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Skip's Corner by Skip Couch

Salvaging a Barge

A construction company was towing a barge toward the lake. In front of Tibbetts Point Lighthouse, the waves got rough, and it was only a small barge filled with sheet piling. It took on water and sank.

The company called us to find and salvage it. Myself, Jerry Harrington, Bob Rivers, and Charlie Bender went out to the area and started sledding, looking for the barge. I was diving; Charlie and Bob were on the sleds. They used their air up, then

we switched, and Jerry and I got on the sleds.

We towed for a short time, and off to the right I saw something yellow. We had found the barge. We got in contact with the company. They came out with another barge with a crane. They hooked on and pulled the sheet piling off first. Then they raised the barge.

We all went back to McCormick's Restaurant in Clayton, where the company bought us all dinner.

Well, summer is in full swing. Diving season is here! Stay safe, and as always—GOOD DIVING!

Area Events

June 19-21-Seaway Splash, Frink Park, Clayton

July 3-Independence Fireworks Display, Clayton

July 3-August 27-Waterfront Concerts, Clayton

July 16-18-1000 Islands Charity Poker Run, 1000 Islands Harbor Hotel, Clayton

July 17-18-Decoy & Wildlife Art Show, Cerow Recreation Park Arena

July 31-August 2-62nd Annual Antique Boat Show & Auction, Clayton

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Newspaper Archives-June News

Cape Vincent Eagle- June 2, 1904

—The water in Lake Ontario is far above high water mark. In 1898 the water of Lake Ontario reached a point which was the lowest of which there had been any authentic record up to that date. That point was taken for "zero" by the guagers of the U. S. government at the various points along the river. Since that time the water has occasionally been below zero mark. Although not often, while it reached a point of 3 feet 8 inches above in June, 1897. In 1895 the zero mark was 10 inches above water level, which is one of the lowest marks recorded since the practice of taking measurements was instituted. The guager at Charlotte stated that this was due to the remarkable scarcity of rain and snow in that year. There are many people who are prone to theorize who have for several years contended that Lake Ontario was gradually receding and would in time dry up. That theory has exploded this year, as the water was never higher.

Cape Vincent Eagle- June 9, 1910

—As soon as the steamer Rochester, which is now lying at the breakwater, is painted the boat will leave for Charlotte, where the city officials of Rochester, railroad officials, invited guests and newspaper men will be given a trip on the lake. This trial trip will be made the occasion of the presentation of the boat's colors and clock by the city of Rochester. This outing is scheduled to take place June 17, and on the following day the regular schedule between Youngstown and Ogdenburg will go into effect.

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ACROSS

1 Bedrock arch: ____
Axis

4 St. Lawrence
waterway passage:
____ Channel

8 1838 Sir Robert Peel
arsonist, ____
Johnston

9 Island owned by Yale's
"Skull and Bones"

10 Largest Canadian
island in the chain

DOWN

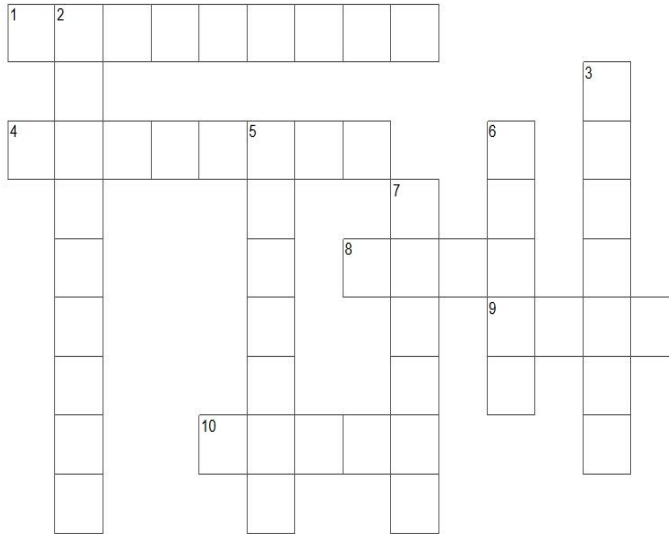
2 River smuggling
vehicle

3 War of 1812 base near
Watertown

5 Home to the Antique
Boat Museum

6 George C. ____, Heart
Island builder

7 Dark Island's Castle



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crossword next month
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May Answers

Famous hotel overlooking Boldt Castle: Riveredge

A Museum in Clayton specializes in this type of classic watercraft: Wooden Boats

Island known as the "smallest inhabited island," located in the Thousand Islands:

Just Room Enough Island

Historic club on Wellesley Island: Thousand Islands Yacht Club

Event Coyote Moon Winery holds every Sunday during the summer: Flea Market

Island near Clayton believed to be connected to the Lincoln Assassination: Maple Island


The founder of this popular exercise had an island on the river in the 1890s: Yoga



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The St. Lawrence River Historical Foundation, Inc. (SRHF) was formed as a non-profit corporation in July of 1994 to promote research and education regarding the maritime history of the St. Lawrence River.



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