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Fleafest 2013

Is proud to be a part of

“THE GREATEST RACE BOAT SHOW IN CANADIAN HISTORY”

The term Seaflea is a generic name given to any number of small boat designs, usually home built and powered by small outboard motors. The typical seafleas of yesterday were 8 to 12 feet in length and powered by motors from 2 1/2 to 25 hp. Once popular, (long before the advent of personal water craft), they were great family projects and were not only safe to drive but also the envy of any other kid on the lake who was unlucky enough not to have one.

The Muskoka Seaflea website began in 2001 after Chris and Andrew Taylor decided to post pictures of their Mini Max Seaflea construction process on the internet. At that time there was very little information on these once popular home built hydroplanes that dominated cottage lakes during the 50's, 60's and 70's. Most of these cottage racers were constructed from plans printed in the Science and Mechanics magazine issues of that era. After stumbling across a set of plans for the “Mini Max” the two brothers took a week during the summer of 2001 and assembled two of these 8-foot long boats. The rest they say is history.

Since 2001 the Muskoka Seaflea website has been involved in a number of initiatives promoting safe and family oriented boating. Our affiliation with ACBS International and ACBS Toronto, the Muskoka Lakes Antique and Classic Boat Show, The Muskoka Boat and Heritage Centre, the Maple Leaf Chapter of the Antique Outboard Motor Club as well as other organizations has made us the top rated resource on the Internet for all things seaflea. With over 1000 members alone on our forum, and photo and video contributions from Canada, the US and around the world we have assembled a wealth of knowledge on boat designs, building information and plans...all absolutely free!

This summer, Muskoka Seaflea is proud to host our third “Fleafest” in association with The Antique and Classic Boat Society, Toronto. (ACBS) As part of this huge two-day “Race Boat” themed show, Fleafest 2013 will be the featured attraction on Sunday, July 7. “THE GREATEST RACE BOAT SHOW IN CANADIAN HISTORY” starts on Saturday, July 6 as ACBS Toronto presents a collection of vintage unlimited hydroplanes from across North America as well as noise and excitement from The Toronto Outboard Racing Club (TORC). The fun continues on Sunday as over 50 vintage and homebuilt seafleas take to the water as we celebrate the resurgence of this family oriented past time. The focus of this event will be the sharing of information among our members, demonstrations of boat performance and handling and a guided tour of the lake. Participants are required to pre-register their boats on our website. This event is free to the general public. (ACBS sponsored events are subject to gate admission fees.) Registration and further information is available at our website:

www.muskokaseaflea.ca.

We eagerly invite members of the media and the general public to Fleafest 2013 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm on Sunday, July 7. Admission to Fleafest 2013 is FREE!