## Crescent Boat Club



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## What is more fun than having a boat? It would be having a boat and Joining a boat club!

If you are looking to learn more about a boat club or are ready to join, you should explore information on the Crescent Boat Club which is a family-oriented club.

The story begins in 1958 when the wooded island was purchased from the Shaughnessy family by a small group of foresighted Crescent Boat Club members. When New York State deemed that the island was of no further value to them in 1921, it was sold to the Shaughnessy Ice Company for \$285.30. Hence, the building of the icehouse which remains as a bane to boaters.

After constructing a causeway and clearing part of the island, work began on the clubhouse and docks. Repurposed materials were used. Nails were pulled and straightened to be used again. From it's inception in 1958 and completion of the basic clubhouse in 1962, all operations to the maximum extent possible has been on a "do-it ourselves" basis. As such, each member is also an "owner" of the club. This philosophy keeps our dues and dockage reasonable.

Visitors have likened Crescent to members having their own resort! Not only do we have a beautiful clubhouse, pavilion, screenhouse, boat launch and grounds, but a great group of 130 members who are committed to keeping it that way.

It's not all work and no play. Any weekend you will find members rafted out and celebrating the weather or setting off on trips. In addition to the boats, the party dock is inviting. For those seeking more shade and comradery, the screenhouse is readily available. If it's too hot or the weather doesn't cooperate, the air conditioning in the clubhouse with bar offers a welcoming atmosphere. Members readily offer advice on boats and trips they have experienced.

Crescent offers something for everyone and welcomes member suggestions. Many activities and events are held throughout the year. A Blessing of the Fleet, Poker Run, Kayak Races, Labor Weekend Event, golf outing, Breakfast with Santa and New Year's Eve mystery theatre are some of



the club's events. Bocce ball and cornhole activities are ongoing. A Kid's Club is available for members' children and grandchildren. They will also find a playground. Transients have described the Crescent Boat Club as the friendliest club on the river! It is the first club on the right coming from the Hudson River. For those boaters looking to relax after completing the 5 locks known as "the flight", it is a welcoming site. Our 120 ft of front dock allows us to accommodate large vessels and we have a water depth of 5 feet. Transients will find electric, air conditioning, ice, wifi, gas, showers and pump out. Gas grills, picnic tables and playground are also available. Information on joining Crescent or coming for a tour may be found on the website at www.crescentboatclub.com where you will find a link to the membership chair.

We look forward to meeting you!

