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## Newsletter Summer 2010

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*A newsletter to inform the members of ongoing activities within the Isle Royale Boater's Association, promote discussion among its members on various IRBA issues and share members' experiences related to boating, sport fishing, hiking, canoeing, and kayaking.*

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### IRBA Update by Dave Hand

The IRBA Annual West End fundraiser was held on June 17 at the Superior Shores Resort, in Two Harbors, MN. This fundraiser was one of the largest IRBA events as there were over 225 people in attendance. The event was a huge success and we hope next year's event will be even larger. A special thanks to the west end group who spent a lot of time and effort to plan and execute the event.



Happy participants in the 2010 IRBA west end fundraiser



2010 west end fundraiser

In the last newsletter, I printed a concern that many boaters have about the safety of gasoline on Isle Royale that has been stored for almost long periods of time. The park service informed me back in April they sent a sample to have analyzed but has yet to hear the results. I talked with Kim Alexander, Manager of Concessions at IR. Kim informed me that they have been using the same gasoline on IR this year and have not had any problems with their

boats. That is good news. However, I am surprised that the NPS does not perform periodic testing of the gasoline used at IR, since it is a requirement in the State of Michigan. The Michigan Department of Weights and Measurements performs testing on a regular basis throughout the state except for IR because it is under the jurisdiction of the Federal Government.

IRBA is sponsoring a senior design class at Michigan Tech University to develop proposals for two potential projects on IR. The first project is the design of a floating dock in the cove on Passage Island. Since most of the fishermen that go to the east end of IR fish around the passage island area and beyond, an overnight dock in the Passage Island cove would be ideal. The students will design the dock facility and perform an environmental assessment of the dock.

The second project will evaluate and assess the stabilization and restoration of the Crystal Cove cabins for overnight use by park visitors. In addition, the students will also design a new dock for Rock of Ages Lighthouse. There will be at least twelve students involved in the study. The park service has offered to ferry over the students on the Ranger III to view the project sights and gather information for each project.

### **Windigo Dock Project by Mark Rude**

On May 28, a group of IRBA volunteers travelled to Mott Island with Dave Jukuri aboard Suzanne, Steve Hanke aboard Alyssa Elaine, Don Hannula aboard Skipper, and Bear Falconer aboard Nasty Habit, to assist Randy Rastello and his dock crew; Kevin Hatch, Kevin Aho, and Ernie Haataja, in the construction of the finger piers for the Windigo small boat dock expansion project. By mid morning amid sawdust and power tool noise the three piers began to take shape,

and by "closing time" the major portion of the construction was done. Friday evening found us feasting on "surf & surf"; lake trout caught on the way and herring fillets provided by Jerry Spry of Grand Portage. On Saturday morning Randy's crew and the guys from "Skipper" and "Nasty Habit" worked to put on a few finishing touches. When we called it a day around 1PM the only thing remaining was to put decking on two piers and to install lifting eyes on all three. Randy's crew completed the work on the piers and was to begin construction of the crib section pending arrival of the last of the crib material. Randy expected the material to be on site the last week of June and that installation at Windigo would begin in late July.

Thanks to all who volunteered their time and effort, and special thanks to Randy and his crew; they are a great bunch of guys to work with.

### **IRBA Apparel Available**

We are still waiting on the new apparel to arrive. Presently, we have a limited number of sweatshirts, and polo shirts. You can contact Carol during the day at (906) 482-9342.

### **IRBA Scheduled Events**

IRBA Fishing Tournament - Friday, July 16, 2010, and Saturday, July 17, 2010, at Rock Harbor. Meeting July 17, 2010 5 PM followed by the IRBA fish fry.

**Articles for Newsletter consideration are welcome.**

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