

Nat Roe and his ice boat on the bay. He was always experimenting with mechanical devices and several patents were issued to him. We do not know if this ice boat was ever patented. The wheel with spikes in the center of the boat seems to be driven by a belt, connected to the motor in front of the boat. Roe's ice boat was powered by a salvaged Curtis Wright 65 horse power engine. Nat Roe set the world record for ice boats at 100 mph in 1910.



The winters are much warmer now compared to those experienced a hundred years ago. The bay used to freeze over solid in most winters, providing an ideal surface for the ice boat races, which attracted many competitors from near and far.



Will Still and his ice scooter # 12 won this race. Ice boats could reach speeds of 60 miles per hour.

