

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 including wedding party _____

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

Officiant's Name and Phone Number: _____

Officiant's Denomination: _____

Contact Person on Wedding Day:

Name _____

Phone _____

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. The pontoon boat owned by the chapel (Chapel Bound) **must be used to transport wedding guests and the wedding party (including rehearsal).** NO private boats are allowed. The boat can transport 25 adults/children/babies at a time. Each round trip takes approximately 20 minutes. Chapel Bound picks up wedding guests and the wedding party at the state launch at Indian Carry and returns guests to the same spot. This is the only pickup/drop off spot.
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. **It is the duty of the Bride and Groom to make all guests aware of this.**
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.

We understand and agree to abide by the above.

Dated _____

Bride Signature _____ Groom Signature _____

FEES FOR CHAPEL WEDDINGS, BOAT AND PILOT

- 1) \$500 Fee for Chapel use on Wedding Day
- 2) \$100. Fee for Chapel use for Rehearsal
- 3) \$400. for Chapel Bound Boat use on Wedding Day
- 4) \$200. for Chapel Bound Boat for Rehearsal (if more than 1 trip \$300.)

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 20 minutes round trip - weather dependent.

DEPOSIT AND CONFIRMATION

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

Please submit a check for deposit in the amount of \$500, PAYABLE to the First Presbyterian Church of SL 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 91, 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 Vows and Memorial Services. The Chapel opens for services and celebrations the last weekend of June through Labor Day weekend. Please review the fees, policy and guidelines.

To secure a date or ask any questions, please contact our Wedding Coordinator, Vera Fitch. dvfitch@msn.com