

# Brightwork



Newsletter for the Finger Lakes Chapter of ACBS

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## From the President

Rick Nelson



Hi folks and Happy New Year!

Wherever you are, I hope you are enjoying your local winter's climate, warm or cool. By the time you read this, beautiful Spring weather may be returning to CNY and it will soon be time to get those docks, hoists, and boats into the water.

Much thanks to Dave Couch for coordinating our December holiday gathering at Skaneateles' Blue Water Grill / Blue Goose wine bar. An informal and relaxed setting with excellent hors d'oeuvres, it was a fine place for meeting and reacquainting with several members of the chapter.

In January, Dick Sherwood opened the 2018 Monthly Lecture series at the Finger Lake Boating Museum in Hammondspport. With his 1910 *Elizabeth Ellen* on display upstairs, Dick gave a detailed and interesting history of his boat's manufacturer, the Fay and Bowen Engine Co. After starting up in Auburn, Walter Fay and Ernest Bowen moved their operation to Geneva. Many will agree that their boats, like the *Elizabeth Ellen*, possess beautiful lines. Dick's boat frequently won the People's Choice award at our annual show and Fay and Bowen boats are highly sought after throughout the country. Check out this lecture series at [www.FLBM.org](http://www.FLBM.org). I hope to make the February lecture about the steam boats that plied the Finger Lakes.

Make sure you have marked your calendar for FLC's 40th

Anniversary Boat Show, July 27 to 29. We and our partners, the Skaneateles Area Chamber of Commerce Foundation, are busy planning for this special weekend and we have designed a special 40th anniversary logo for this milestone. Invitations will be available in April and through the website ([www.acbs-flc.org](http://www.acbs-flc.org)) Please join us in late July along the northern shores of beautiful Skaneateles Lake. Lastly, we are planning another Spring Workshop, probably on a Saturday in early May. Specific details will be sent after they are finalized. Check the webpage for more on this, too. We also hope to forward information on other 2018 opportunities from other NYS chapters of ACBS. Safe travels to you all.

-Rick



### Letters...

Dear Editor:

Congratulations on the award-winning **Brightwork**. We're not surprised, but definitely proud. And, I'm not sure why it took so long for us to get to it, but we LOVED your article about Mid-Lakes 50th Anniversary (December, 2017). Thanks for honoring our history so well. We're looking back on lots of memories this coming year!

**Sarah Wiles, Mid Lakes Navigation**

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## New Members, Welcome Aboard!

Perry & Marie McGrew, Baldwinsville, NY

**Total Membership (2/15/2018):  
166**



### On the Cover

Early on Saturday morning, a couple of Skaneateles ducks enjoy the annual boat show during the calm before the day's activities.

# Calendar of Upcoming Events

|                   |                |   |
|-------------------|----------------|---|
| March 22—25       | All Day        | Sunnyland Boat Show, Wooten Park, Tavares, FL                                 |
| March 15          | (call FLBM)    | Lecture, NYS DEC: “Stocking the Finger Lakes,” Hammondsport, NY               |
| <b>March 29</b>   | <b>6:30pm</b>  | <b>FLC Board of Directors, The Creamery, Skaneateles</b>                      |
| April 19          | (call FLBM)    | Lecture, “Canal Boats,” Chemung Valley History Museum, Elmira, NY             |
| <b>April 29</b>   | <b>4:00pm</b>  | <b>FLC Board of Directors, The Creamery, Skaneateles</b>                      |
| May 17            | (call FLBM)    | Lecture, “Where to Canoe and Kayak in the Finger Lakes,” Hammondsport, NY     |
| May 18—20         | All Day        | ACBS & ABM spring workshop at ABM, Clayton, NY                                |
| <b>May 31</b>     | <b>6:00pm</b>  | <b>FLC Board of Directors, The Creamery, Skaneateles</b>                      |
| June 22—23        | All Day        | 44th Annual Lake Hopatcong Antique & Classic Boat Show, Lake Hopatcong, NJ    |
| <b>July 6—18</b>  | <b>All Day</b> | <b>80th Annual Lightning Regatta, Skaneateles Country Club, Skaneateles</b>   |
| July 7            | All Day        | Toronto Chapter 38th Annual Vintage Boat Show, Muskoka Wharf, Gravenhurst, ON |
| July 13—14        | All Day        | Fulton Chain of Lakes Rendezvous, Old Forge, NY                               |
| July 14           | 10 am—4pm      | 20th Annual Chautauqua Lake Antique & Classic Boat Show, Bemus Point, NY      |
| July 20—22        | All Day        | 40th Annual Thousand Islands Boat Show Weekend, Alexandria Bay NY             |
| July 21—22        | All Day        | Wine Country Boat Show, Hammondsport, NY                                      |
| <b>July 27—29</b> | <b>All Day</b> | <b>40th Annual FLC Boat Show, Skaneateles</b>                                 |
| Aug 3—5           | 9 am—5pm       | 54th Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction at ABM, Clayton, NY                   |
| Aug 17—19         | All Day        | Hudson River Chapter Boat Show, Hudson River Maritime Museum, Kingston, NY    |
| Sept 7—9          | All Day        | Niagara Frontier Antique & Classic Boat Show, Buffalo Launch Club             |
| Sept 7—9          | All Day        | 18th Annual Tugboat Roundup, Waterford, NY                                    |
| Sept 12—15        | All Day        | Annual ACBS Meeting and International Boat Show, Port Huron, MI               |

*Brightwork* accepts listings for many different events which may be of interest to our membership. Please send your listing request to the editor: [tom@tombeardsley.com](mailto:tom@tombeardsley.com). Of course, all listings are subject to approval and space available.

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Rick Nelson

# On Our Finger Lakes

## Funding Boost for Finger Lakes' Clean Water

As we all know, the water quality in all of our Finger Lakes is seriously threatened by the proliferation of Harmful Algal Blooms and their potential to release excessive toxins.

test in-lake HAB disruptor and prevention technologies like ultrasonic buoys, aerators, and bubblers.

As part of the NYS Regional Economic Development Council (REDC) awards, the Nature Conservancy will receive \$1.1 million to purchase up to six parcels in the Owasco Lake watershed for wetlands protection / restoration to reduce sediment loading into the Lake. The Finger Lakes Land Trust will receive \$1.4 million to purchase and / or conserve five parcels to protect at least 291 acres. More grant money will help shoreline and stream bank erosion through the area and the state.

State funding is also available for septic system upgrades.



Property owners in eligible areas, such as within 250' of a lake, can cost-share up to \$10,000 for upgrades to their failing (or likely to be failing) systems.

Hopefully, the funding will

continue to provide new projects for many years. The need is great for cleaner, safer water.



**Suspicious Algae Bloom Report Form**  
Please complete this form and e-mail to [HABInfo@dec.ny.gov](mailto:HABInfo@dec.ny.gov). If possible, please attach digital photos of the suspected bloom. (Fields in red are required)

**NEW YORK** Department of Environmental Conservation

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Date bloom was observed: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of waterbody: \_\_\_\_\_ Closest address or landmark to bloom: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Describe where on the lake you see the bloom: \_\_\_\_\_ Which sections of the lake have a bloom? (select all that apply)  North  East  North East  South East  South  West  North West  South West \_\_\_\_\_ Have you seen a bloom on this lake before?  Yes  No \_\_\_\_\_ Is the location open to the public?  Yes  No  Lease/located (near properties)  Widespread/ statewide

Is the lake used for drinking water?  Public Water Supply  Individual Water intakes  Unknown \_\_\_\_\_ Is the lake used for swimming?  Swimming Beach  Private Swimming  Unknown \_\_\_\_\_ Are people actively swimming in the bloom?  Yes  No  Unknown \_\_\_\_\_ How large is the extent of the bloom?  Small localized (few properties)  Large localized (many properties)  Widespread/ statewide

Is the bloom on the surface of the water?  Yes  No  Unknown \_\_\_\_\_ Does the water look like any of the descriptions to the right? (Select all that apply)  Bubbling scum on surface of the water  Itery, silty strands on rocks, plants, or water  Green dots/clumps on or in the water  Green streaks on the water surface  Green scum appearance within the water  Stilled paint appearance on the surface of the water (green, blue-green, white)  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_ Please use the DEC's photo gallery to help visualize the descriptions

GPS coordinates of bloom location (Please use Decimal Degree format. Ex: 42.952721, -73.748682) Latitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_ Is anyone experiencing health effects after exposure to the bloom? (If yes, contact your doctor and the state or county DCH immediately.) \_\_\_\_\_ Additional comments about the bloom or its appearance \_\_\_\_\_

Submit to DEC  Please send completed form and photos via email to: [HABInfo@dec.ny.gov](mailto:HABInfo@dec.ny.gov)

For information about algae blooms, go to DEC Harmful Algae Bloom site, for information about health concerns, go to NYSDOH blue-green algae site DEC will share this information with the NYSDOH. DEC may contact you if more information is needed. Information may be posted on the DEC Harmful Algae Bloom Notifications page.

IMPORTANT: You must have the latest version of Adobe Reader to view and complete this form. You can download it [here](#).  
Free Ask



HAB's are easy to spot and NYS DEC has a page with some pictures to help identify. Go to: <https://www.dec.ny.gov/chemical/81962.html> and you'll see pictures like this.

Fortunately, promising new public funding sources have emerged to help reverse the adverse HAB effects on our drinking water, our region's recreation, our tourism and our local economies.

In his 2018 budget, Governor Cuomo proposed \$65 million to "aggressively combat" HABs in twelve Upstate lakes, including Conesus, Honeoye, Cayuga, Owasco and Skaneateles. Regional HAB forums are compiling priority lists to develop community-specific action plans and pilot projects. Cayuga County's wish list has thirteen items.

Late in 2016, the state allotted \$2 million for trial upgrades to the Auburn and Owasco water plants to filter out the HAB toxins that appeared in the drinking water. Completed in mid 2017, this powdered, carbon-activated process successfully eliminated the cyanobacteria toxins of last year's HAB blooms. Also in 2017, NYS offered over \$1 billion in grants to municipal drinking water



infrastructure improvements.

Statewide, County Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) have acquired even more grants to remediate field, stream and ditch erosion, reducing sediment runoff. Less sediment results in fewer nutrients feeding the cyanobacteria, and therefore reduced frequency and volume of HABs.

The Owasco Watershed Lake Association (OWLA) is working to renew HAB mitigation efforts in the 2018 state budget. In 2015, the association worked with the NYS DEC to begin land side remediation projects while increasing their water sampling and testing, along with public outreach and education. OWLA is hoping for additional money for 2018 - 2020 to expand these successful programs. This new "ASK" also plans to install and

The DEC is asking the public to report HAB's. An online form is available on their website.



## Restorer's Corner

# Introducing a New Look at This Corner

### Editor's Note:

We're taking a new approach on "Restorer's Corner." Brightwork is asking our commercial restorers to weigh in, on a rotating basis.

The luck of the draw for the first go-around went to Ham Armstrong of Armstrong Boatworks in Fayetteville.

Ham introduces himself below and invites questions to be answered in the June issue.

Please send your questions to Ham and feel free to ask, really, anything. There's nothing (he says) which might stump him and there's nothing (he reassures) that is too simple.

I have attended these antique boat shows in upstate New York for more than 30 years. It's a pleasure meeting the people who make up this community, love their boats and really like discussing them.

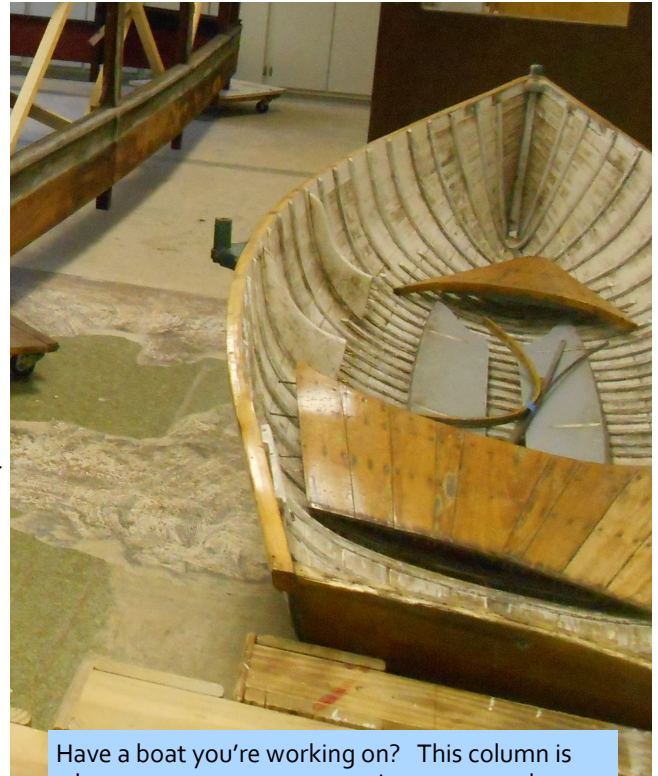
Recently, I looked over the membership list of our local chapter and was still surprised to find so many names I don't know, so let me introduce myself.

I have built and restored wooden boats in Central New York since 1988. I have had many boats pass through my shop for all manner of repair, refinishing, and sometimes for rebuilding. Occasionally, customers have come in with only a set of plans and we built the boat of their dreams.

Through necessity (and a lot of curiosity), I have become familiar with many types of boats, how to take care of them, how they age, and how to return them to their original condition.

I'm a New York native and from a young age there has always been a boat in my life. At the family camp, I sailed a "pond yacht." In my mind, I was sailing to all kinds of far off and fantastic places. As a teen, I canoed on the Erie Canal in an Old Town my mother acquired. In college, I sailed wooden Lightning's on Cayuga Lake. I moved to Southern California a few years later, finding my niche with boat builders and restorers in the San Diego area. I helped in the construction of offshore racing sailboats and with yard repairs of many others. I crewed on bigger wooden sailboats, including the Ancient Mariners Trans-Pac race. At every opportunity, I definitely messed about in boats.

When I moved back here in 1988 with a growing family, I set up shop and focused mainly on antique motorboats.



Have a boat you're working on? This column is where you can get your questions answered.

My turn for this column comes up in the June issue of **Brightwork**. I'd like to address your questions and maybe share a few stories, too.

Please send any questions you have, no matter how simple. I will do my best to provide a considered response. Bring it on!

Cheers, Hamilton Armstrong  
[armstrongboatworks@gmail.com](mailto:armstrongboatworks@gmail.com)

*Send your restoration questions or your stories to Ham directly, and if you don't mind, copy us, too.*

*Each issue, we'll have an introduction from the next guest to this column—all them experts at this restoration business.*



## THE FIRST **BRIGHTWORK** PHOTO CONTEST BEGINS!

SUBMIT YOUR PHOTO BY NOVEMBER 1 AND WE'LL PUBLISH THE FIRST, SECOND, THIRD AND HONORABLE MENTION WINNERS IN DECEMBER. SHOW US HOW YOU USE YOUR BOAT! WE'LL BE LOOKING FOR THE STORY YOUR PHOTO TELLS AND OVERALL COMPOSITION.

FLC members may submit in color or black and white in the highest resolution possible. Photos should not be previously published and a submission grants us all publication rights, with credit to you. Only winners will be notified, no photos will be returned. Please include some background including your name, email address and phone number. Not a member? Join via the website ([www.acbs-flc.org](http://www.acbs-flc.org)) or by phone to Dick Sherwood (585) 734-1420.

*Introducing:*

# The FLC's 40th Boat Show!

For 40 years, the Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society has hosted an in-water boat show along the shores of Finger Lakes area waters. In honor of this, Kathleen Hope and Elaine Jakubowski have added a commemorative banner to the FLC logo. We'll be adding this banner to our logo throughout the year.

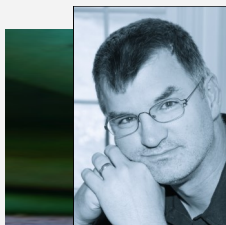
The chapter has celebrated and showcased their member's antique boats from Ithaca to Seneca Falls, Deauville Park in Auburn to the Oswego River in Oswego and for more than 20 years along the shores of what the late Secretary of State William H. Seward called



the "Prettiest body of water in the world..." The shores of Skaneateles have become our home. See more on the history of the chapter on page 11.

For an invitation to his highly acclaimed show, look for an invitation in your mailbox with this picture on the cover (or check the website: [www.acbs-flc.org](http://www.acbs-flc.org))

Please remember to return your application early! It is first come—first serve.



*John Abbett*

## To Resurrect a Chris Craft Capri

*John acquired a 1958, 19' Chris-Craft Capri in the late summer of 2015, finding it in desperate need of restoration. John is chronicling what he's learned and progress he's made along the way. Fully committed to a complete restoration, we're happy to share his story. For more detail, check out John's blog: [www.capriproject.com](http://www.capriproject.com). This article is an ongoing series.*



**Editor's Note:** At publication time, John was waiting for lumber to fashion planks, ribs and decks. The project continues, however, and we're looking forward to his next installment in the June issue of *Brightwork*.



# On A Winter's Day...

## At The Annual CNY Boat Show

Amid the gleaming fiberglass with gelcoats reflective enough to be a mirror, where the chrome was polished to nearly blinding, were dreams of summer scenes, easy dockside days and cocktails in the cockpit.



In the middle of it all was a glimpse of the past with the richness of mahogany and varnish.

The Finger Lakes Chapter returned to the CNY boat show at the State Fairgrounds in Syracuse this year to show the flag while answering questions about antique boating and membership in ACBS.

Chapter Vice-President Dave Couch organized and laid out the exhibit and was assisted by volunteers: Rick Nelson, Janice Miller, Howard Skinner, Laurie

Navratil, Dick Sherwood and Jack Gifford.

Questions were answered about restoration, what's involved, and general membership. They talked about ACBS in general, the Finger Lakes Chapter in particular and the Finger Lakes

Boating Museum lecture series and academy.

Some of the comments overheard by Rick Nelson included: "Now here are the *real* boats..." "We had one of these when I was a kid..." "I wish we still had our old boat, wooden boats have the best ride..." and "Wood boats have their own distinct odor..."



Rick says there were also a couple of nice compliments on the Chapter's stern desk!

Boats on display included a 1956 Sea Liner and Dave Couch's own 1960 Lyman. The boat show took place from February 15–18. This is the fourth year FLC has exhibited at this show.





Noah Taylor

My New View of Old Boats

## How I Got Involved in This... Why Knot?

**Editor's Note:** We're really proud to introduce Noah Taylor to this column. A member of FLC and ACBS since 2016, he's already won a couple of awards at the FLC show, including Junior Craftsmanship. He says he has some stories to share and we'll just let him tell you...

Noah Taylor here, for those of you who don't know me, I am 17 and a fellow antique boat lover, owner and young restorer, too! I am honored and thrilled to be taking over Blythe's column. Her writing was interesting and motivating every time and I hope that mine will be the same.

Now that we're past my introduction, I would like to start my first column with some of my background. Recently, my dad pulled out a picture of me as a little boy and if I had to guess, I probably was about 5 years old at the Annual Skaneateles Antique and Classic Boat Show. When my dad noticed me looking at the picture he explained how happy and excited I was. I remember being surrounded by these beautiful and stunning boats! Ever since that moment and after many more years of my dad bringing me to this show as a kid, my interest and passion for these great boats has developed! And that passion continues to this day.



My first small restoration was a 1968 Skimmer sailing dinghy in 2015. In 2016, my dad and I restored a beautiful 1900

double-ended Adirondack historic rowing skiff. That skiff was graciously given to me by Mr. and Mrs. Myllymaki.

When I was at the Clayton boat show with my rowing skiff in the summer of 2016, I picked up my current boat, a 1950s Whirlwind runabout and have named it "Why Knot". My restoration project of *Why Knot* started back in November of 2016 and by the 2017 Skaneateles show, I had the body restored. This included varnish, paint, original restored hardware, fixing the keel and a 1968 50hp Kiekhaefer Mercury Thunderbolt outboard.



And, as I had dreamed, an underdog such as myself managed to be tied up along the docks with all the professionals! It's funny because, when working on my 1900 Adirondack rowing skiff, I was approached by Rob Kidd. Rob wanted to write an article about me and my skiff in



**Brightwork.** Honored by his suggestion, I couldn't say no! If you're reading this Rob, I can't thank you enough for sharing a glimpse of my story and my historic skiff! So, to get to my point, within that article



Noah's Whirlwind, *Why Knot?*

he mentioned that I would one day be whipping along the docks with my Chris Craft. Well, it isn't exactly a Chris Craft yet, but I wouldn't have figured I would be on the docks this soon!

By surprise, I actually had some engine issues at the end of the boat show last year. Jim and Justin Hofschneider are very kind and friendly people whom I was excited and happy to become friends with. They were kind enough to hook me up with a 1960s 45 hp Kiekhaefer Mercury outboard which runs strong to this day! Can't thank you enough Jim and Justin!

Shifting gears, winter is not my favorite, but it's a perfect time to get things done. During these cold months, my grandpa and I have continued to work on my Whirlwind runabout in his garage. With his help, we installed a stereo system with a Bluetooth receiver and two 90-watt speakers. We fixed my lights so both bow



and stern work, designed mahogany decking (original to boat but missing), and bought half of the materials. We also installed gauges, a horn and a kill switch to my battery. I'm sure there's other things but I am running out of room to write for this article and will wrap it up. I am so excited to be writing this article and honored.

Until next time stay warm and don't worry, Spring and even better, summer, is on

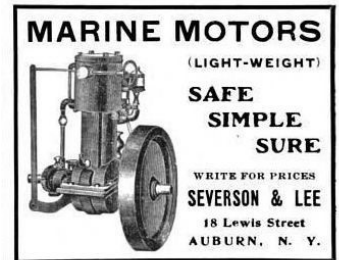
its way, so I will be seeing you on the water soon!





# Things We Find In Old Journals

Sometimes it's those little things you learn about your own hometown. Many of us remember "Five Points" in Auburn. It was the intersection of Franklin, Lewis and Grant Avenues. In the 50's and 60's, there was a John Deere dealer and a dry cleaning store. There was a grocery store, a corner store, a newsstand, a fish-fry, a bakery and a barber-shop.



This past winter, FLC member Bruce Hall was looking through some old publications and found an engine shop, located just south of Five Points in what is now a completely residential neighborhood. Severson & Lee built marine engines there, probably a start-up in a garage as surrounding houses mostly pre-date 1910.

In the same publication, scrolling a few pages back, is another interesting ad for another engine manufacturer, FJ



ruptedly on the surface of the ground in a temperature of 28 degrees below zero.

F. J. Humphries, Skaneateles, N. Y., is making the Gosper gasoline automobile and marine engines in the following sizes: 1½, 2 and 4 H. P., single cylinder; 6 and 10 H. P., double cylinder; 15 and 20 H. P., four cylinder; and also the Gosper stationary engines in 1½, 2 and 4 H. P. single cylinder sizes.

Humphries in Skaneateles, building "Gosper" marine, auto and stationary

engines. (Bruce says there is a FJ Humphrey auto-shop in Elbridge today and wonders if there's a connection.)

We welcome any further information on either of these engine manufacturers!

For a digital version of what Bruce discovered, do a search for "Severson & Lee Engines in Auburn. If you're reading on line, [click here](#). We've done the web search for you.





## Safe Boating Begins Today

Boating season is right around the corner and now is a great time to get ready. Check your life jackets and life rings for damage from scurrilous rodents. Do the jacket's straps show holes and do those snaps still snap? Does your horn still work? How about the bilge pump? Is the paddle in good shape or is it rotted and cracked? Is the first aid kit up to date and complete? Did you take a boating safety course? It is the law for any operator born after May 1, 1996 to have a boater's safety certificate. Go to: [www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx](http://www.parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx) to find a course nearby. It might save you money on insurance, too!

Finally, develop a checklist for each adventure and include at least: 1) Lifejackets for everybody on board 2) Whistle or horn 3) First aid kit 4) Paddle or Oar 5) Flares (check the date! Expired flares are a "no-sail!") 6) Anchor and line 6) The fire extinguisher should show charged and it should be inspected within the last year.

And always file a float plan. Make sure someone knows where you're going, when you expect to be back and how many people will be aboard. Have a safe season!



# Skaneateles Lightnings Light Up The Lake



Nine years into the Great Depression, the United States was slowly coming out of dark times. Employment was up and things were starting to look brighter.

On one particular October day in 1938, the skies over Skaneateles Lake were blue with the white puffy clouds that hold the promise of wind. And on that day the first Lightning sailboat was launched.

Built by the Skaneateles Boat Company and skippered by Rod Stephens (brother of the boats' designer, Olin Stephens of the firm Sparkman and Stephens), this innovative sloop-rigged sailing dinghy enjoyed a surprisingly fast run down the lake.

The sails snapped and filled, the bow cut through the water like lightning and the boat's named was earned.

Since then, more than 15,000 of these boats have been built and more than 500 fleets exist in more than 13 countries.

The original goal in building this type of boat was to give sailors a vehicle for family fun as well as an easy racing craft. The cockpit could hold up to six people on an easy day sail while paring down to three for a good, fast, technical race.

Peter Isler, a two-time America's Cup champion (navigator) with ties to Skaneateles says, "One design racing in small boats is where it's at. Nearly all the great sailors grew up sailing dinghies and then 'graduated' to the bigger 'lead mines.' Small boat sailing teaches things like sensitivity to the boat, sail trim and performance that you simply can't get in bigger, heavier boats."

Today, the **Lightning** class is 80 years old. Every ten years, the International Lightning Class Association brings these great sailboats back to find their home, holding an International Regatta on the waters of Skaneateles.

This year, the 80th **Lightning** Regatta is the weekend of July 6—8, at the Skaneateles Country Club.

Boaters will check in on Friday with clinics and other activities for sailors and their families at the club and through the community. Racing is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday.

**Lightning #1** has been on display at the Skaneateles Historical Society's museum at The Creamery on Hannum Street in the village. It's expected this will be a strong attraction for these sailors.

Isler was at the Creamery when **Lightning #1** was brought in. He says the Finger Lakes are some of the most interesting waters for sailing because the way winds eddy,

## Volunteers Needed!

The 80th anniversary of the **Lightning** and the 80th Anniversary Regatta at the Skaneateles Country Club needs volunteers.

If you can spare any time through this special weekend, July 6—8, 2018, check in with [Vanessa Yates at \[vanessadyates@gmail.com\]\(mailto:VanessaYates@vanessadyates@gmail.com\)](mailto:VanessaYates@vanessadyates@gmail.com). Be sure to include your availability and contact information.

The Skaneateles Historical Society will also need some help that weekend in particular as racers are expected to visit **The Creamery** to see **Lightning #1**. Contact Dave Miller at the Creamery for more information on how to help: 315-491-5914.

shift and veer, demanding constant attention.

Isler adds, "The Finger Lakes are some of the most beautiful waters (and surroundings) in the world. I never get tired of their beauty on and off the water. And Skaneateles is the best! (But, don't tell anyone!)"

For more information on the Regatta, go to the Lightning Regatta's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1641746756146829/>

The calendar of events can be found on the Country Club's website: <http://www.skaneatelescc.com/sailing/2018-80th-lightning-regatta>



**Lightning #1** was first owned by Gordon Cronk of Skaneateles and sold in 1944 to Lewis Ayars of Syracuse (although remaining on the lake). In 1971, #1 was sold to John Ryan, then bought by the International Lightning Association in 1988 and donated to the Mystic Seaport Museum. The boat is on long-term loan to the Skaneateles Historical Society from Mystic Seaport.

## Lightning Light and Lightning Fast:

With a hard chine and a heavy centerboard, the **Lightning** can handle strong winds, remaining stable even with a spinnaker. The original boat was built of mahogany with a sitka spruce mast. Today's boats maintain the same balance and weight, but are made of molded fiberglass.

Weight: 700 lbs (318 kg) LOA: 19'0" (5.8m) Beam: 6'6" (2m) Sail area (main and jib) 177 sf combined. Spinnaker: 300 sf  
Retractable centerboard: 130 lbs. Draft centerboard down: 4'11" (1.51m) / centerboard raised: 5" (.12m)

# 2018 Is Special for FLC; The 40th Show!

At the Deerhead Inn in Seneca Falls, just across the street from the former Morehouse Boat Company and along the shores of Cayuga Lake, a group of boaters would occasionally and informally gather. In the spring of 1977, conversations centered on the upcoming boating season, the weeds in front of the Morehouse showroom (they were getting worse) and what to do about docks (they needed repairs).

Then, Ford Knight was heard talking to Fred Curry and Dick Morehouse, Jr about some antique boat shows up in Clayton and over in Lake George. Ideas began to swirl and this group wondered if they could do something similar.

George Zeth remembers the discussion getting lively as people chimed in, wondering just how in the world do you put on a boat show? He says Ford sounded pretty confident and everything somehow moved forward.

Some of the group took a field trip to Clayton and found the Shipyard Museum. They saw a variety of boats, talked to some people and came up with a plan. They met John Bradley, of Clayton, who offered ideas and said the group should also talk to people in Lake George who had just

come up with some kind of “Antique and Classic Boat Society.”

The next few months were a whirlwind. In September, a press release was drafted and sent to the Finger Lakes Times in Geneva, the Auburn Citizen and the Ithaca Journal announcing an organizational meeting to launch the “First Annual Cayuga Lake Antique and Classic Boat Show” the following year.

On January 8, 1978, the group had enough people to declare itself a chapter of ACBS. The 16 people included: **Ford Knight (President), Syd Marsden (Vice-president), Kristine Marble (Secretary), Richard Morehouse, Jr (Treasurer), Fred Curry, George Zeth, George and Gloria Hyatt, Harold Flagg, Ron Jasper, Jerry Feltus, John Barnes, Jim Brennan, Bob Myllymaki, Mary Ellen Bond, Josephine Brown and Allyn Morehouse.** On February 11, ACBS approved the formation of the “Finger Lakes Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society.”

That summer, the first boat show was held at Robert Treman State Marine Park in Ithaca. Through the years, the show moved around a bit, landing in places like Seneca Falls, Oswego, Brewerton, Owasco Lake and finally, in 1994 FLC found a home at the north end of Skaneateles Lake.

Today, the Skaneateles Antique and Classic Boat Show draws about 12,000 people and is a co-organized event by the Skaneateles Chamber of Commerce and Finger Lakes Chapter boat show committees.

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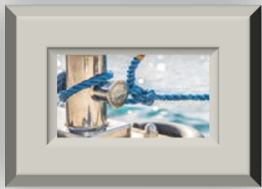
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# News Bitts...

The Geneva Visitor's Center is being transformed. Soon to re-open as one of 10 Regional Welcome Centers throughout the state, it is located on the north end of Seneca Lake with easy access from routes 5 & 20. The building is undergoing some renovation and should be similar to this rendering, released by Governor Andrew Cuomo's office last year.



The Visitor's Center will be showcasing activities throughout the Finger Lakes from shopping to agriculture, gorges, industry, education facilities, food, wine, distilleries and breweries. Attractions will be highlighted and, of course, antique boats. The Finger Lakes Boating Museum in Hammondsport is donating four boats on a permanent loan to help out. The center is expected to open this May. It will be staffed seven days a week.



As always, **volunteers** will be needed to help out during the Skaneateles boat show. This is our time to host antique boaters from other chapters as well as see old friends from FLC. We'll be looking for help at the launch ramp, on the docks, in the park setting up, registration and more. Contact Rick Nelson for whatever you can do (and you get a nice t-shirt out of the deal, too!).

Rick can be found at [owascohawk@aol.com](mailto:owascohawk@aol.com) or 315-729-3823.



Don't forget the **Lighting Regatta!** 80 years of Lightnings and they are coming to Skaneateles this summer. The resources page of the Lightning Class website features the history of these amazing racing / family boats as written by two Skaneateles residents (and boaters). <http://www.lightningclass.org/resources/historyLightning/historyLightning2.asp>

FLC will be helping out and volunteers will be needed. **Save the Date, July 6—8.**



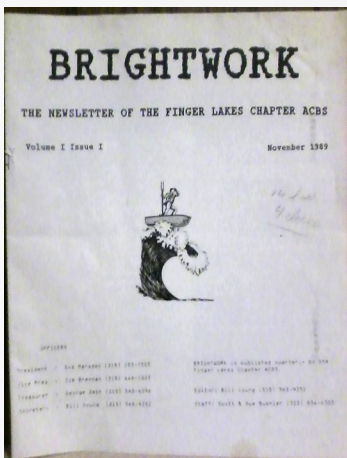
Don't forget—**Boater's Safety Course**. Having a certificate to operate a boat in NYS is the law for anyone born after May, 1996. Exceptions include rentals, as long as a detailed orientation is provided by the renting company. Find a schedule of approved courses at the NYS Parks and Recreation website: <https://parks.ny.gov/recreation/boating/safety-courses.aspx>. This list includes links to the Coast Guard Auxiliary, Power Squadron and others.



A special note from Membership: **Please check and make sure your email address is up to date.** Membership is noting there have been a number of problems lately in communications because of address misspellings, out-of-date extensions along with other challenges.

Remember: If you ever had a "verizon.net" address with FLC or ACBS it is no longer valid.

Best bet? Go to the directory and check the address the way it's listed. Or, simply email a note to Dick Sherwood ([fleboats@aol.com](mailto:fleboats@aol.com)). Your correct email address can then be clipped and compared.



Many thanks to Syd (Bruce) Marsden for his assistance in research and contributions of lots of pictures from boat shows past, some of which have been used in this issue.

While going through files, Bruce found this—the cover of **Volume 1, Number 1 of Brightwork**. We like to think we've come a long way... At the very least, we haven't been able to find another past issue with a witch on the cover!



# 40 Years of Families and Boat Shows

Families have such a rich history with the Finger Lakes Chapter that we sometimes take them for granted. In looking back at 40 years of boat shows, we have been reminded just how much a part of the chapter families play. In this issue, we'll start with a family that helped start the chapter. This family is known for bringing a full fleet of craft to Skaneateles each July.

The late Syd Marsden was our first vice-president and is noted as a charter member of FLC. Syd's wife, the late Shirley Marsden, spent years as treasurer and may be best known to many for her catch phrase, "No Tikkie, No Eatie..." at the annual FLC banquet.

The participation of this family hasn't diminished one bit. The Marsden legacy continues with Bruce (Syd Jr.), Wendy (Marsden) and Ric Fetridge, Karen Marsden and Charlie Marsden. And then, there are Bruce's daughters, Kimberly and Katelyn.

There have always been a small flotilla of Marsden boats ranging from launches to runabouts to canoes and rowing skiffs. Every year, it seems, they bring something new. Lately, Katelyn's bright pink Century has graced the Skaneateles docks. The lineage of this boat (Pink is the original, factory color, by the way), can be found in an article coming out in the March 2018 newsletter for the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton.

In this, Kimberly describes how Katelyn came upon the Century, shortly after the passing of Kay Newcomb, the boat's former owner. "My sister Katelyn couldn't stand to think of it not being in our chapter anymore or anyone else having the same appreciation and love for it. So, it comes as very little surprise that my sister is now the proud owner of a 1958 Century Roan."

Thanks to Bruce for sharing some of the Marsden photos of boat shows past.



# The Dock Market

**For Sale: 1958 22' Century Raven**, all original. Second Owner for the last 34 years. Original 6 cylinder Chrysler engine (rebuilt), 134 hp. Complete with aluminum tandem axle float-on-trailer. Offered at \$25k. Jim Davis, Pittsford, NY 585-721-8205 [jdavis171@frontier.com](mailto:jdavis171@frontier.com) *NEW 1217*

**For Sale: 1927 27' Fay & Bowen, Puffin III.** This Finger Lakes built boat has been in covered storage for most of its life in Ashland, NH (fresh water). A Torpedo style hull, the boat has been meticulously maintained in a bright finish. V6 engine, 20g fuel capacity. \$60,000 OBO. Mark and Kathy Closson. 617-797-0997 [kathyclosson@aol.com](mailto:kathyclosson@aol.com) *NEW 0617*



**For Sale:** Boat-quality cedar plank, 18 ft long by 14 3/4" x 5/8". Purchased from lumber yard years ago but never used. Stored late on rafters. \$50 takes all. [robertshanebrook@yahoo.com](mailto:robertshanebrook@yahoo.com) *NEW 1216* (Rochester, NY)

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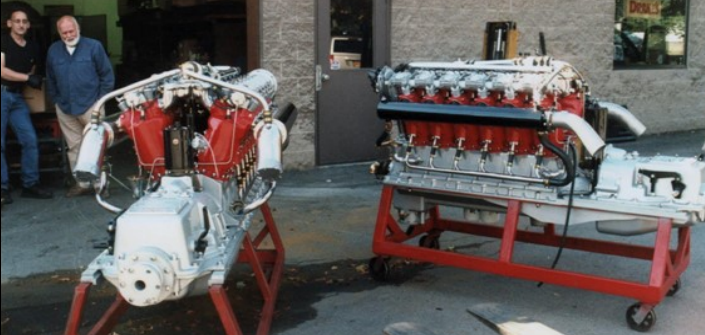
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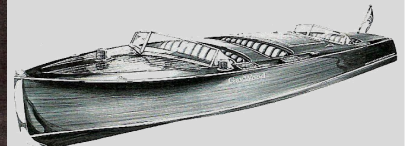
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