

Capri Boat and Ski Club

During the 1950s and 1960s, boat and water ski clubs were popular at Cedar Lake. Many came here from Harvey, Lansing, and Tinley Park, Illinois. According to Ron and Pat Gracz, those who could not afford summer cottages brought trailers here to live in each summer. Ron was a member of the Capri Boat and Ski Club that was at Coffin's Shady Beach from 1953 to 1958. One of his famous tricks was skiing on a ladder. He and two other men also skied in a pyramid. There was also a ramp which they used to perform tricks. Yet, the ski club was also a way for those from Illinois to connect with those at Cedar Lake. As part of the ski club Ron Gracz met Pat Collins, who became his wife, Pat Gracz. Ron's Capri Boat and Ski Club jacket is on display.