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**1000 Islands Family FREE Day Is June 1st**

CLAYTON, New York (May 20, 2024) – The Antique Boat Museum, North America’s premier freshwater boating museum based in Clayton, NY, announced today the details of their popular 1000 Islands Family Free Day that will be held Saturday, June 1st. Free admission to the ABM is offered all day and fun family activities will be held from 10 AM – 5PM.

1000 Islands Family Day was first held in 1997, making this year the 25th anniversary of this FREE admission special event. 1000 Islands Family Day was originally created as an opportunity to bring the local community into the ABM and provide accessibility to the museum to everyone, that remains the mission of the event today.

Visitors will enjoy the chance to ride an antique boat ($5 per person), row a skiff; try their hand at an obstacle course with members of Ft. Drum’s 2nd Battalion, 87th Infantry Regiment; purchase a picnic lunch from local food trucks BK’s Smokehouse or City Dawgz; crafts and games for kids; tours of *La Duchesse,* the historic houseboat originally owned by George Boldt; and much more.

The Antique Boat Museum is thrilled to have the 10th Mountain Division Band from Fort Drum perform at Family Free Day as well as local musicians Bad Husbands Club and Jaynie Trudell! They will be joined by many local organizations promoting their summer activities and programs. The local organizations include Slipstream Watercraft, Jefferson County Sherriff’s Office, Thousand Islands Arts Center, Save the River, and United States Coast Guard Auxiliary, among others.

Visitors will also get the chance to see and visit with the steam boaters of the Great International Steamboat Flotilla throughout the day! ABM is delighted to host the Flotilla June 1-7. Anyone interested in seeing the Great International Steamboat Flotilla and visiting with the steamboaters is encouraged to come to 1000 Islands Family Free Day as the Flotilla will be out and about enjoying the 1000 Islands the rest of their stay.

The Museum’s Trustees, Staff Team, and Volunteers look forward to welcoming everyone and having a day full of fun on Saturday, June 1st.!

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**Enclosures** (2 JPEG) 10th Mountain Division Band’s woodwind quartet at the 2022 1000 Islands Family Free Day; *Flying Cloud* during the 2022 Flotilla visit

**About ABM**

Located on the St. Lawrence River in upstate NY, ABM features a collection of over 300 antique and classic boats and thousands of recreational boating artifacts. Each summer the waterfront

campus comes alive with numerous educational programs and special events, including the longest running antique boat show in North America. For more information, please visit the Museum’s website at abm.org.

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