





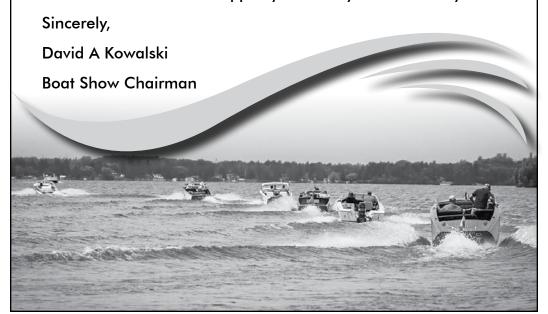




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June 17th, 2023

Thirty years of marriage is a very special achievement! Over the past 30 years, we have enjoyed the Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show with its showcasing of incredible vessels! The traditional gift for enduring 30 years is pearl, ivory and diamonds. Diamonds are forever they say. While we all know that nothing lasts forever, with the help of the organizers, the participants, the sponsors, and the spectators, we are off to a good start with 30 years, and hope to continue this tradition forever! As a group, we put our hearts and souls into this event to make each year better than before. We cannot always control the weather, the number of participants, nor predict the amount of spectators before the big day, but we strive to make every event fun, educational and inspiring for all involved. Thank you to all the sponsors and to everyone who donates their time to make this happen year after year...now 30 years!



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Friday | June 16, 2023 Boat Participant Day

11 AM Participant Lunch at Presque Isle Harbor Association Grand Lake Beach House

12 PM Boat Cruise from Grand Lake Beach House

6:30 PM Reception for Participants at the Old Historic Presque Isle Lodge, 3 miles south of the Marina on Grand Lake Road

Saturday | June 17, 2023 Everyone's Welcome

7 AM - 10 AM Participants' Boat Launching at Presque Isle Harbor

8 AM - 10 AM Registration for Classic Car Show

9:45 AM OPENING CEREMONY

Boat Blessing

30th Anniversary Show opens with a Cannon Shot

10AM-4PM CLASSIC CAR SHOW (ALL Cars Welcome)

10AM-5PM ANTIQUE & CLASSIC BOATS

Viewing at Presque Isle Harbor

11 AM - 2:30 PM Boats on Display for Balloting

10 AM Arts & Crafts & Vendor Market

UNTIL Model Boats on display in the Model Tent

5 PM 2 Lighthouses Open to Climb

3:00 PM AWARD CEREMONY

Presque Isle Harbor 5462 E. Grand Lake Rd. Presque Isle, MI 49777 www.PresqueIsleHarborWoodenBoatShow.com

The Presque Isle Yacht Club has always been a major supporter of the Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show. Congratulations on the show's 30th anniversary

to all the committee members and volunteers who have worked hard throughout the year to make this wonderful event possible! And a special thanks goes out to the show's participants, whose dedication to restoring, maintaining, and sharing their treasures makes this show so special. As we come together in beautiful Presque Isle Harbor, we wish everyone success and great weather for this weekend of family fun! The Presque Isle Yacht Club ~ Dave Wolf, Commodore

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2022 AWARD WINNERS

WOODEN BOATS

PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST OF SHOW

Mark & Stacy Holmén with "Half Century" 1957 Century Resorter 16'

CARS

BEST TRANSOM Jim Chirulo with "Rowdy"

People's Choice: 2004 Mustang -

Teegan & Emily Hopp

1st 1972 Mustang - Ivan & Rose Buck

2nd 1970 Chevelle SS - Michael Tanner

3rd 1970 'Cuda - Leo Kusubu

4th 1966 Corvette - Harry Wilson

5th 1972 AMC Javelin - Brad Mathis

6th 1971 Ford Bronco - Kevin Maciejewski

7th 1987 Buick Grand Sport - Rich Coats

8th 1973 Mustang - Ivan & Rose Buck

9th 1971 Chevy C10 - Chad Brege

10th 1972 Chevelle - Andrew Morgan

SKIPPER'S CHOICE

Mark & Stacy Holmén with "Half Century"

MODEL BOATS

PLEASURE - Tim Chimner

WORK - Phil Laskoskey

SAILING - Phil LePage

Mission Statement:

To provide citizens of the area an opportunity to view and appreciate the beauty and craftsmanship of old wooden boats.

We welcome the pride of ownership on the part of these exhibitors, along with the dedication of the volunteersthat make this show successful!

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Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show Committee



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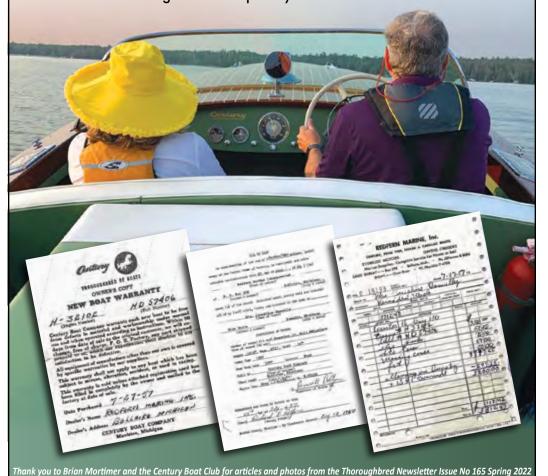
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"Half Century"

Owned by Stacy and Mark Holmén

1957 Century Resorter
Length 16' 6" Beam 6' 1 Draft 18"
Year Keel Laid - 1957 Material - Wood
Built by Century Boat Company Manistee, Michigan
Engine - 116 hp Gray Marine inline six



Previous 'Half Century' owners, Dan and Diane Roketenetz, enjoyed this boat for over three decades on Torch Lake, even water skiing behind it on numerous occasions. Then it felt like it was time to pass it on to a new caretaker, but it's never easy to find someone who might share the same passion for a boat you cared so much about. On a whim, they decided to write a flyer and attach it to a picnic table at the first ever Elk Lake Boat Show in 2021. On another whim, Stacy and Mark Holmén decided to go to the same boat show that day.

Stacy and Mark are the perfect couple to own a wooden boat when you consider that 1) Stacy grew up on Lake St. Clair with a father who sailed and enjoyed summer vacations on Grand Lake near Presque Isle in Northern Michigan, 2) Mark grew up near New York city and enjoyed summer vacations in Northern New York, 3) both had a fondness for the wood boats they'd watched for years, and 4) they now share a cottage on Grand Lake that had everything you could need for a Northern Michigan summer except one thing, a wooden boat. So, when they went to the Elk Lake Boat Show, they stumbled onto that flyer and called Dan the next day. Following much discussion, they decided to go all in and take on stewardship of "Half Century."

The boat will have a new home port of "Presque Isle." Plans are in the works for participation in boat shows and Stacy and Mark hope to see Half Century at the Thoroughbred Roundup next September. That sounds like enough to keep anyone busy with a new boat, but Stacy spoke with Santa this past December and arranged for Mark to receive a brandnew pair of water skies to put that water ski harness to work this summer. He's thrilled and can't wait to take his first trip around the lake, towed in style.

Stacy and Mark are learning all the nuances of wood boat ownership, joining the boat clubs, learning the joy of a sunset cruise over 'glass-like' water conditions and are proud as ever to have taken on the responsibility of this important vessel. Stacy says, "Who knew that 16 feet of lumber could bring so much joy?"



The Resorter 16 boat was the most successful model in the Century wooden boat era. More Resorter 16's were produced than any other, totaling nearly 3,500 units from 1950 through 1967.

Often times Century was referred to as the Resorter Boat Company. The burgeoning sport of water skiing drove demand in addition to that most Century dealers were located on smaller inland lakes. The 1956 & 1957 iterations had the most yearly totals sold at 452 & 450 respectfully. So many that Century had to utilize Plant #2 to meet the demand. Nearly two boats were produced each and every working day. These were the only two years that Century made more than 2,000 wood boats a year.

Some details distinguish the 1957 model i.e. a second set of white step pads in the aft area, the front seat no longer sported a wooded seat back, and the decks lack a mahogany king plank. Additionally, the upholstery has no piping however the motor box now featured a two tone design. Most of the boats were lipstick red & white in color.

Boat HD57406 was the 357th produced at the main factory on 6th Avenue and shipped to Bellaire, Michigan in early summer and sold in late July. A variety of straight six Graymarine engines were placed with a number of Chrysler Crowns as well. Many had the small V8 (Ford) Interceptor at 185 hp.



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RUSS ARRAND 1953-2023

Russell Mitchell Arrand of Cadillac, passed away at home on March 17, 2023. He was 69. He was born October 1, 1953 in Detroit, MI.

Russ spent most of his life around boats, from fishing commercially in Florida to restoring boats in Michigan to enjoying rides on antique Chris Crafts and Shepler's Mackinac Island Ferry.

In 1993, he founded Cadillac Boat Shop, LLC and restored many antique and classic

wooden boats to their former glory, wowing boat show audiences and winning countless awards. He was a skilled craftsman with an attention to detail and well-respected in the wooden boat community.



Blue By U - before



Blue By U - after

An example of Russ's handi-work:

Blue By U - 1941 Chris Craft Deluxe Utility 22'

- Complete, total restoration
- First in Class at Hessel Boat Show in 2005 and 2006
- Best Pre-War Utility at Boats on the Boardwalk Show in 2005 and 2008
- Best Antique Utility at the 2009 ACBS International Boat Show in Gravenhurst, Ontario Canada
- People's Choice Award at the Century Boat Show in 2011
- People's Choice Award at the Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show in 2011

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Photos from website: http://cadillacboatshop.com/restorations.html



Photo by Melissa Kowalski

Here are the memories of a fellow boat enthusiast:

"It was June 18, 1993, that I first met Russ Arrand and his wife Tamra. I quickly learned of his love and dedication for wooden boats. That Friday evening social at the Presque Isle Lodge he explained the process he went through restoring his beautiful Chris Craft named after his wife. He also talked about a very special boat he was working on for future boat shows. It was a year or two that we got to see the 1931 Dodge Watercar runabout named after his daughter Kelly.

As the years of the boat show went on, other boats he restored for customers would venture to our show, each one was as magnificent as his first. Russ got to be very good friends with all of us in Northeastern Michigan; he shared restoration tips with those of us that were interested. When it came to the wood boat world, Russ was bigger than the boat participant at the Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show. His restorations have been enjoyed from one side of the United States to the other, being displayed at the most prestigious shows in the country.

While he is no longer with us, the boats he has touched and brought back to life are. A very talented man whose work will last forever."



Russ Arrand Print by Melissa Kowalski



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The Top O' Michigan Outboard Racing Club is thrilled to be back on Grand Lake for 2023 in conjunction with the Fireside Inn and Presque Isle Yacht Club.

All racers love the Fireside 500. The atmosphere, the community support, and Grand Lake make this one of the best marathons in the US. It is rare that there is 100% support from a community, its residents, and its law enforcement. However, that is what we have built here in Presque Isle, Michigan. We've said this since the beginning, the support from all of you is what makes this race amazing and one that we wish to keep putting on year after year.

We hope you enjoy this year's races and find a wonderful place to watch either on water or on land. If you are planning on watching on the water, we are in need of more patrol boat help for the race! We'd love if you could lend us a volunteering hand. If interested, please email us at tomorc.race@gmail.com.



See you soon!

Racing Club

Samantha Fairbairn, Commodore Top O' Michigan Outboard

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On the cover: Drivers Colin Smith (199 M) and Dustin Fierek (19M) in 25SSR battling for first place in Sunday Marathon.

Photos Courtesy of J. Schwartz Photography

Spectator Parking available along E. Grand Lake Road **Spectator Boat Launch** available at DNR Boat Launch on E. Grand Lake Rd.

The Presque Isle Yacht Club is once again proud to sponsor both the 2023 Fireside 500 races and the 30th Annual Presque Isle Harbor Wooden Boat Show.



We hope that everyone will be inspired to come to Presque Isle and join our community in celebrating the joys of boating. There will be boats, great classic cars, and plenty of opportunity to tour Presque Isle's historic lighthouses and museums all of which offer great activities for everyone in the family.

These events could not be held without the enduring support of the Presque Isle Community and our many volunteers. The Presque Isle Yacht Club is pleased to be able to play a significant part in that effort. Please join the Presque Isle Yacht Club in supporting and participating in these community events.

Dave Wolf, Commodore Presque Isle Yacht Club



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8:00 - 9:00 AM**Driver Registration** at Fireside Inn 9:00 AM **Driver Meeting** at Fireside Inn 10:00 AM Start of Race **Awards Presentation** 4:00 PM

Course B - J Marathon

Lemans start at the pits in front of Fireside Inn. 3 laps starting inside Brown Island and around Cedar Island up to a bouy at Crescent Island, and back into Kauffman Bay to a finish line at the pits. Approximately 12 miles. Trophies awarded Sunday.

Course C - Short Course

Clock start at the pits in front of Fireside Inn. Three laps around one-mile oval in Kauffman Bay to a finish line at the pits. Trophies awarded Saturday and Sunday for J Class.



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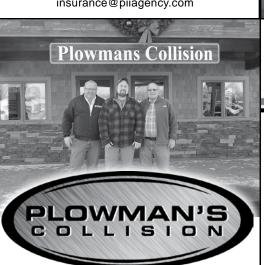
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FIRESIDE 500

What is the Top O' Michigan Outboard Racing Club?

Top O' Michigan Outboard Racing Club began in 1949 as the Top O' Michigan Association. TOMORC has continued to support the region and promote marathon racing for the past 75 years. The club has an average of 25 active members who continue to put on one of the oldest and most prestigious races in the outboard marathon circuit. This year, the club is celebrating their 75th year of racing!

The race is ran over two days with drivers navigating through approximately 87 miles of Northern Michigan's Inland Waterway. With a combined effort between the Coast Guard, DNR, Emmet County Sheriffs Department, Cheboygan County Sheriffs Department, the Crooked River Locks and Swing Bridge, and all neighboring townships, this race is said to be the world's toughest outboard marathon. The Top O' Michigan Marathon Nationals boasts more than 90 boats participating with over 5,000 spectators along the course each day.

In 2019, TOMORC was approached by a neighboring organization and a few dedicated residents that were looking to bring stock outboard racing back to Grand Lake, Michigan.

The Fireside 500 had its flagship year in June of 2019 thanks to many efforts of the Presque Isle Yacht Club, the Fireside Inn, TOMORC, and numerous volunteers and sponsors. The Fireside 500 includes marathon racing along the East side of Grand Lake as well as closed course racing in Kauffman Bay. In 2022, the American Power Boat Association awarded the Fireside 500 the honor of hosting the Eastern Marathon Championships. This designation offers drivers that win their respective classes to earn 2 points towards APBA's Hall of Champions if they have 8 legal boats in their class. Drivers can also earn double points

they have 8 legal boats in their class. Drivers can also earn double points towards their overall point total for the year if they have 6 legal boats in their class.



The Top O' Michigan 2022 Club Officers are:

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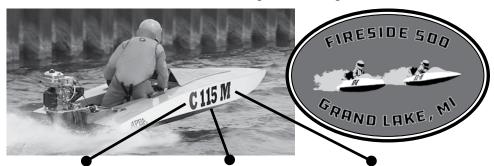
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FIRESIDE 500

Boats and Classes

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| JSR – J Runabout and J Hy | dro | | 25 SSR and 25 | 5 Hyd | ro |
| Minimum Overall Weight | 300 lbs | Minimum | Overall Weight, | based | d on engine |
| Motor Mercury 15 and | I OMC 15 | 395, 405, | or 430 lbs | | |
| RE | STRICTED | Motor | Mercury, Y | amato | , Sidewinde |
| Minimum Age | 9 years | Minimum | Age | | 16 years |

AXR - AX Runabout and AX Hydro

Speeds Attained35 – 40 MPH

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| Minimum Overall | Weight 345 lbs |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Motor | Mercury 15 and OMC 15 |
| | UNRESTRICTED |
| Minimum Age | 12 years |
| Sneeds Attained | 45 – 55 MPH |

ASR and ASH

| Minimum Overall Weight | 350 lbs |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Motor OMC, Mercury and | d Sidewinder |
| Minimum Age | 14 years |
| Speeds Attained | 46 – 53 MPH |

15SSR - 15SSR 15 Hydro

| Minimum Overall Weight | : 360 lbs |
|------------------------|---------------|
| Motor | Sidewinder 15 |
| Minimum Age | 15 years |
| Speeds Attained | 56 – 65 MPH |

| Minimum Overall Weigl | ht, based on engine |
|-----------------------|----------------------|
| 395, 405, or 430 lbs | |
| Motor Mercury | , Yamato, Sidewinder |
| Minimum Age | 16 years |
| Speeds Attained | 58 – 65 MPH |

20 Super Stock Hydro

| Minimum Overall We | ight 400 lbs |
|--------------------|------------------------|
| | . Yamato or Sidewinder |
| Minimum Age | 16 years |
| Speeds Attained | 55 – 65 MPH |

CSR and CSH

| Minimum Overall Wei | ight 475 lbs |
|---------------------|----------------------|
| Motor | . Yamato 102/302/321 |
| Minimum Age | 16 years |
| Speeds Attained | 60 – 65 MPH |
| | |

DSR

| Minimum Overall Wei | ght 515 lbs |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| Motor | Mercury and Tahatsu |
| Minimum Age | 16 years |
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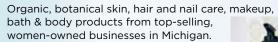


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"In the winter of 1908, George (Kauffman) had enlisted the help of his oldest son, George H. in obtaining lumber to build the structure. They waited until the lake's ice was strong enough to support a sleigh load of logs, and then set out in search of the finest pine trees on the lake. The prized timber was cut from both privately-owned islands and state-owned land at no expense. In early spring, the logs were sawed into rough planks at a portable mill on the south end of Grand Lake, and then carried to an Alpena finish mill in the Kauffmans' ox-drawn wagon. Construction of the 24 x 40-foot two-story hotel began late in the spring of 1908. Joe Kauffman contributed his

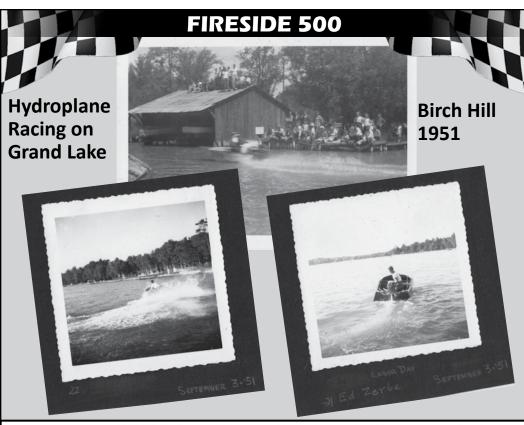
expert carpentry skills, lending a hand to his older brother in planning and erecting the structure's framework. By fall, the men had completed the framing of the main building and its 16 x 24-foot kitchen wing. Room partitions were added during the winter. The kitchen, dining room, and sitting room occupied the first floor. The second story held eight guest rooms in the main section and two rooms above the kitchen. An inviting cobblestone fireplace in the sitting room inspired Amelia and George to name their resort Fireside Inn. The Fireside Inn remains a flourishing business today, and is the only one of the area's five original resorts to never cease seasonal operations. Descendants of early guests still carry on their Family's traditions of vacationing at the rustic, century-old Fireside Inn. The Inn's staff serves scores of meals daily to residents, tourists and hotel guests in the quaint, wood-paneled dining room."



The above excerpts are from the book *Grand Lake's Vintage Resorts* by Janet Young. Ink sketch and watercolor of Fireside Inn by Bob Young.

Postcard of one of the many cabins. Room for parking nearby.





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Our Mission is to provide and promote recreational facilities, protect and preserve wildlife and natural beauty for the betterment of Grand Lake in Presque Isle, Michigan.



----- 2023 Events at a Glance May 27 Pancake Breakfast

June 21 Pie & Game Night

Grand Lake Sailing Regatta July 1

July 8 Ice Cream Social & Taste of Grand Lake

Corn Hole Tournament July 15

July 28-29 Garage Sale Days

Aug 5 Grand Lake Sailing Regatta

Arts & Crafts Show Aug 12

Aug 19 6th Annual Poker Run

Aug 24 **GLA Annual Meeting**

Aug 27 **GLA Member Appreciation Picnic**



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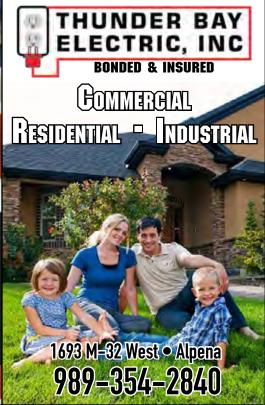
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