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Skip's Corner by Skip Couch

The Carleton Island Project

The Carleton Island Project was in the early 1970s. We were working for New York State on the archaeological project. The project involved a shipwreck in the North Bay of Carleton Island. I had to coordinate with all of the dive clubs in the state. We had one club come up each weekend all summer for three summers.

We found a lot of artifacts on the shipwreck. We found regimental buttons, bar shot, cannon balls, full

muskets, and bayonets. All were on display for a long time at the Sackets Harbor Battlefield Museum. The artifacts have since been moved down to Albany, where they are now at the State Archives.

Well, August has begun. On Wednesday, August 5th, I will be at the Thousand Islands Museum in Clayton for their History at Noon talk. I'll be talking about my many adventures on the river over the years. I will be talking about the Iroquois shipwreck, the A.E. Vickery, and the Keystorm.

Have a great month and, as always—
GOOD DIVING!

Area Events

August 5-History At Noon-Skip Couch,Thousand Islands Museum, Clayton

August 6-Line Dancing, Kring Ranch Barn Venue, Clayton

August 8-TI Boating Safety Course, Antique Boat Museum

August 12-History Ay Noon-Dick Stockton, Thousand Islands Museum, Clayton

Every Sunday-Coyote Moon Flea Market

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Newspaper Archives-August News

Cape Vincent Eagle-
August 14, 1873

—Capt. Sweet's steamer, J. L. Norton, was brought by rail from Schnyler Lake, near Richfield Springs, to this place, last Thursday. It was conveyed on two platform cars, with Tom Cooper as captain. It is to run as a pleasure boat among the Thousand Islands.

—Ice cold Soda Water at Wood-

Cape Vincent Eagle-
August 18, 1873

—During the past week it has been discovered that the waters off Hinckley's dock, at the foot of Market street, are literally alive with black bass. At times half a dozen boats are anchored there during the entire day, and large numbers are taken by each one. On Sunday several hundred were caught there. Monday, Mr. Blossom captured 200 bass and several perch; and the next day 150. The other fishermen were also successful, but we do not learn the exact number they caught. Many of the bass taken at this point are of unusually large size. 800 pounds were taken there Monday.

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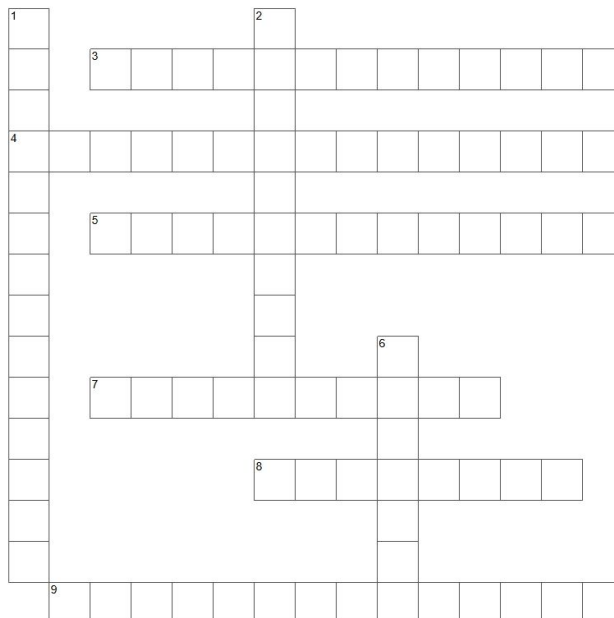
ACROSS

- 3 You won't be dunking apples at this event
- 4 Don't bring your new boat to this show
- 5 You can't be sad at this weekend
- 7 You won't burn yourself at this event

- 8 You won't need a boat to fish this event
- 9 In honor of French History in the area

DOWN

- 1 Pirates and looting
- 2 No reindeer required for this event
- 6 Pigs might not fly but dogs do



Answers to August crossword next month or go to riverratgazette.com to get the answers now.

July Answers

Clue: Historic House, the iconic 19th-century hotel estate in A-Bay

Answer: CROSSMON

Clue: The main commercial street running right through the heart of downtown Alexandria Bay

Answer: JAMES

Clue: Beach, the popular sandy gathering spot on Grindstone Island

Answer: POTTER

Clue: Island, the Clayton-adjacent spot where Charles Emery built his castle

Answer: CALUMET

Clue: American island famous for its historic 19th-century red granite quarrying

Answer: PICTON

Clue: Motel, and Golf Club located right on Route 12 in Clayton

Answer: CWAY

Clue: 1812 warship whose remains were heavily investigated by Clayton Club

Answer: ONEIDA

Clue: Schooner shipwreck in Clayton harbor, explored by early local divers

Answer: ELK

Clue: Invasive species, forever changing visibility for local divers

Answer: ZEBRA

Clue: Diving Club founder, who preserved shipwreck history with his books

Answer: COUCH

