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Fast Winter Fun in Days Gone by on Otsego Lake

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It's snowing here again this morning, and the temperature is forecast to be eight-degrees tonight and minus-two tomorrow evening, so its an excellent time to take a look at vintage winter motorsports on ice.

This scene containing four men posing with an ice racing boat was photographed in 1909 on a lake located in Otsego County, New York (eastern Upstate NY.) Judging by the size of the body of water it is likely that this is Otsego Lake – located next to and north of Cooperstown, the home of the *Fenimore Art Museum*, the source of the image.

The machine gives the impression that it was well-made, possibly by an ice boat builder from the area. It looks to be powered by either a transverse dual or single-cylinder L-head air-cooled engine which may have automotive origins. Its power is transmitted via a shaft connected to the rear of the engine then by pulleys and a leather belt to a hand oiled open shaft supported by a spindly-looking cast metal support to the wooden propeller.

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