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North Country Access Announces Water Sporting Events in the 1000 Islands 1000 Islands, NY

North Country Access, Northern New York's chapter of Disabled Sports, USA, is delighted to announce that North Country Access 2010 will be held Friday July 16, 2010 at the Antique Boat Museum in Clayton, NY.

North Country Access 2010 is an all-day all-abilities water sports and recreation event taking place on the shores of the St. Lawrence River. Children and adults with mobility impairments, sensory limitations or other disabling conditions will have the chance to fully participate in all activities. This is a rare opportunity in a world that is not designed with disability in mind.

Designated as a Wounded Warriors Disabled Sports event, recently injured veterans of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan will be participating. "This is our chance to show support for those who have served by engaging them as part of our community. Recreation and participation in sports have been shown to provide a foundation for development of a positive self-image and to lessen the emotional and psychological trauma of war and injury. This is a transformative factor in leading a productive and independent life. We are delighted and honored to have a role in that healing process," states Susan Zabriskie, event chair.

Water sports and educational clinics will take place throughout the day on Friday, July 16. This includes rowing a traditional St. Lawrence skiff, sailing solo or with an experienced instructor or paddling a kayak in the quiet waters of French Creek.

For those just wanting to stay landbound, fishing off the dock is an option, as well as yoga for all abilities.

How about a speedboat ride? Bring a secure hat and hold on to your camera while thundering down the River in a gleaming mahogany triple-cockpit runabout from the Museum's fine collection of wooden boats.

Speaker Jon Kuniholm of Duke University will present the latest in remarkable prosthetic technology for enabling people with a variety of disabling conditions to live actively and fully. Dr. Kuniholm is not only a biomedical engineer; he is also an end user of the robotic hands he designs. Jon survived an IED explosion while stationed in Iraq and will share his knowledge and unique perspective with us.

Paralympic gold medal skier Chris Waddell will share his spirit of adventure and his insights as an elite wheelchair athlete. Chris, a sought after motivational speaker recently summited Mt. Kilimanjaro using an "off-road" handcycle!

There are sponsor and partner opportunities still available. Individuals, corporations, foundations and non-profits interested in joining as a sponsor or partner are encouraged to contact the North Country Cycling by calling (315) 782-2838 or via email at northcountryaccess2008@gmail.com.

Sponsor and donor information is also available online at www.ncaccess.org. Opportunities exist at the Platinum, Gold, Silver, Bronze and Individual Donor levels. Cash, product, service and in-kind sponsorship agreements are welcomed and packages may be tailored on an individual basis to best meet the needs of the sponsor or donor.

A registration packet and complete event details will be posted at www.ncaccess.org as it becomes available.

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