

# Record crowd in Crosslake



Spectators at Saturday's 21st annual Antique & Classic Wood Boat Rendezvous at Moonlite Bay looked at boats like Sugar Lady, left boat in above photo, a 27-foot 1932 Chris Craft owned by Todd Warner of Mound that won the People's Choice award.

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A total of 72 antique boats, right, were on display at the rendezvous in Crosslake.

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## Antique show attracts 72 boats, 8,000 fans

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An estimated 8,000 people checked out the antique and classic wood boats on display last Saturday, July 26, at Moonlite Bay Family Restaurant and Bar in Crosslake.

The docks at Moonlite Bay were lined with 72 boats that were part of the 21st annual Whitefish Chain Antique and Classic Wood Boat Rendezvous.

Those boats included Todd Warner's Sugar Lady, a 27-foot 1932 Chris Craft that won the People's Choice award, and Lee Anderson's Sea Wolf, one of six documented original Baby Gars still remaining.

Warner is from Mound; Anderson is from Nisswa. Lee and his wife, Penny, acquired the 33-foot 1927 Sea Wolf in 2001, and this was the first year it was shown.

Another boat that turned heads was

a 2008 Windsor Craft 36, with a \$638,000 price tag. The boat, owned by Nisswa Marine, was not eligible for awards because it is new.

Made in Turkey, the 36-foot boat is all mahogany, with no fiberglass. Three or four people expressed interest in buying the boat, said Steve Wiczek, president of Nisswa Marine. The boat will stay on the Whitefish Chain until it is sold.

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## 21st Annual Antique and Classic Wood Boat Rendezvous

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Wiczek said a 40-foot Windsor Craft was sold for \$1.2 million on Lake Minnetonka, and a 30-foot Windsor Craft is on the Gull Lake Chain, anchored at Bar Harbor.

Judy Madigan, who co-chairs the boat show with her husband, Dennis, said once again they were proud of the turnout of boats, skippers and spectators. Attendance at other boat shows is down, she said, but that's not the case with the Whitefish Chain show.

Starr Harrison, who next year will help coordinate the show with the Madigans and her husband, Scot Harrison, said last Saturday's show was fun. "At the beginning it was exciting when all the boats were coming in," she said, noting it was fun to listen to what people had to say about the boats.

The 2009 show will be July 25 at Moonlite Bay.

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### Whitefish show award winners

People's Choice: Todd Warner, Mound, Sugar Lady, a 27-foot 1932 Chris Craft.

Skippers' Choice: Lee Anderson, Nisswa, Sea Wolf, a 33-foot 1927 Baby Gar.

Best Utility 20 feet and under: Ted Rogers, Edina, 18-foot 1960 Chris Craft.

Best Utility over 20 feet: Dave Thomsen, Edina, K-T-Jane, a 22-foot 1953 Chris Craft.

Best Runabout 20 feet and under: Scot Harrison, Arlington, Wash., and Lower Whitefish Lake, Dad's Chris, a 16-foot 1950 Chris Craft.

Best Runabout over 20 feet: Jim Anderson, Crosslake, Single Malt, a 26-foot 1929 Chris Craft.

Best Outboard: Roger Moberg, White Bear Lake, Lollipop II, a 14-foot 1957 Larson.

Best Amateur Restoration: Ron Martens, Excelsior, Nauti Habit, a 24-foot 1927 Chris Craft.

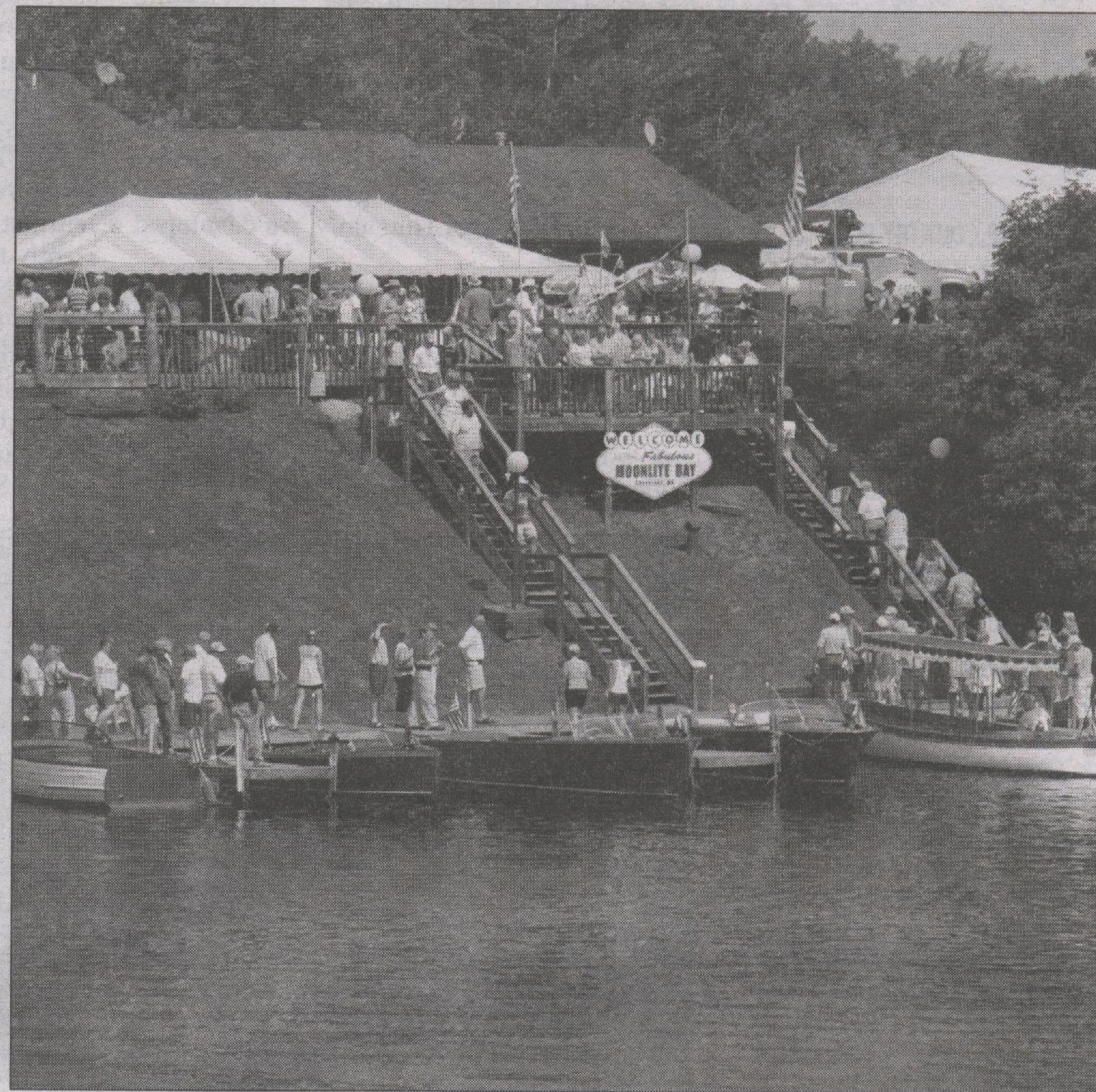
Best Boat Display: Dave Thomsen, Edina, Rio Rita, a 24-foot 1929 Cliff.

Best Launch: Carl Mammel, Omaha, Neb., and Alexandria, a 25 1/2-foot 1907 Fay and Bowen.

Best Dock Person: Jim Fleming, Yuma, Ariz., and Upper Hay Lake.

Grand Marshal: Carl Mammel, Omaha, Neb., and Alexandria.

Founder's Award: Lisa Madigan Schettler, Omaha, Neb.



A crowd, estimated at 8,000 people, attended the 21st annual Antique & Classic Wood Boat Rendezvous Saturday.

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