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Newsletter of the Hudson River Maritime Museum
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Antique & Classic Boat Show Joins Maritime Festival



The Hudson River Maritime Museum is proud to announce a new festival to its annual events. This year the Hudson River Chapter of the Antique and Classic Boat Society is partnering with the National Boat Building Challenge and the museum to present The Maritime Festival on Saturday, June 22 from 10 AM to 5 PM. Teams of two will have four hours to build a 12-foot Carolina Bateaux and then compete in a rowing competition on the Rondout Creek. The museum's docks will host antique and classic wooden boats and there will be a boat parade in the afternoon. The City of Kingston has also partnered with the event and will host live music and entertainment in Gallo Park, along the historic waterfront.

Last year members of the Veteran's Wooden Boat Workshop competed as community favorites. These veteran teams were thrilling to watch - each amateur team finished their boat and several rowed with oars fashioned after Viking axes. Many of these competitors will return this year. National Champions K Construction took first prize, but local teams placed second and third. This qualifying event sent several local teams to the National Championship in Belfast, Maine. Each local team proved to be fierce competition.

The Antique and Classic Boat Show will feature vintage cabin cruisers, antique wooden canoes, and beautiful wooden sailboats. Visitors are encouraged to stroll museum docks and learn about these classic vessels.

Join us for lighthouse tours on board our new 100% solar powered tour boat, free children's activities and a variety of woodworking and rowing demonstrations. The museum courtyard will host maritime-themed crafts and vendors. Admission to the museum will be discounted for the day.

Museum Summer Hours

Open seven days a week,

11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Friends— I really do have the best view from my office. These days, what I see makes me appreciate our partnerships more than ever.

There is a lot going on our campus. The Museum's docks getting set up for a busy season and recreational boaters and fisherman are starting to hit the water. There is a lot of hustle as our partners at the **Kingston Sailing Club** help us ready our sailing fleet so we can teach another year of sailing and racing. I see our new tour boat, *Solaris*, coming and going as we iron out the last details of certification and planning our upcoming programming. The Museum's ownership of this lovely vessel would not have been possible if it were not for the generosity of our partners at **NYS Department of Environmental Conservation** and **Scenic Hudson**, as well as the owner/designers **Harriet and David Borton**. There is the **Clearwater**, another longtime partner, all ready for her season on the Hudson, leaving our docks after a long winter of maintenance. And it is hard to forget that it is varsity crew season with 65+ **Kingston High School** kids flooding into our yard every day to launch these impossibly fast boats. That rowing program is run by an amazing group of coaches and more of our partners, the **Rondout Rowing Club** and the **YMCA**. The Museum is also partners with the **Boy Scouts of America** who has their very own boat-centric troop (called a 'ship') that is based at our docks and run programs from our dock on their own sailboat.



In a few short weeks, we will be holding the Maritime Festival which will be made great by even more partners, notably **The Antique and Classic Boat Society** who shows their fleet at our docks. And the **National Boat Building Challenge** will be held on that day in our yard, once again making Kingston one of their locations for this nationwide event. At this event visitors will meet some of our other partners, like the **Northeastern Woodworkers Association** and the **Veterans Wooden Boat Workshop**.

Over the winter we solidified our partnerships with all the remaining lighthouse on the Hudson River by joining together to form the **Hudson River Lighthouse Coalition**. This group includes the **Hudson Athens Lighthouse**, **Saugerties Lighthouse**, **Kingstons Rondout Lighthouse**, **Esopus Meadows Lighthouse**, **Stony Point Jeffries Hook**, and of course the **Statue of Liberty** funded by generous support from the **Humanities, New York**.

Over the next few months, visitors will see new elements in our exhibits that integrate the story of climate change in the Hudson Valley. This important would not be possible without support from the **NYS DEC**. And inside is our 2019 exhibit, *Rescuing the River: 50 Years of Environmental Activism in the Hidden Valley*, which is basically a tribute to partnership and what people can accomplish if they band together. The players in this story are legendary in the environmental world; the **Hudson River Fishermen's Association**, **Riverkeeper**, **NYS DEC**, **Clearwater**, and **Scenic Hudson**. This partnership story would not have been possible without generous support from the **Bank of America** and **Assemblyman Kevin Cahill**.

Writing this I am reminded that we would not be here if not for all of these partnerships, and the help we get each and every day from this community. - *Lisa Cline*

COMING SOON

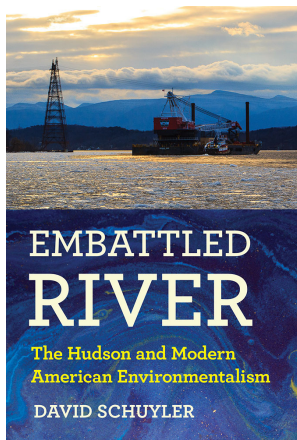
Rozalia Project Returns in July



The Rozalia Project's *American Promise* will return to the Hudson River Maritime Museum this July! Learn more about how micro-plastics effect the environment and water supplies. Enjoy a demonstration of Hector the Collector, a VideoRay Pro 4 ROV remotely operated vehicle with a manipulator to grab anything from cans to plastic bags. Hector helps the Rozalia

Project in observing how plastic affects the underwater world. Stay tuned for more information, including dates , times, and programs help in partnership with watershed alliances.

Lecture & Book Signing Rescheduled



Join us on **Wednesday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Boat School Classroom for a special lecture and book signing. In his book, *Embattled River*, David Schuyler describes the efforts to reverse the pollution and bleak future of the Hudson River that became evident in the 1950s. Through his investigative narrative, Schuyler uncovers the critical role of this iconic American waterway in the emergence of modern environmentalism in the United States. Writing fifty-five years after Consolidated Edison announced plans to construct a pumped storage power plant at Storm King Mountain, Schuyler recounts how a loose coalition of activists took on

corporate capitalism and defended the river. Led by Scenic Hudson, later joined by groups such as Riverkeeper, Clearwater, the Hudson River Valley Greenway, and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the coalition won the first of many legal and publicity battles that would halt pollution of the river, slowly reverse the damage of years of discharge into the river, and protect hundreds of thousands of acres of undeveloped land in the river valley. **Members are free; \$5 general admission.**

Kalmar Nyckel Returns

Due to popular demand, the Tall Ship of Delaware, *Kalmar Nyckel* is returning to Kingston, New York this August! The original *Kalmar Nyckel* served as Governor Peter Minuit's flagship for the 1638 expedition that founded the colony of New Sweden, establishing the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware Valley, Fort Christina, in present-day Wilmington, Delaware. Stay tuned for more information about deck tours, chartered sails, and a special cocktail cruise!

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GRANTS & AWARDS

President's Cup Awarded



Meg Clark and Jack Weeks celebrating after the award presentation.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum celebrated the opening of its 2019 exhibit "Rescuing the River: 50 Years of Environmental Activism on the Hudson" Presented by Bank of America on Friday, April 19. For the first time ever, the museum sold tickets to the general public. Many newcomers joined us for an evening of wine and light refreshments donated by local restaurants and grocery stores. Members of the Kingston High School Varsity Crew Team donated their time to help cater the event.

President of the Board Robert Burhans awarded Meg Clark the President's Cup for her exemplary efforts to include climate change into the museum's exhibits and educational programs as well as her work assisting with the coordination of our YouthBoat program. Meg has recently joined the museum as its new Volunteer Coordinator.

This year's exhibit received an incredible amount of support, not only from Bank of America. Additional sponsors include Humanities New York, Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Riverkeeper, Marist College, Hudson Valley Advanced Manufacturing Center at SUNY New Paltz, Palisades Interstate Parks Commission, Scenic Hudson, and the New York State Assembly. The museum would also like to thank Betsy Garthwaite, Russ & Allynne Lange, Ron Searl, Mark Peckham, Steve Jordan, and Gary Miller for contributing their time and talent to the exhibit.

Christening Ceremony Joined by Scenic Hudson

On Friday, May 10, the Ulster County Chamber of Commerce, joined by City of Kingston Mayor Steve Noble, Nancy Beard from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Erin Riley from Scenic Hudson, Vicky Perry from the office of Antonio Delgado, and David and Harriet Borton, held a special Ribbon Cutting and Christening Ceremony of *Solaris* (see page 10) on the Museum's docks. The Museum's new solar-powered tour boat is the first commercial vessel to be certified by the United States Coast Guard for passenger use. With no need to connect to the electric grid, *Solaris* is a major step towards a carbon neutral future for the museum.



Do you have memories or information about Island Dock? Did members of your family work at Island Dock? Stories, photographs, video, and audio are most welcome! Hudson River Maritime Museum is gathering information for a documentary about the history and many uses of Island Dock. Please contact Carla Lesh, Collections Manager & Digital Archivist, clesh@hrmm.org or 845-338-0071 x21.

DONATIONS

Grants for YouthBoat



William Calderara, Michael Janasiewicz, John Finch, Lisa Cline, Robert Burhans and Instructor Wayne Ford with students.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce that the Ulster Savings Bank Charitable Foundation has awarded \$5,000 to YouthBoat. The foundation's directors joined students from the after school program at the Wooden Boat School. After enjoying an afternoon snack, representatives from the bank witnessed the program first hand and examined the students' boat building progress. Board President, Robert Burhans, and Executive Director, Lisa Cline, were on hand to thank representatives of Ulster Savings Bank.

YouthBoat also received a \$4,000 grant from the Hudson Valley Foundation for Youth Health. Funds from this grant will be used to support the morning program held in partnership with Ulster County BOCES. If you would like to

learn more on how to support YouthBoat, empower teens in the community, and help provide a safe place for youth after school, please contact Ellie Burhans at eburhans@hrmm.org.

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Heroes' Day Returns



Join the Hudson River Maritime Museum, fireboat *John J Harvey*, and local Emergency Service Personnel as we honor the courage, sacrifice, and selflessness demonstrated by our local police, fire, and EMT men and women on **September 14, 2019**. The *John J Harvey* will be present on our docks again this year providing deck tours to guests. She has an incredible history as a fireboat in New York Harbor and served valiantly during the attacks of September 11, 2001. There will be family friendly activities and demonstrations by police and fire units across our campus. More details will follow about the schedule. Please visit hrmm.org/heroes-day for more information. If you wish to participate

or donate, please contact Paul Daley at pdaley@hrmm.org or 845-338-0071 ext. 11.

Saturday Summer Lectures Scheduled



The museum is pleased to announce two additional lectures to take place on Saturdays this summer. Both lectures take place on Saturdays at 2:00 PM in the Wooden Boat School classroom. Free for museum members, \$5 for non-members.

Back by popular demand, "**Lighthouses of the Hudson River**" will be held again on **Saturday, July 27th**. For those of you who missed the March lecture, Sarah Wassberg Johnson will reprise her talk with the addition of new information about some of the lost lighthouses and women lightkeepers that has recently come to light.

On **Saturday, August 10, 2019**, folklorist and filmmaker Daniel Franklin Ward will present his short documentary film, "**Boom and Bust: America's Journey on the Erie Canal**", with commentary. Featuring oral histories, the film examines the volatile economic cycles experienced by communities along the Erie Canal from when they first entered the global economy to the present day. Rescheduled from the May 18th date due to Ward's availability, this film will be sure to please and is sponsored in part by Arts Mid-Hudson.

For tickets and other upcoming lectures, visit: www.hrmm.org/lecture-series



VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Appreciation Events

Our next **Volunteer Appreciation Event** will be **Thursday, May 30 at 6:00 p.m.** Enjoy a glass of wine or beer on us and bring a dish or appetizer to share! It's the perfect opportunity to learn about upcoming events, make new friends, and let your voice be heard. Our next volunteer appreciation events will be held on **Friday, August 30** and **Thursday, October 10**. Stay tuned for more information on times. Not a volunteer? Sign up today at www.hrmm.org/volunteer or email volunteer@hrmm.org!



YouthBoat Volunteer Wins Scholarship



In partnership with the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, the Hudson River Maritime Museum is excited to award our YouthBoat volunteer Maggie Schoonmaker with a scholarship to further her woodworking skills at the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship's *Teaching Teachers* program in Maine. Maggie is one of many volunteers who support our YouthBoat program and help to make it a success! Not only does Maggie volunteer for our YouthBoat program, and museum events, but she also donates her time to the Saugerties Lighthouse. We are thrilled that Maggie has this opportunity!

Summer Internship & Volunteer Opportunities

The museum is seeking new volunteers and interns for a variety of opportunities this summer.

New volunteers are sought to help with Rondout Lighthouse tours as well as historical tours of Rondout Creek aboard the solar tour boat *Solaris*. Volunteers should be comfortable speaking in front of a crowd, have a strong interest in local history, and a good memory. Giving tours of the Rondout Lighthouse does require handling many stairs. Creek tours stay on the boat at all times. Most tours will take place on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays in the summer, but some tours will take place during the week by charter. If you are interested, please contact Paul Daley at pdaley@hrmm.org.

The museum is also seeking exhibit research volunteers and interns. Upcoming exhibit topics include climate change, the steamer *Mary Powell*, and more. Volunteers and interns may publish short articles based on their research for the museum's history blog (www.hrmm.org/history-blog) or submit articles to be considered for inclusion in the 2020 issue of the *Pilot Log*. Volunteers should be skilled at computer-based research and writing and have a flexible schedule. If you are interested, please contact Sarah Wassberg Johnson at swassberg@hrmm.org.

As always, the museum also needs help for special events, including the upcoming Maritime Festival, Saturday, June 22, 2019. If you are interested in volunteering for special events, please contact Meg Clark at mclark@hrmm.org.

CURATORIAL CORNER

New Collection Processing



The Hudson River Maritime Museum is extremely fortunate to have a team of expert volunteers to process the Franklin B. Roberts, Jr. steamboat collection.

Pictured at upper left are Trustees Mark Peckham and Russell Lange with steamboat scholars Allynne Lange and Jerry Mastropaolo. Center: Jerry Mastropaolo examines some of the Roberts Collection models.

Right: Jeffrey Hall, a new volunteer here at the Hudson River Maritime Museum is shown packing the models for safekeeping.

Lower left: Some of the over 200 models in the Roberts collection "fleet". The models range in length from 1.5 inches to 24 inches. Mr. Roberts crafted these works with exquisite attention to detail. Hudson River Day Line and Wilson

Steamboat Line boats are represented in the collection. These steamboat lines carried passengers on the Hudson River during the steamboat era of the late 1800s to mid 1900s. The Roberts collection is a wonderful addition to the Hudson River Maritime Museum and will be used to interpret the history of the Hudson River. Stay tuned for more updates as we process this truly unique and important collection!

Join Our Focus Group!

HRMM is pleased to invite you to join our new Focus Group! Members of the focus group will receive periodic emails with online surveys asking for input on everything from exhibit topics to new items for the museum store. Surveys are anonymous, fewer than 10 questions long, and often take less than 10 minutes to complete

To sign up, email swassberg@hrmm.org or visit www.hrmm.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and fill out the "Join Our Focus Group" form. You may unsubscribe from survey emails at any time.

LOCAL HISTORY

History Cruises Return with Expanded Schedule



Last summer, the Hudson River Maritime Museum partnered with Hudson River Cruises to present a series of evening Lecture Cruises aboard the *Rip Van Winkle*. Thematic illustrated lectures highlighting Hudson River Architecture and Lighthouses entertained passengers during the two-hour cruise on the Hudson River. We had hundreds of passengers join us last summer, but if you did not have an opportunity to join us we are expanding our lecture cruise series this summer to three cruises.

On **June 6, 2019 at 6pm**, join us for an evening cruise highlighting **Hudson River Lighthouses**. We will sail by the Rondout and Esopus Meadows Lighthouses. Lighthouse Historian Elise Barry will discuss the remaining lighthouses and efforts to preserve them over the years. Museum Director of Education Sarah Wassberg Johnson will discuss the “lost” lighthouses of the Hudson.

On **July 11, 2019 at 6 pm**, join us for an evening cruise highlighting **Hudson River Industries**. We will sail north to view Hutton Brickyards. Lectures will feature D&H Canal Museum Historian Bill Merchant discussing the D&H Canal and coal transport, African Roots Library Board President Odell Winfield will discuss the role of black workers in Hudson Valley brickyards, and SUNY Ulster Professor of Geology Steven Schimmerich will discuss Rosendale Cement.

On **August 22, 2019 at 6 pm**, join us for an evening cruise highlighting **Hudson River Shipwrecks**. Lectures will focus on barge and steamship graveyards, infamous shipwrecks, and the dangers of sailing on the Hudson River.

The Maritime Museum provides hors d'oeuvres aboard the vessel and there is a cash bar available. The price of the cruise is \$39 for members and \$49 for non-members. Every cruise will begin at 6:00 PM and return to the Hudson River Cruise docks at 8:00 pm. Please arrive at the docks 15-20 minutes early for registration and boarding. To register and learn more about our Lecture Cruise Series visit hrmm.org/local-history-tours. If you have any questions contact, Paul Daley at pdaley@hrmm.org or 845-338-0071 ext. 11.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Meet Solaris



Board Members Jack Weeks and Jim Sperry show off Solaris's name board.

It's official! After overwhelming community participation in a naming campaign and input from schools up and down the Hudson River, the museum's naming committee, comprised of local elected officials, environmental groups, and partner organizations voted unanimously for *Solaris*.

The new tour boat will allow the museum to expand its popular Rondout Lighthouse Tours, as well new history tours, trips to the Esopus Lighthouse, bird-watching trips, sunset cruises, and field trips to its on-the-water programming. The *Solaris* can accommodate up to 25 passengers and will be available for private charters and can be added on to any rental of the museum's facilities.

Stay tuned for more information about tours, charters, and special events on board!

Governor Signs Plastic Bag Ban



Governor Cuomo with Mayor Steve Noble, Lisa Cline and Robert Burhans

On April 22, 2019—Earth Day—Governor Andrew Cuomo signed the newly passed Plastic Bag Ban into law here at the Hudson River Maritime Museum! The Governor, state and local elected officials, former County Executive Michael Hein, and dignitaries from across the state joined museum staff and Trustees in the Homeport Barn for this momentous occasion. Over 200 guests were in attendance.

Executive Director Lisa Cline and Board President Robert Burhans were welcomed to join the Governor, Mayor Steve Noble, and New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Commissioner Basil Seggos on stage for the signing, to meet the Governor, and photo opportunity.

Guests from across the state enjoyed our campus along the historic Rondout Waterfront. Our new exhibit, "Rescuing the River: 50 Years of Environmental Activism on the Hudson" Presented by Bank of America was open to the dignitaries and many took advantage to put the day's event in historical context. The Hudson River Maritime Museum is honored this important legislation was signed into law on our campus right after the opening of our new exhibit on environmental activism.

RIVERPORT WOODEN BOAT SCHOOL

YouthBoat Gets Out on the Water

Our 2019 Spring YouthBoat semester is coming to a close. Three YouthBoat groups, over the course of two semesters, have successfully constructed a 10' Nymph Sailing Dinghy and a 12' Shellback Dinghy. As we apply the finishing touches to these boats we will also begin the Rowing section of our YouthBoat Program. Led by Nelsie Aybar-Grau, each group will spend 2-3 days learning basic rowing skills and water safety. Upon completion of the rowing program we will launch the two dinghies and celebrate the accomplishments of each student who participated in this semester's program.

The Maritime Museum would like to thank every volunteer who has dedicated their time, talent, and energy to make this YouthBoat program a success.



Youth Sailing Program Teaches On-Water Safety

Students and parents love the Youth Sailing Program at the Hudson River Maritime Museum because in one week, youth become safe sailors and begin to build a lifetime of self-confidence, skills, physical fitness, teamwork, love of nature, and environmental awareness, all while making friends and having fun! Here's a story of how one family benefited.

Shelby, a thirteen year-old student, participated in a week of the 2017 pilot youth sailing program. During her week, she learned how to perform basic skipper and crew functions and how to handle emergencies such as a capsized. Shelby loved sailing and was a natural. Her parents, who own a keel boat, bought a 15 foot centerboard boat with a jib and main for Shelby to sail. One summer day in 2018, they took the boat to Lake Taconic for its maiden voyage.

First, Shelby and her Dad went out, and they shook out the cobwebs. After they figured out how to adjust the sails and steer the boat, they enjoyed sailing. Then they returned to shore to pick up Shelby's friend. Suddenly, the sailors were hit by an unexpected gust of wind, and they could not release the sails quickly enough. They capsized! As a keel boat sailor, Shelby's father had never righted an overturned boat. He quickly determined both girls were okay, and he was trying to figure out what to do next, when Shelby said, "Dad, I got this. First, let's turn the bow into the wind, so when we right the boat, the sails don't fill with wind. We don't want the boat to sail away without us!"

Shelby and her friend swam to the starboard side. The three worked together and turned the bow into the wind. Then they released the lines that control and raise the sails and pulled them down. Next, the girls grabbed the centerboard. Both girls leaned all their body weight on it. Slowly, the boat started to move. All of a sudden "Pop," the mast straightened up to vertical. "Quick, Dad, balance the boat," Shelby called. With her Dad holding the deck on the port side, and her friend holding onto the deck on the starboard side, Shelby climbed into the cockpit. "Both of you hang onto the sides of the boat to balance it while I bail out some of the water," Shelby directed.

After a few minutes, Shelby said to her father and friend, "Okay, I got most of the water out. Carefully climb in, one at a time, balancing your weight on both sides of the boat to make sure we don't capsize again." After both crew members were aboard, they raised the sails. Shelby grabbed the tiller, her friend pulled the jib sheet to windward, the boat began to turn to leeward, and the crew trimmed both sails as they sailed away. "Good job, Shelby" said her Dad, beaming with pride. "I am so glad you knew what to do!"



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- 10'x10' blue pop-up tents
- Wheelbarrow
- Life vests
- Life rings
- Bullhorn
- Safety skiff

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