

Travel with the Society to Hammondsport – July 16, 2020



You really do not want to miss this adventure!

We travel to Hammondsport to spend the day, leaving Nunda at 8:45 am. We will be visiting the Finger Lakes Boating Museum that has been housed in the historic Taylor Wine Company buildings since 2014. In addition, we will have lunch in the Taylor Room, spend about 50 minutes touring Keuka Lake aboard the newly restored Pat II, and have time to visit places in the village for those interested.

The Finger Lakes Boating Museum exists for the education and preservation of the boating activities and boat building heritage of the Finger Lakes. In 1996, a small group of dedicated antique boating enthusiasts, motivated in part by a common concern over the rapidly dwindling population of locally-built wooden boats, committed to establishing a museum that would **preserve the boating heritage of the Finger Lakes Region of New York State**. They believed that a museum focusing on the impact that recreational and commercial boating had on the development of the lakes and tourism in the Finger Lakes Region would increase appreciation and awareness as well as help preserve these vintage craft.



The former Taylor Wine Company wine cellars are steeped in local history. Originally built in 1886 as the Columbia Wine Company, Taylor purchased the building in 1919 for wine storage. The large 2,000 plus gallon oak wine casks are still in place as they would have been then.



The Museum Collection has now grown to more than 200 boats (about 40 on exhibit) built by many of the

40+ commercial builders identified to date as having built boats throughout the Finger Lakes Region during the last century. Visitors can see canoes, rowboats, row outboards, outboard runabouts, inboards, hydroplanes, and sailboats. Many related artifacts and ephemera are also on display. A 130' x 10' lake and nature mural, a replica lake cottage, and a 60' x 10' lake mural provide most appropriate settings for the exhibits. The main building also contains an active boat shop where you will see restoration projects underway.

It is FLBM's goal for their Research Library to become the main source for Finger Lakes boating information. Making it user-friendly and welcoming to the researcher is another key goal. They also offer a continuing selection of educational lectures, workshops, and entertaining programs year-round.



Our visit to the museum will begin with a **short video overview of the museum.**

The **Steamboat Room** contains miniature, to-scale steamboats that, when finished, will have 4 boats from each of the four largest lakes. While there are over 80 **Fishing Boats and Rowboats** in the collection, there is only room for 6 to be on display. Included in this exhibit is the oldest boat in the collection, the Sutherland double ender built by Henry Sutherland in 1905, and a boat designed by Henry Sutherland and built by his great grandson in the 1990's.

The Second Floor Exhibit Hall contains inboards, including the Elizabeth Ellen, a lavishly furnished luxury boat built in 1910 by the Faye and Bowen Engine Company in Geneva. The winery tasting room is now the **Canoe Room** and has three large murals with canoes and hydroplanes on exhibit.

The Ed Wightman Exhibit Hall features 3 different **Boat Molds** and an example of a boat that would have been made on each. Also on display here is the **Lakes Exhibit**, celebrating much of what people remember of the lakes—sailing, outboard motoring, water skiing, and the lake cottages.



*The Pat II in 1933 in the Thousand Islands
(Boldt Castle in the background)*

The Pat II, a 39' launch built in 1924, served as a tour boat in the Thousand Islands from 1924 to 1955. In 1956 she was moved to Skaneateles Lake and served as a tour boat and US Postal Service delivery boat on the historic Star Route 13 until 1991. She has been out of service since, having languished in a marina bone yard. She came to the Finger Lakes Boating Museum in 2013 from the Skaneateles Historical Society. The Pat II's amazing 67 years of service have been rewarded with a complete rehabilitation and she is soon to be returned to the water where she belongs. She is to be launched in May 2020



*Photos show Pat II in 2014
before restoration
started and during
restoration.*

Since the Pat II only seats 16 people, we will be dividing into groups and shuttling people a distance of about three miles between the Museum and the boat launch site. The first trip on the Pat II is at 10:00 am and the last is at 2:15 pm. The restoration of the Par II has been documented on Facebook @Pat2Boat. More information and photos of the FLBM may be found on FB @fingerlakesboatmuseum or at www.flbm.org

A Buffet Lunch will be catered by Timberstone Grill in The Taylor Room pictured here. On the Menu:



Garden salad - mixed greens & garden vegetables; Herb crusted pork loin with tomato rosemary pan sauce; Parmesan chicken in an artichoke sun-dried tomato cream; Rosemary garlic oven roasted potato; Seasonal vegetables; Coffee, tea, and lemonade; Assorted brownies and desserts

Cost: \$110 for members; \$120 for non-members.
Registration and payment need to be made by July 6.
Please complete the **Tour Registration Form**
available at the Nunda Historical Society Building
or on our website at www.nundahistory.org
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