

WEDDING POLICY

The Island Chapel is a place of Christian worship and is not an organized congregation or church. The Chapel is sponsored by The First Presbyterian Church of Saranac Lake and serves as a mission to the people in and around Upper Saranac Lake and the Tri Lakes region. The Chapel is interdenominational and has set the precedent of opening its doors for weddings for people of different Christian denominations. The minister performing a marriage must be an ordained Christian officiant in good standing with his or her denomination.

WEDDING APPLICATION FORM

Couple's names:

Contact Address for Couple:

Contact Home Phone Number:

Contact Cell Number:

Contact Email:

Wedding Date and Time:

Rehearsal Date and Time:

Number of Guests: _____

Alternate Site in Case of Inclement Weather or emergency. Thunder, lightning, or unmanageable winds are reasons the boat captain would determine that the weather is unsuitable for the Chapel Bound to operate.

Officiant's Name and Phone Number:

Contact Person on Wedding Day:

Name _____

Phone : _____

Thank you for choosing Chapel Island for your special day. Our wedding coordinators will confirm your date once they check availability of boat drivers. You should hear from us within a week confirming your date.

WEDDING GUIDELINES AND INFORMATION

1. Weddings can be scheduled to occur only from the last weekend of June through Labor Day weekend.
2. The wedding couple provides the minister, music and flowers. We do have people you may consult regarding decorating choices.
3. A pontoon boat owned by the chapel **must be used to transport wedding guests and the wedding party (including rehearsal)**. The boat can transport 25 guests at a time. Each round trip takes approximately 20 minutes, weather dependent.
4. The seating capacity for Chapel weddings is a total of 140 guests. Dogs are not allowed.
5. Lighted candles are not permitted. Battery operated candles are acceptable.
6. There is no electricity or running water on the island.
7. A battery-operated organ is available.
8. Smoking, alcoholic beverages, and illegal drugs are prohibited on the boat, island, and chapel.
9. A compost toilet facility is available.
10. The Birch Cross outside the Chapel may not be moved.
11. Flowers and decorations must be removed following the ceremony, unless permission is given for them to remain.
12. The use of rice, birdseed, and confetti are prohibited. Bubbles are acceptable.
13. The minister performing the marriage ceremony must be an ordained Christian officiant in good standing with her or his denomination.
14. In the event of Lightening or excessive winds the boat pilot may decide that it is unsafe to use the Chapel Bound. If this happens, you will need to use the alternative site that you have chosen. The decision will be made as early as possible on the day of the wedding.

We understand and agree to abide by the above

Dated _____

Bride _____ Signature _____

Groom _____ Signature _____

FEES FOR CHAPEL WEDDINGS, BOAT AND PILOT

- 1) \$400 Fee for Chapel use on Wedding Day
- 2) \$100. Fee for Rehearsal

- 3) \$200. for Chapel Bound Boat use on Wedding Day
- 4) \$100. for Pontoon Boat Usage for Rehearsal (if more than 1 trip \$200.)
- 5) \$200 for Boat pilot and mate on Wedding Day
- 6) \$100 for Boat pilot and mate for Rehearsal

A trip will consist of no more than 25 adults and/or children (children and infants each count as a passenger). A trip will take approximately 25 round trip - weather dependent.

Please submit a check for the deposit in the amount of \$400, PAYABLE to the *Island Chapel*. This deposit will secure the use of the Chapel on the specified date and will be credited towards the Chapel use fee. Please send Check and Application Form and signed and dated Guidelines and signed and dated information sheet to: Island Chapel Wedding Coordinator P.O. Box 71, Saranac Lake, NY 12983

The balance of all fees is due no later than 4 weeks before your wedding date.

A member of our committee will be present to assist you at your wedding and rehearsal. We look forward to helping you celebrate your special day.

The Island Chapel welcomes Weddings, Renewal of Vow and Memorial Services. The Chapel opens for services and celebrations the last weekend of June through Labor Day weekend. Please read the Guidelines, Wedding Policy, Application Form, and Fees, concerning the use of the Chapel, the boat pilot, and our pontoon boat Chapel Bound.

To secure a date or to ask any questions, contact our wedding coordinator, Lisa Morin