

Otsego Lake boat parade returning, honoring board director

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Plan to float your boat, weather permitting, in the Otsego Lake Association's annual decorated boat parade at 3 p.m. Saturday, July 6.

This year's theme is Let's Celebrate Scottie Baker.

Baker, who died in April, was a longtime member of the OLA Board of Directors, editor of the award-winning OLA Journal and coordinator and judge for the boat parade.

The parade will form off Three Mile Point, then proceed slowly along the westerly side of the lake and end at Lakefront Park in Cooperstown.

The lead boat, the SUNY Oneonta Biological Field Station barge, will be marked with OLA banners and decorated.

There will be judging of the boats and awarding of first place, second place and third place awards, plus bags of candy will be given out to all boaters.

Boaters are requested to assemble no later than 2:45 p.m. so the judges can record the name of the boat owner, note the decoration or theme and photograph the boat.

All boats, large and small, are welcome, including antique or classic, human powered, wind powered, electric powered, jet powered, outboard powered, inboard/outboard powered and, of course, flying boats.

There are no fees, registration forms, rules or regulations except travel slowly, stay in line and be courteous to other boaters.

Last year, between 35 and 45 boats participated in the parade, plus many more observing.

For questions or additional information, contact boat parade chairman Wayne Bunn, bunnwayne@gmail.com or 518-542-6630. Boat parade photos from past years may be viewed at www.OtsegoLakeAssociation.org.