



Hello Fellow Boater,

April 21, 2011

The greening of America is now in full swing! As the snow melts and the temperatures begin to rise our staff is busy planning for the third annual Jane Thie Memorial Torch Lake Antique & Classic Wooden Boat Rendezvous-Cruising for the Cure 2011 to be held on July 22-23 in the serene harborage of Clam River.

With the continued and generous support of Antrim County's business community, her citizens and giving boaters like you, last year's Cruising for the Cure 2010 event was a great success. Through donations, T-Shirt sales, poster sales and Cruising for the Cure Antique Wooden Boat Calendar sales, the Jane H. Thie Memorial Fund, Inc. has been able to distribute over \$11,000 to date directly to the pancreatic cancer research programs being conducted at the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute under the supervision of Dr. Philip A. Philip, M.D., Ph.D., FRCP, Team Leader, Medical Oncology. To learn more about the current research efforts being conducted in pancreatic oncology at Karmanos please visit www.karmanos.com. Our Mom would be proud of all of us for taking up where she left off in her fight against pancreatic cancer.

On behalf of the Jane H. Thie Memorial Fund, Inc. and its board of directors, we want to deeply thank you for your enthusiastic support and cordially invite you to participate in this year's third annual Cruising for the Cure event.

We are once again kicking off this year's festivities with our signature pre-event reception on Friday evening, "Party on the Pier". Through the Dockside's generous sponsorship this event features good food, good drink, and great fun along with some splendid silent auction items. The reception will be held under tent on the pier at Clam River, Friday, July 22nd from 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM.

This year's Parade of Boat's will highlight one of Bellaire's own as we honor Bob Vander Meulen as our Parade Grand Marshall. Bob has been a very integral part of the Chain-O-Lakes wooden boat community for many years keeping our engines (his children) running smoothly season after season. The parade of boats will depart from DeWitt Marine at 3:30 PM on Saturday, July 23rd and proceed along the Southern shoreline of Clam Lake and then circle back through Clam River and out onto Torch Lake. Order of release, map of the parade route and navigation guidelines are contained in the exhibitor's and sponsorship program which will be furnished to each boat owner participant upon receipt of both the signed entry form and entry fee. The program also outlines the schedule of events, mooring/slip assignments, photo shoot schedule, photo shoot navigation guidelines and directions to Friday evening's reception.

We are also honored to have with us again this year as our distinguished guest, Chris Smith, the grandson of legendary Christopher Columbus Smith, founder of Chris-Craft. Make sure to share your favorite boating stories with Chris.

Lastly, In addition to last years four balloted award classes, we have added another award to the event, "Committee's Choice Best Transom Art". We encourage you to once again pull out all of the stops in presenting your boat at the docks.

Please **register early** to ensure your slip assignment and to reserve your ticket(s) to the "Party on the Pier" reception. Thanks again for your support and we look forward to seeing you on July 22nd and 23rd. If you have any questions, please call us directly at 810-441-4792 or email me us cruisingforthecure@prodigy.net

Sincerely,

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