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**New Options and Old Favorites from ABM’s Education Department**

*Enjoyable Educational Experiences for Everyone This Summer*

CLAYTON, New York (May 9, 2023) – The Education Department at the Antique Boat Museum is excited to announce another summer full of programming for boaters, aspiring architects, and history buffs of all ages and experience levels. Interested parties should visit the Education pages on the Museum’s website ([www.abm.org/education](http://www.abm.org/education)) for the most up-to-date information.

Children under 8 will enjoy learning the basics of sailing, rowing, and paddling in Intro to Small Craft (June 26 to August 16). Kids 8-16 will have the opportunity to get out sailing on French Bay through our Beginning and Intermediate sailing classes (June 26 to August 16). Adults and families are welcome to either start learning or brush up on their sailing experience in our Open/Adult sailing classes (evening sessions in July). Visitors of all ages will have fun and learn new skills by dropping into the weekly **free** Tuesday Night Community Sailing & Rowing sessions (rain date Wednesday).

Kids of all ages can also thrive in one of our STEM-based, co-op River Rat Days. These day camps each host a unique theme and work with other local nonprofits and advocacy groups to give kids one-of-a-kind experiences on the River. Three River Rat Days will be held throughout June and July.

Summer 2023 will see the return and revitalization of the Youth Architecture & Design Camp in collaboration with Syracuse University during the week of July 24. This week-long camp, ending with an exhibition, will focus on teaching students how to pull architectural designs from nature.

 If you want to learn more about our region’s indigenous watercraft, you’ll enjoy our daily St. Lawrence skiff rowing opportunities starting in late June. Waterfront Crew will give a background of this unique small craft and the proper technique for rowing before visitors try it out for themselves. Also available to take out for a test run are canoes and kayaks. You can combine that new-found knowledge and appreciation of small craft with a love of baked goods by joining us for Row 4 Donuts Saturday, August 5th, at the Antique Boat Show & Auction.

 Educational and enjoyable activities are available for every member of your family this season at the Antique Boat Museum at a variety of price points. We hope to see new boaters and seasoned River Rats alike on campus in 2023!

For more information on the featured and additional programming, contact Museum Educator Molly Voth at mvoth@abm.org or 315.686.4104 ext. 225.

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**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 4.5-acre 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.