

## BOATS

We have notes of some interesting boats and tugs as they were often called in the early days. Work boats were needed and very useful on these inland lakes to tow the logs from one river to another, where they could be driven down in high water to where the mills were located.

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One of the first boats was named the Lady Catcher, and later the Black Bear. The first summer it was plowing the Whitestone Lake waters, the Dobb's men would often take the ladies and children for a run on Sunday afternoon; showing all the fine features of the new boat. Graves and Bigwood Lumber Company brought it in. The boiler came from Scotland. But the hull was built of solid oak and constructed in McCallum's barn in Dunchurch, in the spring of 1902. It was 33 feet long, and did some summer runs on both Magnetawan and Deer Lake, as well as at its home port of Dunchurch. It went to Parry Sound in 1909, and from there to Lost Channel.

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The Dreadnaught was a heavy draft type, 35 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet long, and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  feet wide. We don't have any further information on this boat, except that it was run by James Dobbs from 1910 to 1914.

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This new boat took on a fancier name of "Wanda", and was built in 1910. Wanda did the heavy towing of 35,000 pieces in one summer on Whitestone Lake here by Dunchurch. Mr. Nelson Clelland still owns the boiler and has operated a small lumber mill with it during the last few decades.

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This was the first inboard motor boat to run on these waters. It was built by Mr. James Dobbs from March 1915 to 1916. He made this craft 18 feet long, and it had nice comfortable seats. He and his friends had a great deal of pleasure from this new inboard launch type boat. Blueberry pickers were usually given a ride down the lake to the rocks at least once during the summer.

