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Dear Friends,

Last year's Annual Fund Appeal was an extraordinary success, which allowed the Finger Lakes Boating Museum (FLBM) to make meaningful strides in strengthening the heart of our mission: preserving, educating, and celebrating the rich boating heritage in the region that tells the story of the Finger Lakes.

Each week, more than 200 hours of volunteer time are devoted to FLBM! That is 200+ hours of passion, craftsmanship, and care — preserving boats, sharing stories, and passing along the skills that built our region's boating legacy.

This year's Annual Appeal is a call to action:

**Match the time our volunteers give with a gift that sustains their work.**

The Finger Lakes Boating Museum is more than a collection of boats. We are an active hub of restoration, education, and community engagement — keeping alive the legacy of boat building and the racing traditions that once filled the lakes with the sound of oars, paddles, sails, and motors.

With your support, we can:

- Sustain our Boatworks Manager position — the anchor of our restoration operations and educational programming.
- Design and launch new exhibits celebrating sailing, rowing, and motorboat racing on the Finger Lakes.
- Preserve and restore historic boats, keeping both the vessels and the skills behind them alive for future generations.

But none of this is possible without a solid foundation. As with many nonprofits, we are facing rising utility and operating costs. Financial sustainability is essential to maintaining a vibrant, functional museum — a facility worthy of the stories it tells.

Thanks to your generosity, we have made incredible strides. Now, we ask you to help us continue the momentum. Your gift today helps ensure that the Finger Lakes Boating Museum remains a dynamic place where history is not only preserved but brought to life.

Please give what you can. Every donation to this Annual Appeal – independent from or in addition to annual membership dues - makes a significant difference.

Warm regards and thank you!

Dave & Pam Bornholdt  
Co-Chairs 2026 FLBM Annual Appeal

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Honorary Co-Chairs