



For Immediate Release

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Local Classic Antique Boats to Gather for Special Pancreatic Cancer Fundraiser at Torch Lake

The first Jane Thie Memorial Torch Lake Classics Rendezvous – “Cruising for the Cure 2009”, is set for the morning of Saturday, July 25th 2009. On that morning, just shortly after sunrise, a gathering of 30 to 40 wooden boats from the 1920s, 30s, 40s, 50s and 60s will grace the turquoise waters of Torch Lake near Clam River in Bellaire, Michigan. Specified cruising times have been arranged for a collection of these vintage watercraft to be featured and photographed professionally by Norm and Jim Wangaard of Classic Boating Magazine and Lisa Lirones of Cedar Shores Photography.

The pictorial images of these classic watercraft under power will be assembled into a series of nostalgic calendars which will be available for sale to the public this coming Fall. Proceeds from the sale of the calendars will go to the Jane H. Thie Memorial benefiting the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute for funding further research in bringing about a cure to pancreatic cancer.

All of the antique watercraft that are participating in this event are home to the Torch Lake region with some having their history of delivery to the original owner or owner’s family dating back 50 plus years. Original and restored productions of Chris Craft, Garwood, Hacker Craft, Century, Lyman, Thompson and Morin Racing Craft will be featured.

Boats will be on display as they await their scheduled photo sessions at the following locations in the harbors of Clam River: From 8:00AM to 11:00 AM at the docks of The Dockside and from 8:00AM to 4:00 PM at the docks of DeWitt Marine.

This is a very rare opportunity to witness this historical collection of local vintage watercraft in person. There is no charge for admission but donations will be accepted and will go to the Jane H. Thie Memorial benefiting the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute.

For further information about this event please visit torchlakeclassicsrendezvous.org. To make a donation or to reserve your 2010 Cruising for the Cure Antique Wooden Boat Calendar, please contact Torch Lake Classic Rendezvous event chairman, Rick Thie at cruisingforthecure@prodigy.net or call 810-667-9700.