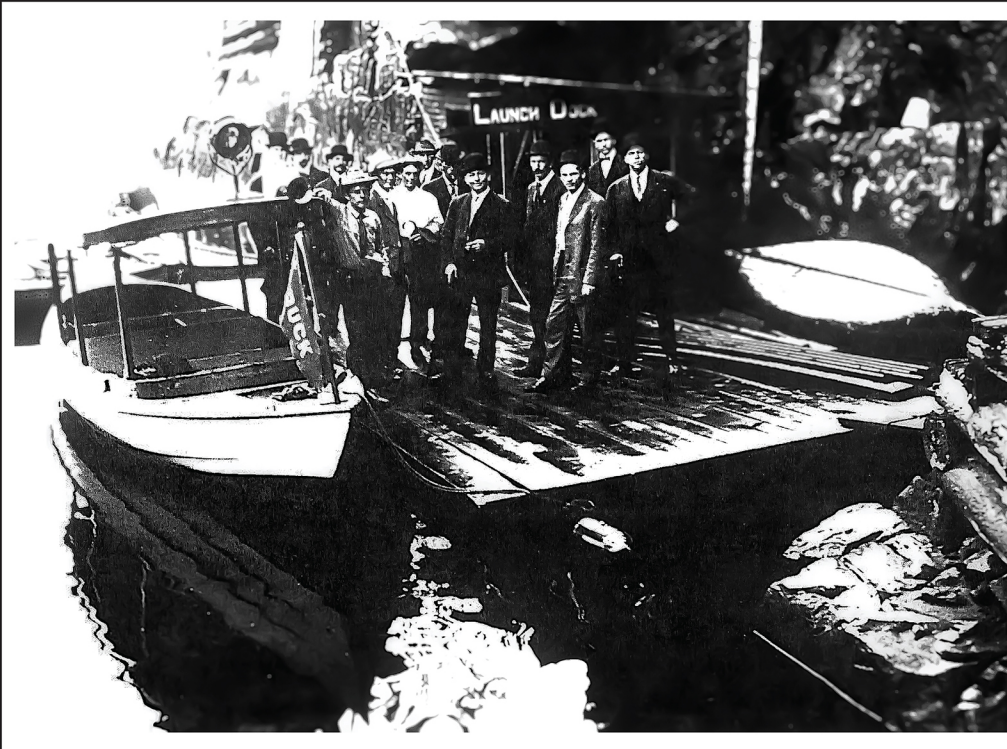


# Where It All Began



1906

In 1906, the Muller family of Stillwater sent their son, Carl Muller, 17 years old, to Taylors Falls to guide passengers along the Upper Dalles of the St Croix River. There, he shared the rich history of the St. Croix River Valley while showcasing its remarkable rock formations.

The first vessel operated by Carl Muller was the Pinafore, a modest powerboat that carried up to eight passengers.

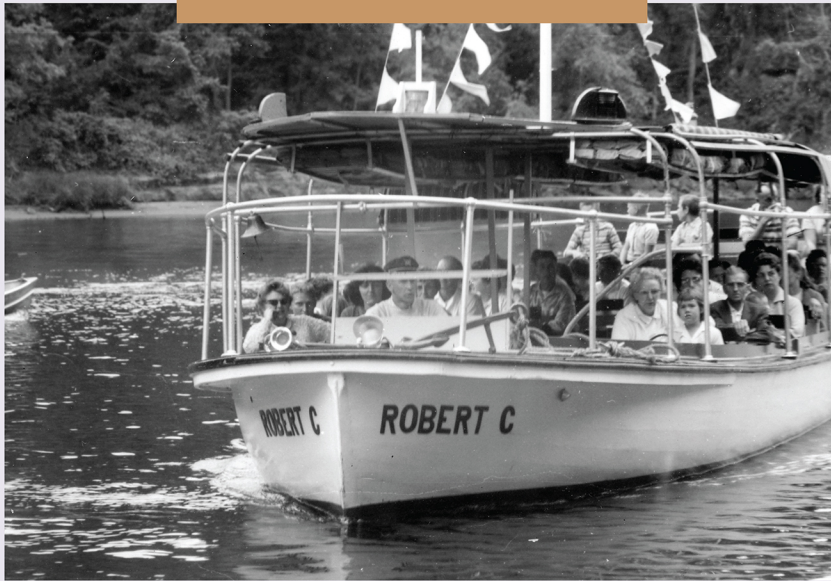


1911

In 1910, Carl expanded the operation by offering canoes and rowboats for rent at the landing, retrieving them downriver after a full day on the water—marking the beginning of what would become today's Taylors Falls Canoe & Kayak Rental.

Around that same time, Carl's father—founder of Muller Boatworks in Stillwater, Minnesota—built him a larger vessel. Named The Duck after Katie Campbell, Carl's sweetheart, the boat could carry 32 passengers. Carl and Katie were later married on September 28, 1911.

## The Robert C



**1918**

Carl and Katie welcomed their son, Robert Muller into the world August 10th, 1918.

**1920**

In the early 1920s, Carl purchased The Dalles. The Dalles was 40 feet long and carried 60 passengers

**1925**

Carl's Father built Robert C, named after his seven-year-old son Bob. The boat was also 40' long.

**1931**

Carl's fleet continued to grow when he purchased The Dalles Showboat from the Rivard family in 1931. The Dalles Showboat was much larger at 47 feet long and had a capacity of more than 100 passengers.

**1933**

Bob, at 15, after spending time on the St. Croix River with his father, piloted his first boat tour in 1933.



**The Dalles Showboat**

**Ann Muller**



**1940**

Bob Muller married Ann (Whiton) on March 9th, 1940. Ann was the first woman with the Muller Boat Company to get her pilot's license. At that time, you needed 2 letters of recommendation from reputable citizens with a high moral standing to receive your license.

**1941**

In 1941, Bob and Ann had their first daughter. Cynthia Ann Muller (Cam).

**1943**

Bob served his country in the United States Navy for two years from 1943 to 1945. After which he came back to work alongside his father, Carl.

**1950**

Kathy Muller, Bob and Ann's second daughter, was born into the family March 9th, 1950

**Cynthia Ann Muller**



**1959**

Bob and Ann acquired the Muller Boat Company, comprising the scenic boat tours and the canoe rental in 1959.

**1960**

Dennis Raedeke married Cam on August 26th, 1960. Dennis then joined the family business in 1961. That year, Cam and Dennis had their first son, Ron Raedeke, on June 10th, 1961.

**1963**

Two years later, they welcomed their next son, Dan Raedeke, into the family on February 21st, 1963.

**1965**

The Kathy M, a 48-foot steel-hulled powerboat, was built for the fleet. She had a non-driving paddle wheel for appearances.

**1969**

Cam and Dennis welcomed Amy Raedeke on September 18th, 1969.



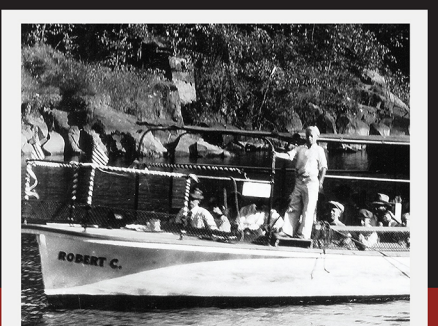
**The Kathy M**



**Bob Muller**



**Dennis Raedeke**



**The Raedeke Family**



**1972**

In 1972, Cam and Dennis purchased Val Croix from the Rivard Family. They renamed the ski area Wild Mountain.

**1976**

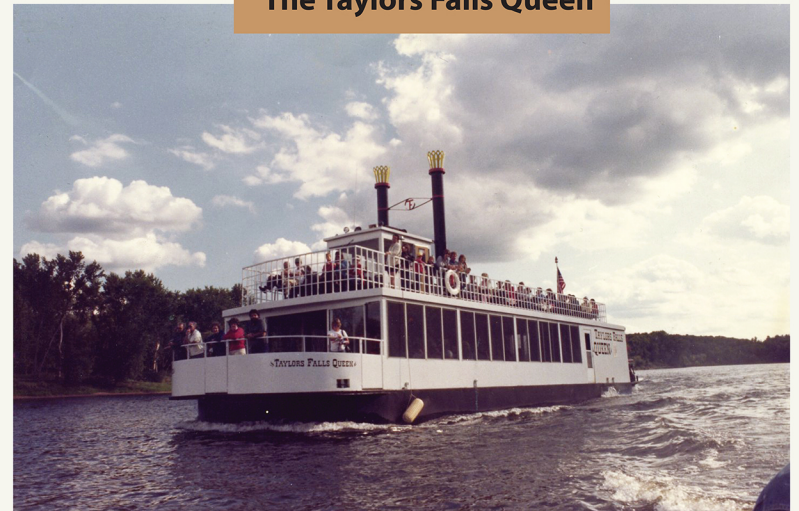
Cam and Dennis purchased the Muller Boat Company from Bob & Ann.

**1981**

Dennis Raedeke oversaw the construction of the Taylors Falls Queen in La Crosse, Wisconsin, introducing a much larger vessel to the fleet. This authentic paddlewheel boat could accommodate up to 150 passengers for Daily Excursions, and featured facilities for dinner cruises, weddings, and receptions. Its functional paddlewheel made it possible to traverse the river in shallower water.

With the arrival of the Taylors Falls Queen, the need for several of the smaller boats began to decline. The Dalles was dismantled, the Robert C was sold for use on Lake Okoboji in Iowa, and the Dalles Showboat was donated to the Sea Scouts of Stillwater, Minnesota.

**The Taylors Falls Queen**



**River boat leaves St. Croix area**



Robert C. Muller, Deer Lake, stands before the Robert C riverboat, which he piloted on the St. Croix River for almost 50 years.



**1985**

As demand continued to grow, the need for a second, larger vessel became clear. In 1985, Dennis introduced the Taylors Falls Princess, an 80-foot paddlewheel boat built with ultralight aluminum construction and a shallow draft. Designed to carry up to 250 passengers, she proved especially well-suited for navigating the low-water conditions of the Upper Dalles of the St. Croix River.

Dan married Sanna (Rimestad) on August 17th, 1985, and celebrated their reception aboard the newly christened Taylors Falls Princess.

**1989**

Dan and Sanna (Raedeke) welcomed the first of the next generation of Muller/Raedeke children with Dominick on February 2nd, 1989.

Cam and Dennis's children, Ron, Dan, and Amy, stepped into active management of Wild Mountain, and the Muller Boat Co (which apprised of the scenic boat tours and the canoe and kayak rental). Cam and Dennis in their retirement circumnavigated the world aboard their sailing catamaran, the Wild Wind III.

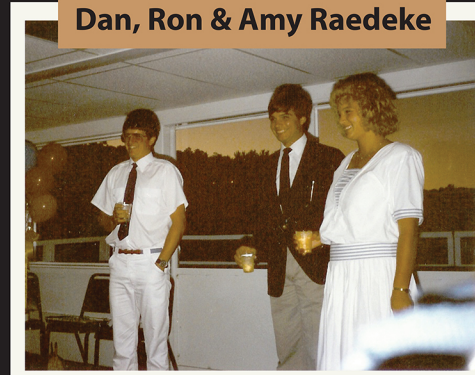
**Dennis Raedeke**



**The Taylors Falls Princess**



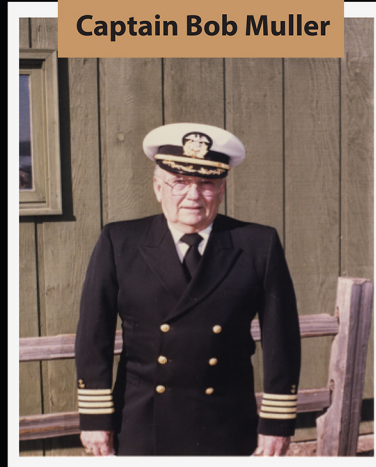
**Dan, Ron & Amy Raedeke**



**Dan & Sanna Raedeke 1985**

**1995**

In 1995, the Raedeke children—Ron, Dan, and Amy Frischmon—purchased Wildwood RV Park & Campground, expanding the family’s recreational offerings in the St. Croix River Valley.



**Captain Bob Muller**



**Mike Frischmon**

**1999**

The eldest son, Ron, decided to pursue a career in engineering, while their son Dan and daughter Amy (Frischmon) continued managing Taylors Falls Recreation, which included the Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours, Taylors Falls Canoe and Kayak Rental, Wildwood RV Park & Campground, and Wild Mountain.



**Muller, Raedeke & Frischmon Families**  
during the 100 Year Celebration in 2006

**2005**

Captain Bob continued to drive the boat tours until he retired his Captain’s hat in 2005.



**Muller Family; Kathy, Bob, Cam**  
during the 100 Year Celebration in 2006

**2006**

Muller Boat Co (now Taylors Falls Scenic Boat Tours) celebrated 100 years in operation.

**2018**

Dominick Raedeke, Dan & Sanna’s son joined the company in 2018. He received his pilot’s license through the United States Coast Guard in 2023.



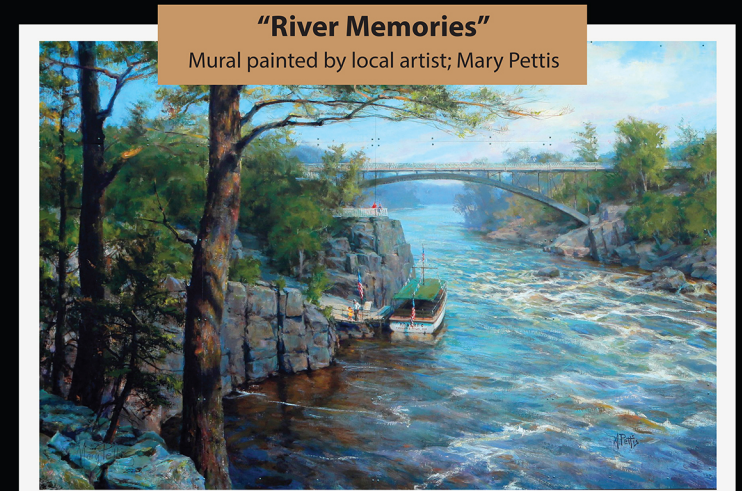
**Raedeke & Frischmon Families**  
during construction of the New Boat Stand & Patio

**2020**

In June of 2020, the decision was made to sell Wild Mountain. While the family still loves to ski; they choose to focus their business efforts on summer activities in the Taylors Falls area, including boats, canoes, and the campground.

**2021**

Dan & Dominick along with Braden Construction – rebuilt the Trading post, built the River Rock Patio and installed the Mary Pettis Mural, River Memories.



**“River Memories”**  
Mural painted by local artist; Mary Pettis

**2026**

Mike Frischmon, Scott and Amy’s youngest, joined the family business in 2026.

**In 2026, we are proud to celebrate 120 years of our family business, spanning five generations of the Muller, Raedeke, and Frischmon families.**

**The Frischmon Family**

(Left to Right) Ellie, Amy, Cait, Mike, John & Scott

**Cam & Dennis Raedeke**

**The Raedeke Family**

(Left to Right) Ronil, Emmy, Simone, Iylah, Dan, Sanna & Dominick

