

# Les Cheneaux Show To Highlight Boating Heritage of Islands

## 120 Wooden Antique Boats To Be Displayed Saturday

The 29th Annual Les Cheneaux Antique Wooden Boat Show and Festival of Arts in Hessel is Saturday, August 12, and at least 120 wooden boats will be on display. The Festival of Arts will feature 70 artists selling glass, pottery, paintings, jewelry, sculpture, photographs, textiles, wood carvings, and wooden furniture.

Activities Saturday include channel cruises around the Les Cheneaux Islands.

Admission is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children ages 12 to 18 years. Children younger than 12 will be admitted free.

Hessel is 34 miles northeast of St. Ignace.

Three feature boats in this year's boat show include the custom runabout *Lady El*, former Detroit police boat *Wuzz a' Fuzz*, and former racing boat *Buddy*.

*Lady El* is a 1936, 19.6-foot Earl Barnes runabout owned by Mark Andreae of Mullett Lake and Cincinnati, Ohio. Earl Barnes of Bracebridge, Ontario, was trained by master builder Bert Minett, and he built 20 custom boats during his career. Of those, only seven remain, including *Lady El*. She is one of two 19.6-foot, six-foot beam, custom Barnes boats still afloat today. She won Best of Show last

year.

*Wuzz a' Fuzz* is a retired police boat that patrolled the Detroit River from 1948 to around the 1960s. The 30-foot, 1948 Hacker Craft is owned by Tom Flood of Cedarville, a Hacker enthusiast and restorer. The name is a tribute to the vessel's former service with the Detroit Police Department. The vessel was custom built for the City of Detroit by Hacker Boat Company of Mount Clemens, and is now powered by two Mercruiser 454 engines.

*Buddy* is a 1930, 26-foot Chris Craft runabout, that has been completely restored to top condition, with all new Honduras mahogany. She is powered by a 1970s vintage, 330 horsepower, Chrysler 440 engine, which owner and restorer Jim Mertaugh installed to provide more dependable power. The vessel has green upholstery, and features an antique clock and spotlight.

Among the honors received at the antique show is the People's Choice Award, selected by spectators. Anyone who wants to vote must use the ballot inside the boat show program. Ballots must be turned in before 2 p.m. Awards will be distributed at 4 p.m.



Longtime Boat Show volunteers and Hessel residents Dick Nye and Mark Clymer (standing in Whaler) untie the complex line system that keeps boats from knocking together during the show.

## Cemetery Board To Mark Nine Island Graves

The Cemetery Board agreed to purchase headstones for nine people buried on Mackinac Island in unmarked graves. The headstones, to be placed in both Ste. Anne's Cemetery and Mackinac Island Cemetery, commonly referred to as the Protestant cemetery, will be purchased with a grant from the Mackinac Island Community Foundation. The Cemetery

Board, meeting Thursday, July 27, said the markers will be placed on the graves of Sam Green, Tom and George Green, Herbert Chapman, Thomas Visnaw, Junior Davenport, Baby Zachary, Duncan Graham, and Charlie Higgins. One more grave will be selected, but has yet to be named, the board reported Thursday, August 3.

The Cemetery Board will apply for another Foundation grant to purchase additional headstones for unmarked graves next spring.

The next meeting of the Cemetery Board will be Tuesday, August 22, at 9 a.m. at Ste. Anne's Cemetery, or, if raining, at the second floor conference room at Community Hall.

Please join us at the

# Medical Center Benefit

## Sunday, August 27

5:30 p.m., at Grand Hotel

*This is an important event for the Medical Center, the money raised in this one evening helps to fund the clinic through the winter months*

### Admission Prices

Which includes one dinner ticket  
\$30 per person for 12 years old and up

### Dress Code

While still a relaxed code, will be resort or dressy casual

### Silent Auction

To Begin at 5:30 p.m.  
and Continue until 7 p.m.

### Live Auction

at 7:30 p.m.

### Raffle Tickets

\$100.00 each

Winning Tickets will be drawn immediately following the Auction

## Raffle Prizes: \$5,000 - \$3,000 - \$2,000

Tickets are available at the Medical Center or by calling  
847-3582 or 847-3715