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## Lac du Saint Sacrement History

In the 1970's there appeared on Lake George a demand for a vessel which could service conventions, large groups wishing first-class food service, and moonlight sailing offering entertainment. The Steamboat Company determined to begin construction on a new boat at its Baldwin Shipyard.

The design of the new vessel needed to be one which would comply with modern safety regulations while still reflecting the traditions of eastern steamboating. The prototype selected was the old Hudson River day vessel, the Peter Stuyvesant. She had been a propeller-driven vessel, but her design had retained the character and grace of the vessels of the 19th century. Mr. Robert Simons, a noted marine architect, was retained and he produced an extremely attractive design for the 190-foot vessel.



**The Largest Cruise Ship on Lake George.**

In naming the vessel it was decided to return to the original name given to the Lake by the Jesuit priest, Issac Joques, in 1646. The name met with approval of the Catholic hierarchy and the vessel was named the Lac du Saint Sacrement, meaning "The Lake of the Blessed Sacrament."

The keel of the Saint Sacrement was laid in June of 1979. Each subsequent summer, a small crew of men worked in framing and plating the hull. A bow-thruster tunnel and unit was installed in the bow section, as were propulsion shafting, rudders and propellers in the stern section. Her hull was launched in September of 1987 and towed by the Mohican to the Steel Pier in Lake George Village for installation of her engines, completion of her superstructure and general outfitting.

On June 15 1989, following speeches and the blessing of the vessel by Bishop Raymond Kalisz, Rebecca America Dow swung a bottle of champagne against the ship's capstan head and christened her the Lac du Saint Sacrement.

In May of 2011, the Saint Sacrement will begin her twenty-second consecutive year of service. There is no finer Adirondack experience than a [Luncheon](#), [Brunch](#) or [Dinner Cruise](#) aboard the "Saint." You will be served excellent food in the most pleasant setting on the lake, all the while enjoying live entertainment, and narration about sites of interest along the way.

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