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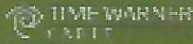
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## 30th Anniversary Finger Lakes Chapter ACBS



# ANTIQUE AND CLASSIC BOAT SHOW

July 25-27, 2008 ★ Skaneateles, New York







## Syracuse Sports Corporation Newest Boat Show Sponsor

FLC extends a warm welcome and note of thanks to Syracuse Sports Corp. on becoming a Contributing Sponsor of this year's Boat Show.

Syracuse Sports Corporation (SSC) was founded in 1985 as a not-for-profit organization. Its purpose is to attract, organize and conduct statewide, regional, national, and international sports competitions in the Greater Syracuse community. These activities are designed to support and develop amateur



athletes for competition in sports everywhere while retaining and supporting existing local sports programs.

In 1991, the Syracuse Sports Corporation merged with the Syracuse Convention & Visitors Bureau which is a branch of the Greater Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. This strong affiliation has expanded SSC's mission to establishing Syracuse as a premier center for all sports, while adding to the quality of life in the community and adding to the economic development of Syracuse through increased tourism.

Many thanks to Syracuse Sports Corporation for helping to sponsor the 2008 edition of the Chapter's Boat Show.

### FLC Boat Show in a Novel?

The March 27<sup>th</sup> edition of *Tampa Bay Online*, an arm of the *Tampa Bay (Fla.) Tribune*, carried an article by **Lyn & Bill Roche** entitled "A Lake and a Place Named Skaneateles." The story encouraged readers to pursue their dreams and not leave them on the 'back burner' which in the Roche's case included an unfinished novel based in Skaneateles and a desire to return to the Finger Lakes.

"We're also longing to visit the extraordinary village once again and enjoy lazy summer evenings listening to the Skaneateles Community Band perform in Clift Park beside the lake. It will be a dream come true to feast our eyes on the array of old wooden boats at the annual Boat Show hosted by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society. Those gleaming boats have a special place in our hearts and also in our novel. We may even get a chance to take a tour of the lake aboard the Sherwood Inn's authentic antique boat, *Stephanie*."

Wooden boats in an FLC Boat Show in a novel? Stay tuned.

During July, Time Warner Cable will be running 30- and 68-sec. spots on their channels in the Syracuse area promoting FLC's 2008 Boat Show.

## WRVO

WRVO-FM, the National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate based at SUNY Oswego, has partnered with the Chapter's 2008 Boat Show and will air 16 underwriting announcements about the show during the week of July 20. The WRVO Stations are Central New York's most-listened-to public radio station. Show your support by tuning in to 89.9 FM.

### New People's Choice Award

Thanks to the generosity of **Mark Edwards**, owner of Doug's Fish Fry Restaurant in Skaneateles, FLC's People's Choice Award is getting a new look. Noted author, avid antique boater, Gar Wood authority and gifted woodworker, **Tony Mollica**, has agreed to produce a "permanent" People's Choice Award which will be on continuous display at Mark's restaurant at 8 Jordan St. in the village. The permanent award, which won't be completed until 2009, will include a half-hull mounted on a backboard which will display the names and data of award winners each year beginning in 1995, the year that the FLC Boat Show moved to Skaneateles.

Annually, a separate "keeper" award will also be presented to the People's Choice winner at the Saturday night banquet of Boat Show Weekend. By presenting the award on Saturday evening, Mark will be able to personally make the presentation.

A special thanks to both Mark and Tony for making this upgrade of the People's Choice Award possible.

### FLC Ship's Store

Many thanks to **Lisa & Brad Wirth** who are stepping down after managing Ship's Store for several years. **Pattie & Don Ross** have volunteered to take over those responsibilities beginning with the 2009 season. Pattie will be familiarizing herself with the store at this summer's Boat Show and would be pleased to hear comments and suggestions from anyone.

### Award and Judging Changes

To give judges more latitude in recognizing worthy entries, awards for Best Chris-Craft, Best Century, etc., are being replaced by Chris-Craft, Century, Gar Wood and Hacker Marque Awards. A new Lyman Marque Award will also be added to the lineup. Many thanks to the five FLC Chapter members who have generously underwritten these awards.

Also, to eliminate the inequity of having a single contemporary class covering boats built from 1969 to the present (no other age class covers such a long time span), the contemporary judging class has been broken into four classes:

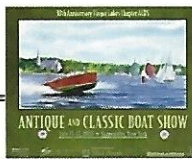
For the years from 1976 to 1983:

- Best Non-powered Early Contemporary Boat
- Best Powered Early Contemporary Boat

For the years from 1984 to 2008:

- Best Non-powered Late Contemporary Boat
- Best Powered Late Contemporary Boat





## 2008 Calendar of Events

Sun., June 22	FLC Board of Directors Meeting	Sherwood Inn, Skaneateles, NY
June 28-29	5 <sup>th</sup> Morehouse Boat Reunion	Seneca Falls, NY
July 5 & 6	70 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lightning Regatta	Skaneateles Country Club
July 11-13	Fulton Chain of Lakes Rendezvous	Old Forge, NY
July 18-20	Wine Country Annual Boat Show & Regatta	Hammondsport, NY
July 25-27	FLC Annual Boat Show	Skaneateles, NY
August 1-3	Antique Boat Museum Annual Boat Show	Clayton, NY
August 14-17	Antique Race-boat Regatta	ABM, Clayton, NY
September 14-20	ACBS Annual Membership Meeting	Coeur D'Alene, ID
Sat., Nov. 15	FLC Annual Membership Meeting	Sherwood Inn, Skaneateles, NY

### New Memberships

Welcome aboard to the following new FLC members:

**Tom Beardsley** of New Orleans, LA

**Terry Beyor** of Auburn, NY, owner of a 1955 22-ft. Chris-Craft Holiday.

**Dave & Mary Beth Karr** of Webster, NY, owners of a 1959 16-ft. outboard and Evinrude Golden Jubilee engine.

ACBS Life Member **Michael Paciorek** of Skaneateles, NY, owner of a 1935 25-ft. Hutchinson Utility.

The May Addendum to the FLC Membership Roster for 2008 showing 179 memberships, is included with this issue of **Brightwork** going to Chapter members.

### Passages

**FLC Member Leslie Woodcock**  
Aircraft accident, Skaneateles Aerodrome  
April 18, 2008

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## Letter from the President

The 2008 edition of the Annual Joint Chapter Meeting scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup> at Geneva's Ramada Inn had to be canceled due to lack of participation. With two weeks to go, only 19 reservations had been received (eleven from FLC members). Two upstate ACBS Chapters had no representation.

Since then, considerable thought has gone into analyzing why, after ten years of successful gatherings, this event may have fallen by the wayside. Promotions might have been more extensive. A date that avoided conflicts with the ACBS Board of Directors' Spring Meeting and also the Passover Holiday might have made some difference. High gasoline prices could have been a factor. Timing probably wasn't good for many returning 'snowbirds.' A better overall economic climate might have increased participation.

Or is it a case of the hobby having reached a level of maturity where social gatherings of like-minded participants are passé? In the last decade, the idea of wooden boaters coming together to renew acquaintances and make new ones, enjoy camaraderie over a good meal, see and hear a presentation on some not-so-ordinary aspect of antique boating, and examine the boating year ahead, were good reasons to hold a joint dinner meeting each spring. Are these ideas no longer of interest? Or is the Joint Chapter Meeting concept just a casualty of an age of busy schedules, multiple interests and other priorities?

Cancellation of this year's event will make it difficult to resurrect the idea of a Joint Chapter Dinner Meeting, but there are a few serious-minded antique boaters who are reluctant to let the concept fade away. With a lot of effort and a little luck, maybe there'll be another run at a Joint Chapter Dinner Meeting in 2009.

Unrelated to the above, the Chapter's planned participation in the Fairport Canal Days Festival was also canceled. In this case, Festival organizers belatedly cut the allotted docking space in half, creating a high degree of uncertainty about how we could safely maneuver, dock and secure up to a dozen boats. Nevertheless, if adequate docking space is made available next year, there is the possibility that we could be invited back for the 2009 edition of the Festival.

The good news is that the FLC outing to the Adirondack Chapter's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Fulton Chain Rendezvous in Old Forge, NY remains on track for the weekend of July 11-13. It would be great to have a strong FLC turnout participating in this trip to the Adirondacks. More details are included elsewhere in this newsletter.

What are your reactions to the above? I'd love to hear from you ([jmillerarch@centralny.twcbs.com](mailto:jmillerarch@centralny.twcbs.com)) about any of the FLC activities we've tried to put together.

Boat safely and I hope to see you at the Fulton Chain Rendezvous and the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Show.

**Janice Miller**, President, FLC, ACBS

## Did You Know...?

...that the *Syracuse Post-Standard's* May 23<sup>rd</sup> *Summertime Supplement* had a photo of last year's FLC Boat Show on its cover, with the headline **Wonders on the Water—Skaneateles Celebrates '100 Years of Boating'** with the Lightning Regatta and the Antique and Classic Boat Show?" The lead story was "Nautical Milestones—Lightning Regatta in 70<sup>th</sup> Year; Antique and Classic Boat Show its 30<sup>th</sup>." (See article on page 6 of this newsletter.)

...that the July/August issue of *The Good Life/Central New York Magazine* will include a photo essay on the Chapter's Boat Show and the Lightning Regatta? The magazine has been experiencing dramatic growth and the next issue will be heavily devoted to the Finger Lakes Region and Skaneateles.

...that the **Finger Lakes Boating Museum** has been restoring a Skaneateles-built Lightning to take to the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Skaneateles Lightning Regatta? FLBM also hopes to have it at all the other local shows this summer including the FLC Boat Show.

...that on March 13<sup>th</sup>, FLC Director **Arnie Rubenstein** spoke before the **Skaneateles Rotary Club** to review the history of the Skaneateles Antique and Classic Boat Show and the Finger Lakes Chapter? As a lead-in, he used the DVD of the Chapter's 2006 Boat Show, and included this July's plans for '100 Years of Boating in Skaneateles.' Afterwards, he fielded questions from the 30 Rotarians present. On May 12<sup>th</sup>, Arnie made the same presentation to the **DeWitt, NY Rotary Club** with 100 members present. All good exposure for the Chapter and its Annual Boat Show.

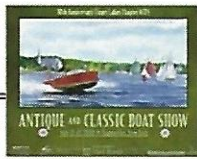
...that the *Bone Yard Boats* newsletter is a quarterly publication (now in its 12<sup>th</sup> year) dedicated to helping save our boating heritage -- one boat at a time? Firmly believing that for every old boat out there in need of a new home, there is a crazy boater looking for a project, there are roughly 50 boats in each issue (many of which are FREE) along with photos and stories of restorations. A past sample issue of the newsletter can be found on line in PDF format at [http://www.boneyardboats.com/Archives/007\\_Spring\\_2007/sample.htm](http://www.boneyardboats.com/Archives/007_Spring_2007/sample.htm)

...that among the eleven Finger Lakes, only Canadice and Hemlock Lakes have undeveloped shorelines? And only Canadice Lake is free from zebra mussels!

...that FLC first started a newsletter shortly after its founding in 1978? Its name was *Shorelines*. Exactly how many issues were published before its demise, isn't clear. But when publication of a Chapter newsletter resumed in 1995, no one knew about *Shorelines* and a new name was needed. **Brightwork** was selected and has been on the masthead ever since. Why that name hadn't already been claimed by another chapter of ACBS remains a mystery.

Visit the FLC web site at [www.flc-acbs.org](http://www.flc-acbs.org)



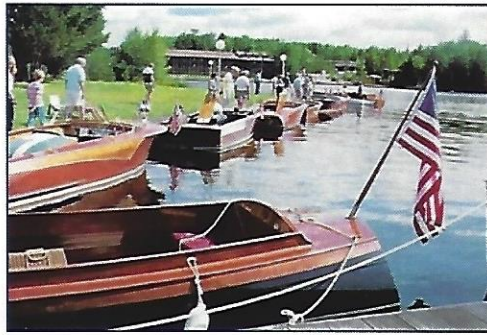


## Fulton Chain Rendezvous & 'Spring into Summer' Cruise July 11, 12 & 13

We hope that you'll plan to make your way to Old Forge, NY over the weekend of July 11-13, for the 18th Annual Fulton Chain Rendezvous organized by the Adirondack Chapter, ACBS, and for FLC's "Spring into Summer Cruise." Details concerning accommodations and schedule of activities are contained in the Registration Form enclosed in this issue.

The fun begins on Friday with a cocktail reception on the front deck of the Forge Motel on the Old Forge waterfront. On Saturday, boats will be on display from early morning until 2:00pm at the Town Docks in Old Forge, and then the Parade of Boats will make its way down the channel into First Lake. The Awards Dinner will take place Saturday night at the North Street Restaurant (formerly Trail's End).

On Sunday morning we plan to depart Old Forge Pond at 10:00 AM for a self-guided tour of the Fulton Chain (much like FLC provides to our Boat Show attendees for cruises on Skaneateles Lake). We had originally planned to stop mid-day at one of the inns along the lake for lunch.



However, limited dock facilities and Sunday brunch crowds might be a problem. So, we now plan to have a picnic lunch either at the picnic facilities on Fourth Lake or the public park in Inlet. You may bring your own picnic basket or sign up for a box lunch at the FLC table during Saturday's activities. In either case, you will want to take a cooler for water and soft drinks. We still plan to return mid-afternoon for pull out. Those

wishing to attend the Sunday cruise only, can launch at Rivett's Marina in Old Forge on Sunday morning prior to departure time. Other launch facilities include Clark's Marina in Eagle Bay and the public ramp in Inlet.

As always, we encourage members of other chapters to participate and to enjoy the scenery and camaraderie.

Please contact Past FLC President **Rob Kidd** at 315-635-6187, or **Jack Gifford** at 315-382-2831 for further information, and note that the deadline for registering is June 25<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there.

## Rules and Regulations

### For Use of Skaneateles Docks

Community docks are owned and operated by the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce and the following rules and regulations apply to their use:

1. Docks open at 6:00 am and close at 10:00 pm daily.
2. No swimming, diving or fishing from docks.
3. No smoking on docks.
4. **The consumption of alcohol on docks is prohibited.**
5. No fueling at docks.
6. **The use of fireworks or other incendiary devices is prohibited at the docks.**
7. **No loud music at the docks. Please be respectful of others enjoying the docks and Cliff Park.**
8. Docking is provided for short term use only (except for Boat Show Weekend).

To report unsafe conditions or other problems, call 315-685-0552.

In case of an emergency, call the Onondaga County Sheriff at 315-425-2111, or 911.

## 1937 Richardson Cruisabout

The Lakeside Wooden Boat Society ([www.lakesidewoodenboatsociety.com](http://www.lakesidewoodenboatsociety.com)), a non-profit organization in Lakeside, OH ([www.lakesideohio.com](http://www.lakesideohio.com)) is



completing the total restoration of a 1937, 32-ft Richardson Cruisabout. In storage since 1979, it was in excellent structural condition. Now, it has new deck canvas, chrome, fuel and water systems, wiring,

and a totally rebuilt engine. All paint and varnish have been stripped and redone. Anticipated completion is July 1, 2008.

The boat was donated to Lakeside and LWBS with funds necessary for its restoration by **Bill & Mame Drackett** with the intent of selling the restored boat as a fund-raiser to support the boat-building and educational programs of LWBS. **Dwight Davis** of Classic Marine in Vickery, OH has led the restoration effort.

For more information about the Richardson, its price and availability, contact **Phil Savage** at 336-213-0077 (cell) or [savageboatman@bellsouth.net](mailto:savageboatman@bellsouth.net)





## '100 Years of Boating' Theme of Month-Long Celebration in Skaneateles

An April press release generated by **Sandi Mulconry**, principal in Group M Communications, a Skaneateles-based company:

During July, all things boating will be celebrated throughout Skaneateles, marking 100 years of boating tradition—a tradition that encompasses steamboats, rowboats, yachts and canoes; Lightning boat-building and racing; and the preservation, restoration and display of antique and classic boats.

The month-long commemoration will be anchored on one end by the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lightning Regatta, hosted by the Skaneateles Country Club, July 4-6, and on the other end by the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show, hosted by the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce and the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society, July 25-27.

In between will be educational programs, displays, book-signings and nautical-themed activities, all highlighting Skaneateles' rich boating heritage.

"In Skaneateles, boating has always been a big part of our enjoyment of summer," says **Sue Dove**, executive director of the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce. "This summer, with its dual anniversaries, presented a unique opportunity for us to share this legacy with visitors from across the country and around the world."

### Lightning Regatta (July 4-6)

Lightning #1, built by the Skaneateles Boats Company, was launched on Skaneateles Lake in 1938. The Skaneateles Country Club was granted the charter for Lightning Fleet #1, and in 1939 **John Barnes** of the Skaneateles Boats Company became the first national Lightning champion. Today, the Lightning has evolved into one of the most popular and competitive one-design racing classes in the world, with more than 500 fleets worldwide and some 15,000 boats. Lightning #1 has been retired to the Mystic (Conn.) Seaport Museum.

The Lightning, which sports a "bolt of lightning" insignia toward the top of its mainsail, has been piloted by some of the world's best sailors, including America's Cup defenders **Ted Turner** and **Dennis Connor**.

The 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program gets under way Friday, with Lightning Labs and a cookout for Regatta participants. Three races are scheduled for Saturday,



and two for Sunday, with additional events for participants held throughout the weekend. For more information, see page \_\_ or go to <http://www.lightning70th.com>

### Antique and Classic Boat Show (July 25-27)

The 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show will feature the display of 40 preserved or restored boats in the water and another 40 on land (in Clift Park).

As in past years, the event is expected to draw more than 10,000 visitors.

On Friday afternoon, the local Sea Scouts will announce the arrival of each exhibiting boat with a bosun's pipe. Additional highlights of the show include the parade of boats (Saturday at 3 p.m.), historical village tours, children's activities, and displays by the Syracuse Model Boat Club.

Live music will be provided by the Skaneateles Community Band (Friday from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.), Bone and Doolittle (Saturday from noon to 3 p.m.), and the Soda Ash Six (Sunday from noon to 3 p.m.). From 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, the Sherwood Inn will host its annual Rhythm, Blues and Barbecue fest, featuring the Joe Whiting Band.

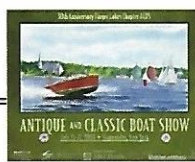
The Antique and Classic Boat Show is sponsored by M&T Bank, and is

organized by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society in partnership with the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce and Merchants' Association. This year's contributing sponsors are the Sherwood Inn, Time Warner Cable, CherryPharm and the Syracuse Sports Corp. For more information, go to <http://www.skaneateles.com>

### Looking Ahead

Plans are also under way to further preserve and build upon the area's boating heritage. The former boiler plant adjacent to the Creamery, on Hannum Street, will be renovated this summer. When completed, the facility will house a Boat and Transportation Museum that will be connected to the Creamery, home of the Skaneateles Historical Society. For more on the museum expansion, go to <http://skaneateleshistoricalsociety.org>





## Development of the 2008 Boat Show Poster

This year's Boat Show Poster was developed around a watercolor painting created expressly for the purpose by Rochester artist **Paul Allen Taylor**.

Having successfully created a painting for the Chesapeake Bay Chapter's Boat Show in 2007, Paul contacted FLC to see if there was interest in having him execute a custom painting for the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Boat Show Poster. There was, and after **Rob Kidd** took Paul, his wife, **June**, and their son, **Austin**, out on the lake to photograph landmarks, etc., Paul sketched up a few ideas. With the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lightning Regatta scheduled for the first weekend of July, there was particular interest in combining an image of that milestone with one of the Boat Show. A concept was agreed to and by early March the beautiful painting you see below was presented to the Boat Show Planning Committee which was delighted with the result.



Paul had the original painting scanned and copied onto a CD which was passed on to Chase Design Corp. in Skaneateles along with all the peripheral information that appears on a typical poster. Chase Design then created the poster which appears on the front page of this edition of **Brightwork**.

A CD of the finished poster was forwarded to Jacobs Press in Auburn where proofs were run to make sure the color balance was correct. Two hundred and fifty "bulletin board" copies (for promotional purposes) and 1000 high quality copies were printed for sale at the Lightning Regatta, the Boat Show and in the months and years to come.



In return for his contribution of the painting, Paul will have examples of his work on sale at this summer's Boat Show. He will be available to sign numbered copies of the poster.

And what will happen to the original painting? Paul has agreed to let the Chapter put it into a silent auction which will run during Boat Show Weekend through the Banquet on Saturday evening when the winning bid will be announced. Of course, anyone can bid on it. The painting will carry a reserve of \$700.

Many thanks to Paul Allen Taylor for applying his talents to create this very special painting for the Chapter's 2008 Boat Show.

## First Fridays in Skaneateles

Looking for a new way to spend Friday evenings?

If it's the first Friday of the month, check out First Friday Skaneateles—an art walk taking place throughout the village of Skaneateles.

The art walk, which celebrated its official launch May 2<sup>nd</sup>, features participation by such arts venues as Skaneateles Artisans, Lucas Gallery, Imagine and Snake Oil Glassworks, along with the Sherwood Inn, Mirbeau Inn & Spa, White & White Antiques, 1st National Gifts and Pomodoro, to name just a few.

On tap are art exhibitions, demos, talks and an opportunity to meet with the artists. **Paul Allen Taylor**, creator of the artwork for this year's Boat Show Poster, plans to participate on July 4<sup>th</sup>. The goal is to acquaint visitors with high-quality art -- contemporary to antique -- in an environment that fosters interaction, education and community

Entertainment and refreshments are also available. All events, which run from 6 to 9:00 pm, are free.

For the latest schedules, check out <http://www.firstfridayskaneateles.com>





# The First Finger Lakes Chapter Boat Show

## July 14-16, 1978

With our new chapter charter in hand after the April 1978 dinner meeting, we set off to plan our first boat show. We were spread a little thin as at that time we only had 18 members and not all would be able to help with the show. Our small group sat down and set up committees to take care of everything we could think of to pull off a successful boat show. The name of the show was to be "The First Annual Antique & Classic Boat Show Presented by the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society" -- a little long winded, but what did we know?

Next was the site -- where could we have a show? At first, we thought we would have the show at the Morehouse Marina, across the street from the Deerhead Inn. This would be the ideal location as there were already several wooden boats in the marina. Although I don't think he ever gave a reason, my uncle, **Bob Morehouse**, didn't think this was a good idea. It may have been the weeds choking the north end of Cayuga Lake which made it very hard to navigate in and out of the marina. Or unknown to us at the time, he planned to close the Morehouse operation for the last time later in 1978.

We wanted to keep the show on Cayuga Lake, so we checked out Union Springs (no docks), and the Red Jacket Yacht Club (too busy with sailing on weekends), and ultimately, Treman State Marine Park in Ithaca. They had a lot of dockage, but could we have a boat show at this site? We rented a room at the Holiday Inn in Ithaca and held an informational meeting there to see if we could raise any interest in the Show.

**George Morse** and his sons, **Dave** and **Linc**, joined our band of boaters at this meeting.

We talked to **Bill Brown**, the Treman Park manager -- he didn't see any reason why we couldn't have a show there. Ithaca it was, and we set off to collect all the paperwork needed for permits from the state. Insurance was at the top of our list of concerns, but ACBS came through as promised.

We had posters made and we sent out press releases advertising the show. We sent invitations to everyone we knew who owned a wooden boat, and we purchased a "Best in Show" trophy and dash-plaques for all entries. And we planned an awards banquet at the Lehigh Valley House in Ithaca for Saturday night. Everything was coming together.

Entries started to trickle in -- there wasn't a mad rush of boats willing to join the first antique boat show in the Finger Lakes. Most boats were from the local area with one from out of state. In our free time we traveled throughout the Finger Lakes passing out posters and information to all the marinas, restaurants, bars, yacht clubs and any other place we could think of to help promote the show.

Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup> was a hot and sticky summer day in the Finger Lakes. We packed up everything we could think of and headed off to Ithaca. **Syd Marsden** took a dining fly to be

used as our headquarters; **Richard Morehouse** took his PA system; **Jim Brennan** took the "Ship's Store" from ACBS and some of the **Bob Speltz** books and posters. Everyone took beer!

About half of the expected boats arrived Friday night, most belonging to our chapter members. Just as we were about to start our welcoming party (music, pizza, and beer), the sky let loose. We could see that the dining fly wasn't going to hold up in the storm, so we moved our party to a hallway between the marina ranger station and the restrooms. We were wet, but being diehard boaters, it didn't matter -- we had a good time anyway.

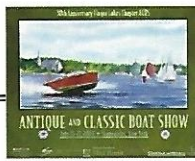
Some of us had a hard time getting going Saturday morning (it may have been the beer), so by the time we arrived at the marina, boats were already lined up to launch. The weather was a copy of Friday -- hot and humid -- as we helped everyone launch and find their dock space. Viewing the in-the-water boats turned out to be quite a task as the marina staff put the boats in random slips throughout the marina. (At the time, Treman State Marina had 400 slips. It is larger now.)

A good turnout of the viewing public roamed the docks and land displays most of the day. By late afternoon everyone was tired and ready for some air conditioning and food, so we set off for the Lehigh Valley House for cocktails and dinner. After dinner, Chapter President **Ford Knight** spoke about our first show and **Ray Nelson** also said a few words. The "Best in Show" trophy was presented to **W.C. Smith** from Lake George for his 1907 Fay & Bowen launch. He asked that we keep the trophy for future years. It was a large "bowling trophy" and no one seems to know what became of it.

As it had stormed once again while we were at dinner, we headed back to the marina to check on the boats, finding everything OK. Then, some of us headed to a local waterfront bar called the "Salty Dog" and proceeded to try and drink all the beer available. (We didn't succeed.) The last thing I remember about Saturday night, was sitting on the tailgate of my truck with **Jim Brennan** and **Bob Myllymaki** eating pizza at 2 o'clock in the morning!

Sunday's weather was a repeat of Friday's and Saturday's. Some of us were a little late getting back to the marina due to Saturday evening's celebrations, but we provided coffee and donuts for boat owners who stayed for Sunday. There seemed to be a lot more people around the marina on Sunday, and we met a lot of wooden-boat owners who had come to check us out. There were several wooden boats that were not in the show, but had come by water to look things over. We gained a few members and made a lot of contacts as a result of the show. Overall, things went pretty well for the whole weekend. Around 4:00pm, a thunderstorm rolled in and everybody hurried to pack up and head for home.





While we didn't make any money (we paid the bills out of our own pockets), we did accomplish what we had set out to do – hold the first antique and classic boat show in the Finger

Lakes. I think everybody had a good time, and we looked forward to the next show.

### FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THE BOATS ENTERED IN THE FIRST CHAPTER BOAT SHOW:

1954 22-ft. Morehouse inboard utility,  
**Heigh Ho**, owned by **Fred Curry**

1954 18-ft. Morehouse inboard utility  
owned by **Ford Knight**

1941 17-ft. Chris-Craft Runabout,  
**After Taxes**, owned by **Jim  
Brennan**

1907 26-ft. Fay & Bowen Launch  
owned by **W.C. Smith**

1946 17-ft. Chris-Craft Runabout  
owned by **Mark Alexander**

1959 18-ft. Morehouse outboard utility  
owned by **Richard Morehouse**

1925 two-man kayak (builder  
unknown) owned by **Richard**

#### Morehouse

1953 17-ft. Century Runabout owned by  
**Thomas Ghidiu**

1880 15-ft. Durand canoe, **Presto**,  
owned by the **Syd Marsden  
Family**

1903 20-ft. Lozier launch, **Misty  
Memories**, owned by the **Syd  
Marsden Family**

1918 17 ½ -ft. Tonawanda Dispro,  
**Ranger**, owned by the **Syd  
Marsden Family**

1934 18-ft. Old Town canoe, **Explorer**,  
owned by the **Syd Marsden  
Family**

1919 27-ft. Fay & Bowen long-deck launch  
owned by **Chris Ward** (This boat was  
barn-fresh, but it floated and ran. It  
was for sale for \$4500.!) )

1952 26-ft. Chris-Craft Cruiser (owner's  
name lost in the shuffle)

If it sounds like we consumed more than  
our share of beer at the early shows, you  
would be right! But remember, it was a  
different time and a good share of our  
members were in their 20s and 30s, and  
single!

**George Zeth**, Founding Member, FLC,  
ACBS

*With the Chapter's first Boat Show having been held in 1978, one would expect that 2008 would host the Chapter's 31<sup>st</sup> Show. However, FLC was unable to find a suitable location for the event in 1987, which brought the sequential number of the Boat Show into coincidence with the Chapter's Anniversary Year from that point on. And so it is that 2008 is the Chapter's 30<sup>th</sup> Boat Show and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year of its founding. –Ed.*

## How Brightwork Is Published

**Brightwork** is written in Microsoft Word and is published quarterly with deadlines occurring on March 1<sup>st</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, September 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Right after the latest monthly FLC membership report is received from ACBS Headquarters, a single hardcopy is printed and a CD is burned. These two items, along with any necessary printing instructions for that issue, are sent to FLC Director **Jamie Strong** who works at Welch Allyn Corp., a well-known producer of medical and dental equipment based in Skaneateles.

Jamie takes the hardcopy and the CD to his company's print shop in the Skaneateles Falls plant. As its primary task, the print shop, managed by **Brenda Bunn**, produces manuals, inserts, flyers, etc., for Welch Allyn products. However, it also takes in contract work from outside organizations as a source of added income and to help level its workload. With a broad complement of equipment, the shop can handle several jobs at once. Quality and turn-around time are excellent.

The contents of the CD are downloaded into a Xerox Docucolor 8000 (a xerographic laser printer) with a maximum resolution of 600 dots per inch. (The single hardcopy is used as a confirmation check as printing progresses.) Usually, 250 collated copies of each issue are printed, stapled and folded.

Any newsletter inserts, the Chapter's Boat Show Invitation and the Chapter's Membership Roster are similarly produced by the print shop.

Jamie then takes the finished copies to the Skaneateles Chamber's offices where envelopes, labels, and any special "stuffing instructions" were earlier delivered by your editor. Jamie also forwards the printing invoice to FLC Treasurer **Shirley Marsden**.

As the next-to-last step in the process, Chamber Director **Sue Dove** and her assistant, **Candy Searing**, line up Chamber volunteers to stuff envelopes and apply postage. Finally, Sue and Candy deliver the stuffed and sealed envelopes to the Skaneateles Post Office for mailing. Extra copies find their way back to your editor.

Many thanks to everyone involved in the publication process. Without their help it would not be possible to produce the newsletter you receive four times a year.

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## Opera and Old Boats?

**Giacomo Puccini** lived from 1858 to 1924 -- the last of the great line of Italian repertoire opera composers. In the course of those years he wrote ten complete operas and many other notable works.

"Notes for Boats" (below) was a taped intermission video narrated by the late **Beverly Sills** which originally appeared on Live From Lincoln Center on December 31, 2005. [©2005, Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc.] It was rebroadcast on a second Live From Lincoln Center program aired on March 20, 2008, on WXXI, the Rochester, NY PBS station. This second airing caught the eye of your editor and began a search for the material to use in an article which would connect with and



help cross-promote the Syracuse Opera and the Chapter's upcoming Boat Show. With the assistance of **Sandi Mulconry** of Group M Communications in Skaneateles and her contacts at WCNY, Syracuse's PBS outlet, **Carl Samet**, the Assistant Producer of Live From Lincoln Center, contacted your editor and forwarded the copy and photos seen here.

Many thanks to everyone who helped make this article happen, and particularly to Carl for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet this rather unusual request for the use of broadcast operatic material.- Ed.

## Notes for Boats

**Puccini** loved guy things... fine guns... fast cars... fast boats... fast women! Actually, let's leave out the women for now. You wouldn't think that a man who could write an opera for the Metropolitan like *Fanciulla Del West* would be enamored of speedboats, but he was. His home, after all was at Torre del Lago in Italy -- and he loved to whiz around the



lake to impress his friends and his women. Well, his friends.

At the Met, his opera *Fanciulla* was such a success that Puccini got not only 55 curtain calls, a record, but \$22,000. just for the royalties

on just that first performance with a lot more to come. So it was odd that one day during rehearsals he was walking down Fifth Avenue and saw a fabulous speedboat in a store window (those were the days!) and fell in love with it until he found out that it cost \$3,000., and passed it by. What was odd was, that rich and famous as he was, he was still the thrifty Tuscan homeowner who could easily have bought the speedboat from just his first night's earnings.

But in genuine fairy-tale operatic fashion his dream came true a few nights later when he was at a dinner in the Vanderbilt mansion. A wealthy banker said to Puccini that his favorite aria was Musetta's Waltz from *La Boheme*.

"Would you write it out for me," asked the banker? "I'll pay any price."

"Any price," said Puccini unbelievably?

"Any price," said the banker.

"Well, how about \$3,000.," said Puccini?

"Done," said the banker!

So the banker got his manuscript Waltz for Musetta, and Puccini got his speedy speedboat which he delivered to his gorgeous Italian lake and raced around really impressing his friends. Puccini would trade notes for boats anytime.



## An Evening in Paradise & Game Day Spectacular

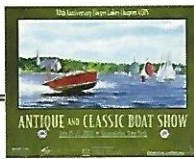


On Friday, July 25th, Summer Soirée guests will enjoy an elegant evening by the lake, including cocktails, dinner, and dancing at the scenic Skaneateles Country Club.

Sunday, July 27th is Game Day! There is no better way to spend a Sunday in the country than an afternoon filled with socializing and sporting fun. An exciting polo match, fabulous silent auction, pony rides and children's entertainment make this an event for everyone to enjoy.

**Summer Soirée** - \$150. per person. **Game Day** - General Admission \$10. ☺ Antique & Classic Boat Show Guests \$7.  
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## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Lightning Regatta July 3-6, 2008

At an Americas Cup fund-raiser held in the early 1930s at the Columbian Rope Company in Auburn, NY, **John and George Barnes**, owners of the Skaneateles Boats Company (successor to Skaneateles Boat and Canoe Co.), met naval architects **Rod and Olin Stephens**, of Sparkman & Stephens, Inc. They discussed the idea of a completely new boat which would be 19 feet long, providing room for a family, incorporate the hard chine of the Comet sailboat to allow simplified construction, and provide the high performance required of a one-design class racer.

By late 1935, **Olin Stephens, II** had completed the plans for such a boat. Over the next two years, the Skaneateles and Sparkman & Stephens teams consulted with each other on the construction of the boat that would become the Lightning. Hull #1 was launched in October 1938 at the Skaneateles Country Club and used as a test bed for the Lightning development program. In the winter of 1938, the Barnes family took Lightning #1 to the New York City Boat Show and were rewarded with numerous orders.

The Skaneateles Boats Company built most of the first 300 Lightnings. Other early builders were The Lippincott Boat Company of Riverton, NY and Emmons Boat Works of Central Square, NY. By the time of the 1946 International Lightning Regatta, which was held in Skaneateles, about 2000



Photo by Bill Clausen

Lightnings had been built, in spite of the fact that the boat companies were doing war work nearly full-time between 1941 and 1945.

By the late 1950s, the class was the largest one-design class over 16 feet in length with over 8,000 boats registered worldwide. With the advent of fiberglass construction, growth of the class persisted, and by the time of the 30th Anniversary Regatta in 1968, 11,000 boats had been built.

The Lightning has survived against the proliferation of inexpensive, modern competitors by adopting technological advances at a pace reasonable enough to advance the design without making obsolete the thousands of boats still enjoyed all over the world. Today, with some 15,000 boats built, the Lightning class is still one of the largest, most active sailboat classes in the world.

In 1968, and every ten years since, Skaneateles has welcomed the Lightning class home for anniversary regattas – this year the 70th. Each previous event has been a celebration of one of the most enduring one-design classes in the world, and has presented an opportunity for all aspects of the Lightning family, as originally envisioned by the Barnes' and Stephens' firms, to be realized. In July, experienced racers, sailing families, and casual cruisers will all come out to enjoy their boats and one another's company.

### 70<sup>th</sup> Regatta Schedule

#### Thursday, July 3

- 1200-2100 Registration – Skaneateles Country Club
- 1900- Join us for the Annual July 3rd Flare Night as we celebrate the traditional Lighting Of The Lake with flares. Cookout (cash required) followed by the live music of Jumpin' Joe Whiting and Skaneateles Country Club sponsored fireworks show.

#### Friday, July 4

- 0800-2100 Check-in / Registration
- 1100- Cash lunch / grill open under tent
- 1100-1600 ILCA sponsored Lightning Labs
- 1300-1700 Hoist hours for practice sailing
- 1630- 1730- Free beverages for sailors after the Lightning Labs. Sponsor: ILCA (under the deck)
- 1730- 2100- Cookout dinner & music of Dusty Pascal & Lorren Barrigar

#### Saturday, July 5

- 0700-0930: Boat launch

- 0700-0900- Registration
- 0900 Skippers Meeting
- 0930 Harbor Gun
- 1030 Start first race. Three races scheduled.
- Lunch on the water between races
- 1630-1800 Free beverages & DJ after racing under the main deck
- 1830-2000 Anniversary buffet dinner
- 2000-Anniversary celebration featuring guest speakers followed by live music with Bone & Doolittle

#### Sunday, July 6

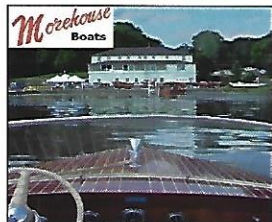
- 0630- Boat launching
- 0830- Harbor gun
- 0930- Start first race. Two races scheduled
- 1200- Last race will start no later than noon
- Awards presentation and cook-out will be held immediately after sailing





## Morehouse Boat Reunion June 28 & 29

The Finger Lakes Boating Museum and the Morehouse Boat Registry invite you to display your Morehouse boat(s) at the former Morehouse Boat Company site in Cayuga Lake State Park. Boats on display will include rowboats, outboards, inboards, and Comet and Lightning sailboats built by Morehouse. Examples of boats built by other Finger Lakes builders will also be on display.



There are no entrance fees for exhibitors. All exhibits are free and

open to the public.

If you plan to bring your Morehouse Boat or need more information, please contact **George Zeth** at 315-568-1577 or [grandvu@bluefrog.com](mailto:grandvu@bluefrog.com)

Come and enjoy a weekend of boating fun on Cayuga Lake.

## Oak Orchard Wooden Boat Festival, August 16 & 17

Undergoing some changes this year to attract more visitors and align itself with International Lighthouse Days, the main Oak Orchard Wooden Boat Festival site will be at the Orleans



County Marine Park in Point Breeze located west of Rochester on Lake Ontario's south shore. The festival will feature the usual fun-filled activities such as wooden & antique

boat displays, boat parade, arts & crafters, food vendors and a full line-up of entertainment. For more info, visit [www.woodenboatfest.com](http://www.woodenboatfest.com) or [www.oakorchardharborfest.com](http://www.oakorchardharborfest.com)

## The Dock Market

**For Sale:** 1993 James Anthony 27-ft. "Gentleman's Runabout". Like a Riva, turns heads everywhere! Jade green fiberglass V-hull with mahogany decks. 800 HP gives 65 MPH. Burlwood dash, Rosewood wheel, mahogany cockpit table, marine head, trailer, yacht systems. \$85,000. 607-532-4972 or [skip@stamberger.com](mailto:skip@stamberger.com)



**For Sale:** Barn full of boats. Sold 15; 25+ to go. Penn Yan, Thompson, Yellowjacket, Roberts, Trojan, Chestnut, Ark Traveler, Alumacraft, etc. Canoes, rowboats, runabouts. Many off-brand outboard motors and select Mercs. **Dick Curvin**, 315-729-4666

**For Sale:** Dunphy X-55, 17-ft inboard, 215 HP Interceptor engine, galvanized trailer. Engine rebuilt. Original upholstery, floor covering & trim. \$12,500. Also 1939 Skaneateles Boat & Canoe Co. Lightning Sailboat, #755. Has single bottom, new canvas deck, two sets of sails & wood mast. Alan Boat Co. trailer. \$3500. Also 1958 23-ft. mahogany lapstrake St. Lawrence River launch. 100 hp Chris-Craft engine with 1:1 1/2 reduction gear. Needs only minor restoration and cosmetic work. \$3500. Also Rhodes Bantam sailboat; two sets of sails; trailer. Needs only cosmetic work. \$1000. **Mick Griffin**, 716-662-1949 or [MickG16@aol.com](mailto:MickG16@aol.com)

**For Sale:** 1946 16-ft. Chris-Craft Rocket Special Runabout with Chrysler Ace engine, white hull and all hardware. Needs new keel and chines. \$3500. or best offer. **Ed Ritter**, 315-524-3007 (leave message).

**For Sale:** Rare 1927 20-ft. Gesswein Sportabout (hull #7) with original 6 cyl. Van Blerck engine. Twin cockpit with unusual facing rear seats. Brass hardware & leather upholstery. Boat & engine fully restored; both in excellent condition. Custom trailer. Asking \$35,000. **Barbara Giovannetti**, 315-947-5532 or [sueag@hotmail.com](mailto:sueag@hotmail.com)

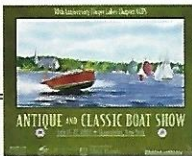
**For Sale:** 1957 23-ft. Chris-Craft Continental. New bottom, frames, chines, keel, dashboard, dark-red pleated upholstery, and cockpit edging, and ~20% new wood on deck. Twelve+ coats of varnish throughout. Original hardware including Ivalight. Folding top with white side curtains and cockpit extension. Original "M" motor with dual 12-volt batteries & switch. Motor professionally rewired. Not launched in 2006. Dual-axle trailer. \$42,000. **Steve Haarstick**, 585-342-5200 (days), [shaarstick@haarsticksailmakers.com](mailto:shaarstick@haarsticksailmakers.com)

**For Sale:** 1950 20-ft. Morehouse Utility. Varnished sides and top deck. One of only a dozen made. 95HP Model K Hercules engine runs very well. Dual-axle heavy duty bunk trailer with electric winch included. Overall good condition; stored inside under cover since 1988. Contact **Bob** at 315-635-3634 after April 10th or [ANTEEBOTR@aol.com](mailto:ANTEEBOTR@aol.com) any time.

**For Sale:** 1999 12-ft. Victory Swift; fiberglass composite over a traditional wood frame hull; replica of a '50s-era Penn Yan Swift; 1 of 7 built. 1999 25 hp Mercury (approx. 50 hrs.) moves boat at 35 MPH. One owner. Trailer and canvas cover. \$10,500. **Bud Garrity**, 607-533-9101, or [bgarrity@garrity.com](mailto:bgarrity@garrity.com)







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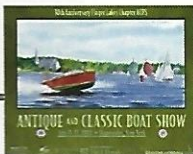
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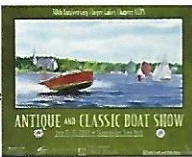



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