, as a finale to this of past, present and future, a little about Pardon Me. After a long life, which you will enjoy reading about on the ABM Web, she was completely refurbished a short time ago, and showed off at the Museum. She has recently been installed at the Boldt Castle Yacht House. It has been featured in *The Vacationer* as an ad for Boldt Castle. If you haven't been over to see her, it is worth the trip.



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Hi — your Editor again. The photos on this page are representative of, firsts the Raceboats we have in the Doebler Building (as I said, I like it), and some boats which have been in the Regatta in recent years — and may be back again. They are beautiful machines, from the bigger ones like those shown, to much smaller ones where the driver is on his knees for the entire, and sometimes, rough ride. If you come to experience Thunder On the River, don't leave these little ones. Fun to watch.

The other topic I'll write about are the folks this publication is for and about — the ABM Volunteers. I'll start by saying for the Raceboat Regatta we don't work inside the Raceboat space. It is CLOSED to visitors and even volunteers unless they are certified to be in that space. But the Volunteers do patrol the gate to the space, and everything else, including assisting with docking and security for the visiting "regular" boats. During the races Regatta staff work with the Raceboats and control the race and any issues that may arrive. However, there are many ABM Volunteers working the race course for safety, especially for boats outside the course. This, according to my son David, and his friend KC, enjoy as fun in the sun (or whatever the weather is). But, they also have to be vigilant watching for the folks who think it might be fun to go through the course (potentially very dangerous to the Raceboat "pilots" and to the person doing that), or cutting to close to the periphery. I think my pontoon boat, *KalliKalli* enjoys it too.

But it's also not all about the race. We have Volunteers in all sorts of positions for this event and many more — a partial list is below. Your Editor says a big Thank You for being there so that we can entertain and educate the public — and have a good time.

Security – Gates and Grounds
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 – Haxall, Launch & Gold Cup
 Volunteer Check-In
 Docks — monitoring and assisting
 Admissions
 Boat Ride sales
 LaDuchesse walk-throughs
 Raffle sales
 Food Concession sales
 Beverage sales (T.I.P.S.)

And much more—
 That's for all events – Volunteers also: Answer phones, keep the Gold Cup Building open, restore boats, dust and clean boats, help with mailings and lots of other clerical work, are La-Duchesse Docents, tour Docents, and Doebler Docents. Help with Gardening, help with Education programs, help with Tuesday Night sailing programs and almost anything you can think of. Whew!

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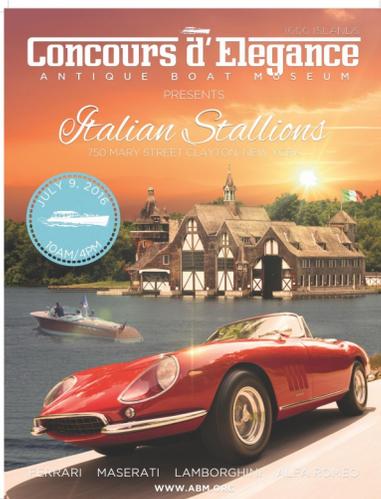
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COMING EVENTS

*August 5-7 — 52nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction
 Featuring Dispro Boats & Niagara Frontier Chapter ACBSr
 August 6 — (1 p.m.) — Auction by Antique Boat America
 August 6 — (8 p.m.) — Boat Show Block Dance featuring music by
 The Bad Husbands Club
 August 19-21 — Antique Raceboat Regatta
 September 8 — Volunteer Appreciation Dinner*





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