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## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Show and Auction August 3-5

CLAYTON, NY (July 26, 2012) – The Antique Boat Museum (ABM), situated on the banks of the majestic St. Lawrence River, will be the setting for the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Boat Show and Auction Friday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Sunday, August 5<sup>th</sup>.

This year's show will feature an array of nearly 100 antique boats, engines, and other boating artifacts in the water, and spread over the Museum's 4.5 acre campus. A marketplace, educational forums, boat rides, and children's activities will also be available. The show will culminate in the Grand Parade of Boats on Sunday at 2 p.m.

A special addition this year is the "debut" "That's Her," a well-known River water taxi restored by Duane Chalk, a Fishers Landing native and dedicated Museum volunteer boat restorer. Mr. Chalk worked on the restoration of the "Wild Goose" which returned to the river in June.

The show will also offer an auction on Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, at 1 p.m. Conducted by Antique Boat America, the auction will feature a collection of three, rarely seen together Rushton Boat Company boats (of Canton, NY) including a 12' early 1900s sailing canoe, a 17' 1901 Florida Skiff, and 16' Indian Girl Canoe among its offering of over 50 other boats for auction.

For more information or to register your auction items please visit:  
[http://antiqueboatamerica.com/ab\\_list\\_boatNew.asp?Left=Auction&Type=AuctionOverview](http://antiqueboatamerica.com/ab_list_boatNew.asp?Left=Auction&Type=AuctionOverview)

Frederick H. Hager, ABM executive director, said: "This year's show will attract antique and classic boat enthusiasts and just plain fans of beautiful water craft from around the country.

"That coupled with the Boat Show parade on Sunday, auction on Saturday, and a host of other family fun activities including boat rides on the Museum's fleet of antique and classic boats and tours on La Duchesse, the 106' houseboat built for hotelier George Boldt in 1903, make this show one of the best in the country."

Also on display at the boat show will be the 48' *Pardon Me*, said to be the largest runabout ever built and one of John Hacker's most important custom boats. *Pardon Me*, built by Hutchinson in Alexandria Bay in 1948, is being restored by the Antique Boat Museum.

An original oil on canvas by local artist Michael Ringer titled *Wild Goose Returns to River* will be auctioned at the Saturday night dinner and reception at the Museum.

The show runs from 9 am to 5 pm all three days and refreshments will be available for sale. General admission is \$15 daily, \$30 for a three-day pass, youth (7-17) admission is \$10 daily, \$20 for a three-day pass,

family passes are \$45 per day, children under the age of 6 are free, active military with ID, will be admitted free of charge. Please visit [www.abm.org](http://www.abm.org) for further information or to register.

The Antique Boat Museum is the premier freshwater nautical museum in North America. Located on the St. Lawrence River in the 1000 Islands, the ABM features over 300 antique and classic boats among thousands of recreational boating artifacts. From May to October, the campus comes alive with speed boat rides, boat shows, and educational programs for all ages, special events and more. For more information please visit the Museum's website at [www.abm.org](http://www.abm.org).

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