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Museum Opens May 1st

CLAYTON, New York (April 27, 2021) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), North America’s premier freshwater boating museum based in Clayton, NY, opens for the 2021 season on Saturday, May 1 and will remain open six days a week, 9 am-5 pm, through Columbus Day. The Museum is closed Wednesdays. After Columbus Day, the Museum will be open weekends, 9 am-5 pm, through October 31. The Museum Store will also open Saturday, May 1 and admission is not required to shop the Store.

Ride the River boat rides will begin Memorial Day Weekend, providing visitors with the opportunity to take a 45-minute boat ride through the 1000 Islands in ABM’s triple cockpit runabout *Miss Thousand Islands III*. Guided walkthroughs of the historic houseboat, *La Duchesse*, will also begin Memorial Day Weekend. A detailed listing of ABM’s special events and educational programming is available at abm.org.

2021 Admission Rates

ABM visitors continue to have a choice of four admission packages: General Admission; Tour of *La Duchesse* & General Admission; Ride the River & General Admission; and Ride the River, Tour of *La Duchesse* & General Admission. Complete package pricing is available on the Museum website, abm.org. Discount admission is available for seniors, youth and children, and families of four. ABM is proud to partner with Blue Star Museums and offer active duty military and up to 5 family members free admission.

Updated Exhibits

We are pleased to announce that in 2021 the *Quest for Speed* exhibition in the Morgan Building has updated signage with a new look and information. The update gives visitors to the Museum a new and refreshing experience to an old classic and makes learning about the history of raceboats, both internationally and here on the St. Lawrence River, that much more exciting! In partnership with our friends at Boldt Castle and the Thousand Islands Bridge Authority, the exhibition in the Boldt Castle Yacht House will also have new, redesigned signage and interpretation this year.

2021 ABM Special Event Schedule

June 26 – 1000 Islands Concours d’Elegance *Featuring Sunbeams and Triumphs* (modified format)





June 5-11 – Great International Steamboat Flotilla Visits ABM

July 16 – Members Annual Meeting

August 6-8 – Show of Boats on Parade, Marketplace, and Virtual Auction (modified format)

September 9 – ABM Volunteer Appreciation Event (modified format)

October 1-3 – Joint ABM & ACBS Symposium

2021 ABM Education Schedule

June 21-24 – Boater Safety *Held remotely online*

June 28-August 20 – Sailing Classes *See website for specific dates*

July 19-22 – Boater Safety *Held remotely online*

July 15 – Homer Dodge Lecture Series: *The Boys in the Boat* Discussion

August 6 – Paddle Painting

August 23-26 – Boater Safety *Held remotely online*

September 20-23 – Boater Safety *Held remotely online*

October 18-21 – Boater Safety *Held remotely online*

Modifications have been made to our operations, programming, and events to comply with CDC & NYS COVID-19 guidelines and requirements and ensure the health and safety of our visitors, Volunteer Corps, and ABM Staff Team. Although the rules are not ours, it is our responsibility to enforce them. We want everyone to have a great experience, so thank you in advance for your courtesy, consideration, and cooperation during your time at the Museum.

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Enclosures (1 JPEGs): *Quest for Speed* Exhibition

About ABM

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats and thousands of recreational boating artifacts. Each summer the waterfront campus comes alive with numerous educational programs and special events, including the longest running antique boat show in North America. For more information, please visit the Museum's website at abm.org.

