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Back Bay Skippers Model Yacht Club will host the annual Sasquatch Footy Regatta on Saturday, June 18 at Back Bay. (Courtesy photo)

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WOLFEBORO — A fixture at the New Hampshire Boat Museum since 2008, the Back Bay Skippers Model Yacht Club will host the annual Sasquatch Footy Regatta on Saturday, June 18 at Back Bay. The Back Bay Skippers Open House is Tuesday, June 21, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Both events are free.

Open to all American Model Yachting Associ-

ation Footy Class boats, races will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. A small regatta for the smallest class of model yacht, Sasquatch Footy is part of the Nor'easter Footy Series that consists of several other regattas in New England.

"This is a great spectator event and well-attended," said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings, who cited an Open House with the

Back Bay Skippers on Tuesday, June 21 as more of "a hands-on opportunity."

"If you want to actually race a radio-controlled model yacht, the Back Bay Skippers will let you try at this special event at Back Bay," she added. "If you are under 12, bring a parent."

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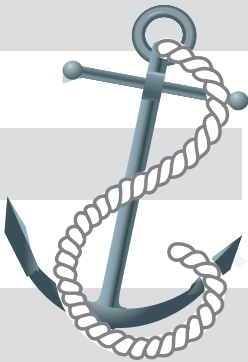
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The 27th annual Lakes Congress set for June 2, 3

CONCORD — If you love a lake, then you won't want to miss the 2022 Lakes Congress presented by Grappone Automotive Group and hosted by NH LAKES. After a two-year hiatus, this popular annual education, training, and networking event returns in person on Thursday and Friday, June 2 and 3 to Church Landing along beautiful Meredith Bay on Lake Winnepesaukee.

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- Take actions back to your community to make a difference.
- Enjoy a tasty lunch provided by the Lakehouse Grille.
- Share your stories and challenges and get advice from peers and experts, alike.

On the evening of Thursday, June 2, New Hampshire Boat Museum Executive Director Martha Cummings will kick off Lakes Congress with the fascinating presentation "Celebrating New Hampshire's Freshwater Boating Heritage." Attendees will explore the evolutionary history of boating on New Hampshire's fresh waterways—from muscle and wind-power to combustion engine-powered boats. This presentation is open to the public. The ticket cost is \$5 per person and pre-registration is required.

On Friday, June 3, Dr. Mary Stampone, the New Hampshire State Climatologist, will present the keynote address "Preparing for the New Normals in New Hampshire's Climate — The Science Behind the New Hampshire State Climate Assessment." Warmer winters, recurrent droughts, and increased flooding are all signs that climate change is reaching New Hamp-

shire. And, we know that our lakes are already being impacted by these events. Dr. Stampone will share an insider's view of past, present, and future climate trends in the Granite State.

Following the keynote address, attendees will have the opportunity to attend a variety of workshop sessions addressing topics including: advocating for lakes with the state legislature; toxic cyanobacteria;

lake-friendly landscaping; municipal enforcement of lake-friendly policy; and microplastics and forever chemicals in our lakes."

This event is open to the public. To learn more about the 2022 Lakes Congress and to register, visit www.nhlakes.org/lakes-congress.

For more information, visit www.nhlakes.org, email info@nhlakes.org, or call 603-226-0299.

BoatUS: 21 gas saving tips for boaters

SPRINGFIELD, Va. — Gas prices are up. What can boaters do to prepare for a summer of boating? The 800,000-plus member Boat Owners Association of The United States has 21 fuel-saving tips boaters can do to help save on fuel and still enjoy a fulfilling season on the water. While some of these techniques may sound obvious, there may be some you never considered.

Before Heading Out:

Tune your engine now. A once a year for a tune-up and service will help it run more efficiently.

Match the boat's prop to the boat and activity. Propellers are most efficient when they're matched to the kind of boat you have and what you use it for (e.g., towing water skiers, fishing). Ask the pros at a propeller shop for recommendations and experiment with different models. The right prop can potentially increase fuel efficiency by as much as 10 percent.

Check your WOT. Take your boat out on a calm day and run wide-open throttle. The WOT rating is the RPM range the motor should achieve when running at wide open throttle. If it's not able to reach WOT — or overruns it — you've got the wrong prop



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NH Boat Museum to teach boat basics to women boaters June 18

WOLFEBORO — The New Hampshire Boat Museum will welcome Lakes Region Community College's Jacob Marsh, who will teach "Ready To Launch," a basic boating class for women boaters on Saturday, June 18.

Designed for novices or seasoned boaters who want a review, "Ready for Launch" will cover safety inspections, engine fluid checks, batteries, jump starting, safe starting procedures, preparing boats when not in use, and more.

"The course also provides a solid foundation on the basics of boat motors and safety checks before heading out on the water," said NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings.

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and you're not getting the most bang for your fuel buck.

Check for propeller damage throughout the season. A dinged or broken propeller will hurt your fuel economy, so regularly inspect yours and replace it if it's damaged.

Keep the prop clean. Barnacles and other growth can attach to the propeller, which will slow it down and impact fuel economy.

Keep a slick hull. For boats that spend a lot of time in the water, barnacles or stuck-on grass can create drag on the hull and make the engine work harder. Boats in warm places will probably need to be cleaned weekly, while those in colder waters may be able to go a month or two.

Measure your fuel flow. Install a fuel-flow meter, which can show you in real time how many gallons per hour your engine is burning, and allow you to dial in the most efficient speed for your boat.

Upgrade your motor — if you can. With the pandemic, engines have been hard to come by, but newer engines tend to be significantly more efficient than older models. The fuel savings alone might not be enough to justify an upgrade, but you're likely also benefitting the environment. If your vessel is suitable, there are more options for electric and hybrid propulsion than ever before.

Join BoatUS. Yes, this is a pitch, but it will save you gas money. Members receive exclusive marina fuel discounts at nearly 400 BoatUS Partner Network marinas across the United States that offer BoatUS members up to 10 cents off per gallon of fuel.

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Lakes Region Community College's Jacob Marsh, who will teach the class, at a prior NHBM event. (Courtesy photo)

Regarding the intent behind the class, Cummings said the hope is that it can provide women with a safe and comfortable atmosphere to learn how to better handle and care for their boats.

"Boating is for everyone, regardless of age, sex, or ability," she added. "It's important that the New Hampshire Boat Museum continue to focus on

broader education to ensure everyone can be safe and, of course, have fun on the water."

Ready To Launch takes, developed in partnership with Lakes Region Community College, takes place on Saturday, June 18 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Back Bay Town Docks in Wolfeboro. To register or learn more about NHBM, visit nhbm.org.



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New Hampshire Boat Museum to open on May 28

WOLFEBORO — The New Hampshire Boat Museum opens for the 2022 season on Saturday, May 28, highlighted by cruises on Lake Winnepesaukee in the Millie B. A 28-foot, mahogany triple cockpit “woodie,” the Millie B is NHBM’s replica 1928 Hacker-Craft that is accurate down to its seat colors.

“The Millie B is just one of many opportunities to experience being on the water in the Lakes Region this summer,” noted NHBM Executive Director Martha Cummings. “From sailing to paddling in boats you build and more, there is plenty to do at NHBM.”

There is also plenty to see, as NHBM will soon

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A 28-foot, mahogany, triple cockpit “woodie” and replica 1928 Hacker-Craft that is accurate down to the seat colors, the New Hampshire Boat Museum’s Millie B recreates the experience of the golden age of boating. (Courtesy photo)

reveal details regarding upcoming special exhibits and featured art created by local artists.

“We have programs for kids and families, too,” added Cummings, who said NHBM continues to expand its programs year over year. “We are a hands-on, educational and fun institution committed to inspiring people of all ages to experience and appreciate New Hampshire’s fresh waterways.”

Founded in 1992 by antique and classic boating enthusiasts, NHBM is open Memorial Day weekend through Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day weekend in October. Reservations are strongly recommended for rides on the Millie B. Private charters are also available with time slots filling up fast for the season.

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At The Dock

Ditch extra stuff. Take stock of what’s onboard; additional weight means more drag. Clean out anything you won’t need, from extra anchors to old, unused lines and tools. Of course this does not include safety gear or necessary ground tackle.

Lighten your tanks. Don’t run with a full freshwater or fuel tank unless you absolutely need it. Water weighs 8 pounds per gallon, and some boats have freshwater tanks that can hold 100 gallons, so emptying half can add up quickly. Gasoline weighs 6 pounds per gallon, so if you don’t need a full tank to safely return (you obviously don’t want to worry about getting stranded), lighten your load and bring less. A rule of thumb when planning for fuel use on any outing is you need to have one-third of your fuel to your destination, one-third back home, and one-third in reserve.

Avoid excess idling. It’s a common misconception that engines need time

to warm up. Modern engines are fuel injected, so when you start them, they’re ready to go in a minute or two.

A note on safety: Self-refueling your boat while it’s in the slip at a marina with portable containers may be prohibited due to fire hazard or potential for a spill, and depending on the volume of fuel needed for a fill-up may be impractical. It’s also problematic as the risk of fire and explosion goes up when gas is transported in your vehicle. This type of refueling is better suited to small vessels with portable tanks that can be removed, filled at a gas station and returned to the boat. Regardless of how you refuel, follow all safety guidelines.

On The Water

Rearrange your passengers. Evenly distributing the load aboard your boat is the simplest way to help you boat run most efficiently when the boat’s trimmed, which is roughly parallel to its at-rest waterline and not leaning too far to one side or the other.

Get on plane. Most recreational boats run most efficiently when they’re on plane, so once you’re out of the

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