



Summer 2019

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Kalmar Nyckel

AUGUST 10 - 14

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce *Kalmar Nyckel* will return to the historic Rondout Waterfront from **August 10 through August 14**. The 141-foot reproduction of the 17th century Swedish explorer's ship will be making her only stop in New York in Kingston. While in port, she will be providing deck tours, public sails, and special 'pirate sails'. Deck tours are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 17. Children under the age of 5 are free. Pirate Sails are \$55 for adults and \$35 for children under the age of 17. Day Sails are \$60 for adults and \$40 for children under the age of 17. For a full schedule, please visit www.kalmarnyckel.org/bookasail.

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. The original ship was a new type of gun-armed merchant vessel called a Dutch Pinnace was built by the Dutch in Amsterdam in about the year 1625.

The present-day *Kalmar Nyckel* is an authentic and fully functioning replica of the original vessel and serves as Delaware's official tall-ship. The ship is owned and operated by the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers a broad array of sea- and land-based learning and recreational experiences.

The *Kalmar Nyckel* will be offering the unique opportunity for guests to sail on board while she is in Kingston. Guests are invited to haul lines, set sails, and enjoy tales of the original *Kalmar Nyckel*, or become a "pirate" with the crew on special pirate sails.

For more information, please visit WWW.HRMM.ORG/KALMAR or WWW.KALMARNYCKEL.ORG.

Museum Summer Hours

Open seven days a week,
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MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Friends— It is hard for me to believe that it is already July 2019....how did this happen? Apparently I lost complete track of the entire spring season, and I will reluctantly accept that it is almost the halfway mark of our 'high season'. That means that we still have a lot more to look forward to, both on the land and on the water.



Our new solar tour boat, the *Solaris*, is running a great roster of public trips. Not only to the Rondout Lighthouse, but also narrated tours up the Rondout Creek, Boat Rides and Sunset Cruises on the River. We are also offering charters for private parties and meetings aboard the *Solaris*. Within a few weeks we will be opening our brand new boater hospitality center with two new ADA showers and dressing rooms. Boaters will rejoice as our old shower was rustic to say the least. We have a whole list of exciting events coming up including visiting vessel Kalmar Nyckel, Hero's Day, additional history cruises, lectures, children and adult sailing classes, rowing adventures and walking tours. See inside for more details on all these programs and events.

We started the season off with a fantastic Special Preview for our 2019 exhibit, "Rescuing the River: 50 Years of Environmental Activism on the Hudson" presented by Bank of America, and we are bookending it with our Pilot Gala honoring John Lipscomb in September. I cannot think of a better way to celebrate all of the hard work being done to preserve the Hudson River's unique ecology and history than to gather our friends and family to recognize John's work at Riverkeeper.

I hope that you will join us for these summer events, classes, and lectures. Don't let the rest of the summer fly by without visiting the museum. And please give us your feedback on new programs that you would like see, or suggest changes with existing programs.

- Lisa Cline

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.

COMING SOON

History Cruise: Shipwrecks



The Museum is pleased to offer another **History Lecture Cruise on Thursday, August 22**. This one is focused on shipwrecks. Thomas Rinaldi, co-author of *Hudson Valley Ruins: Forgotten Landmarks of an American Landscape* (2006), will give a talk entitled, "The Lost Steam Fleet," which traces the ultimate fate of the once enormous fleet of steamboats that once ran up, down, and across the Hudson River.

Our second speaker of the evening is Art Cohn, Co-Founder, Director Emeritus, and Senior Advisor of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum and Research Institute, and professional diver, historian, educator and advocate for the preservation of historical shipwrecks. His talk, entitled, "What Lies Beneath: The Archaeology of the Hudson River and Lake Champlain" will examine the rich record of human events along the Hudson River-Lake Champlain corridor, which has left a tangible legacy of shipwrecks that reflect on this rich maritime heritage. Cohn will share his experience working underwater to identify and preserve this priceless cultural legacy. The two hour cruise includes hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. All proceeds benefit the Hudson River Maritime Museum. \$39 for museum members, \$49 for non-members. **Boarding begins at 5:30 PM at the Hudson River Cruises docks. Boat leaves promptly at 6 pm.**

Pilot Gala to Honor John Lipscomb



Join us in awarding the Roger Mabie Award on Sunday, **September 8 from 4p.m. to 8 p.m.** at the Hudson River Maritime Museum! Roger W. Mabie, a founding father, and former president of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, exemplified selfless public service to the Hudson River Valley, its people and its history. It is because of his selfless and generous spirit, his commitment to the Hudson Valley and its history, and his ability to touch so many

lives in a meaningful way, that the Hudson River Maritime Museum has created a special honor in his name to be awarded annually to individuals who exemplify service to our Hudson Valley and its history. This year we honor Captain John Lipscomb of Riverkeeper for his tireless dedication to the preservation of the Hudson River's unique history and ecology. Lipscomb has been called the "Poet Laureate of the Hudson" by Jon Bowermaster in recognition of his eloquent advocacy for the river.

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GRANTS & AWARDS

Legislative Grant Awarded to Add Showers



Museum volunteers working on the demolition of the current Wooden Boat School bathrooms.

Thanks to a legislative award by Assemblyman Kevin Cahill, the Hudson River Maritime Museum is able to continue projects to improve our facility and visitor experience. This grant will be used to upgrade the museum's computer and phone systems in addition to improvements to the Wooden Boat School. Work has already begun on the demolition of the current restrooms so that a new shower and new water-saving toilets can be installed. With help from the Museum's dedicated volunteers and Kingston's YouthBuild, the renovation of the restrooms should be done before the end of July. We hope that this welcome addition will improve the experience docking here at the museum and for those visiting the Rondout waterfront.

Community Block Grant

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is proud to begin work on repairing the roof to the museum building and install a new high-efficiency HVAC system in the Wooden Boat School. Combined with solar panels, this new heating and cooling system will help the museum become a truly carbon-neutral organization. The solar panels installed on the museum's roof in 2015 produce 102% of the electricity the building needs to operate, saving us hundreds of dollars a month in electric bills. New solar panels on the Boat School building will help reduce the cost of electricity spent monthly while reducing the building's carbon footprint. Funding came from the City of Kingston's Community Development Office through the assistance of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's Community Development Block Grant Program funds.

Casting the Net

Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to receive an award of a Documentary Heritage Program grant. Our project is "Casting the Net: Harvesting and Sharing Hudson River Resources." This grant includes an advisory committee of area museum professionals who will assist as we work to optimize current archives space, and plan for future collections including expanding the holdings interpreting Hudson River Commercial Fishing. Digitizing of our photographic and print collections is ongoing with the assistance of dedicated volunteers. Finding aids will be created and put online to assist researchers around the world in the study of Hudson River history. Work done under this grant will form the basis for developing a conceptual plan for the museum's physical improvements in the future. The Documentary Heritage Program is a statewide program through the New York State Archives. The program provides financial support and guidance to not-for-profit organizations that hold, collect and make available New York's historical records.

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Thank You Maritime Festival Sponsors



The Hudson River Maritime Museum would like to thank all of our sponsors that supported the 2019 Maritime Festival featuring the National Boat Building Challenge and Antique and Classic Boat Show: Antique and Classic Boat Society, Arold Construction, Central Hudson, M. L. Condon Company, Erin Clancy of Edward Jones, Drs. Engel and Lindgren Family Medicine, Keegan Ales, Keyser Funeral and Cremation Services, Kingston Block and Masonry, Lou's Boat Basin, Louise Marcigliano, LCSW, Marshall & Sterling Insurance, Meltzer & Hill Wealth Advisory, Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union, SUNY New Paltz, Nick Roberti's Marine, Snake Hill Farm, LLC, White's Hudson Marine, Ulster County Tourism, and Van Kleeck's Tires. With the support of these local businesses, the event was a big success!

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EDUCATION UPDATE

Field Trips On *Solaris*



The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to offer a variety of tours and rides aboard the brand new, 100% solar-powered tour boat *Solaris*, built here at the museum. Programs and tours specifically designed for schools and students will begin in September, 2019, available Monday-Friday between 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Tour groups have a 20 student and have a two-hour minimum. Students are \$18 and chaperones are \$20. The maximum capacity of *Solaris* is 24 at a time.

Teachers have the opportunity to build a unique program or choose from a great line up of programs including Rondout Lighthouse tours. This tour lasts one hour and fifteen minutes and includes a guided tour of the interior of the

lighthouse, including the tower. New Industrial Waterfront Cruises are also available. A knowledgeable docent will lead a one hour and fifteen minute cruise up Rondout Creek to Eddyville, where you'll learn about notable landmarks along the way including the Wurts Street Suspension Bridge, Wilbur Railroad Bridge, location of the remains of the steamboat *Mary Powell*, the D&H Canal, including Island Dock, boat basins, and Lock No. 1, the Fitch Bluestone Company Office, and other industrial uses of the Rondout both historic and modern, including information about the history of Feeney Shipyards.

Contact the Education Department at 845-338-0071 ext. 11 or education@hrmm.org to inquire or book field trips.

Water/ Ways Field Trips

Water/Ways, an exhibition from Smithsonian's Museum on Main Street, takes a deep look at this essential component of life on our planet, which powers the environment's engine, impacts climate and helps shape and sculpt the landscape. Humans and animals rely on water for health, hydration, food supplies, and hygiene. Americans are connected to water in ways they may not always realize. And, since water is a shared resource, water connects everyone. With compelling text, imagery, interactives, and videos, *Water/Ways* reveals the central nature of water in our lives by exploring a number of important questions:

- How do Americans use water? How is water represented in our society? In what ways do we use water as a symbol?
- How does water unite communities? How does conflict over water emerge and how do communities resolve it?
- How does water affect the way we live, work, worship, create and play?
- How do we care for water and sustain it for the future?

Teachers will have an opportunity to utilize this Smithsonian Traveling Exhibit at the Maritime Museum between **January 11, 2020 - February 23, 2020**. Field Trips will be available 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Monday-Friday and schools will receive special admission prices for field trips. Students \$5, Chaperones \$5.

Contact the Education Department at 845-338-0071 ext. 11 or education@hrmm.org to inquire or book field trips.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteer Appreciation Events

Our next **Volunteer Appreciation Event** will be **Friday, August 9 at 10 AM** in the Wooden Boat School classroom. Join us for a light brunch and learn about volunteering opportunities throughout the Fall and how to support our next semester of YouthBoat. We will be having our next appreciation event on **October 10**. Stay tuned for more details! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Meg Clark, Volunteer Coordinator, at mclark@hrmm.org. Thanks to all our volunteers for all of their hard work!



Communications & Development Intern



Thank you to Adriana Dias, our Development & Communications Intern for the summer! Adriana is Communications major at SUNY Albany. This summer she has been developing marketing materials such as flyers and post cards for our Follow the River Lecture Series sponsored by Rondout Savings Bank, all of our new *Solaris* tours, and the Maritime Festival. Adriana is excited to apply learning how to write press releases and develop marketing material to her senior-level classes. Thank you for all your hard work this summer!

Meet Sea Scouts Ship 609



The Hudson River Maritime Museum is the Chartering Organization for a division of Boy Scouts called Sea Scouts. The troop, known as a Ship, is open to boys and girls ages 14-20 and serves as a youth led organization modeled after traditional Boy Scout Troops but with a maritime focus. Ship 609 has history with the museum as it was previously in operation for around 10 years. In summer 2017 it was relaunched by Bill Eggers, prior BSA Scout Master in Stone Ridge and long time sailor on the Hudson. Since 2017 the Ship has acquired a Pearson 26 sailboat named Wayfinder, 4 inflatable paddle boards and most recently, 2 row boats built during the Boat Build competition.

With 8 current youth members we are getting in sail trips on the Hudson, assisted with highway clean up in Connelly, volunteering at Museum events, learning to maintain the sailboat, (bottom paint this spring) and attended training at the SUNY Maritime College this spring. We attended the annual Scout Show at the Hudson Valley Mall and demonstrated an Opti sail boat to the other scouting families. We are looking forward to expanding our membership

and activities as the Ship grows. Visit our Facebook page at BSA Sea Scout-Ship 609.

CURATORIAL CORNER

Fishing Collection Expands



The recent acquisition of 12 antique hand-wrought iron eel and fish spears from Arthur Anderson is a wonderful addition to the fishing collection at Hudson River Maritime Museum. In addition to the artistic quality of the craftsmanship the spears were used to harvest fish and eels. These spears help the museum to interpret the working river of the past. A selection of the spears can be added to the fishing exhibit in the East Gallery. The fishing exhibit includes examples of the types of fish and eels found in the Hudson River. These new and essential artifacts tie in nicely to the work of the Casting the Net grant award.

Valeo Documentary Begins



Island Dock, c. 1950's

One of the most important parts of our mission is to identify and preserve the maritime history of the Hudson. Often this means researching the local families that played a relevant and important role in the maritime or industrial history of our river valley, and contacting them to hear their stories. Thankfully, we have some volunteers that are very well-suited to help us, and one of them is Barbara Redfield. Barbara grew up in Kingston in a family that had strong ties to the Hudson. Her father's side of the family, the Shultz's, owned a brickyard and her mother's side, the Rhodies, owned an oil company. As a result, Barbara knows the Valeo family and she reconnected with them to talk about their memories, specifically about Island Dock and its history as a shipyard, and where Guy Valeo worked. His sons, Jim and Tom, have generously shared the Valeo story with us. Guy Valeo moved to Kingston in the 1950s to open a hardware store after retiring from the US Navy at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. Mr. Valeo saw a notice in the paper that Island Dock a local boat building establishment on the Rondout had received a contract to build ships for the US Navy. He offered his services and was quickly hired to make a model of the ship. Very soon he was promoted to oversee the entire production process. An amazing set of coincidences to have a local man with such expertise when the Navy contract came at a time when Island Dock was not thriving and had no one in-house with a skill set in current Naval design and production. During this period of ship building production, Guy brought his 16mm home movie camera to work and made it available for the crew to film the building of these boats. The Valeo family has allowed the Hudson River Maritime Museum to have copies of this film. With the help of award-winning documentarian Jon Bowermaster, we are currently working with the Valeos to make this footage into a narrated story about this exciting time in our local history.

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.

LOCAL HISTORY

Solaris Offers New On-the-Water History Tours



Thanks to Solaris, we can now offer tours of the Esopus Meadows Lighthouse.

Street Suspension Bridge, the Wilbur Railroad Bridge, location of the remains of the steamboat *Mary Powell*, the D&H Canal, including Island Dock, boat basins, and Lock No. 1, the Fitch Bluestone Company Office, and other industrial uses of the Rondout both historic and modern, including information about the history of Feeney Shipyards. Prices are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$20 for children (ages 6-12). Each child must be accompanied by an adult. For Saturday tours, if you really want to immerse yourself in the industrial history of the Rondout and stretch your legs after your cruise, you can make a combination tour by taking our Industrial Waterfront Walking Tour, which leaves at 1:00 PM from the museum. Learn about the Rondout waterfront, including the Cornell Steamboat Company, Sleightsburgh Barge Graveyard, Skillypot ferry, Sampson Opera House, and the land operations of the D&H Canal Company, to name a few. Offered twice a month, these tours are \$10 for museum members and \$15 for non-members. Visit www.hrmm.org/walking-tours to register.

For those of you who have been waiting a long time for this moment, **Esopus Meadows Lighthouse Tours** will be available twice a month in July, August, and September. These special three hour tours will leave the Hudson River Maritime Museum docks at 9:30 AM on select Sundays and return at 12:30 PM and will include access to the interior of the lighthouse, including the tower, and the opportunity to talk to knowledgeable docents along the way. A docent will accompany you on your boat ride to and from the lighthouse. Prices are \$45 for adults, \$42 for seniors. Children under age 12 are not allowed at the lighthouse for safety reasons.

For those who just want to go out on our beautiful and quiet solar-powered boat and enjoy the water, we offer two options: Thursday through Sunday at 2:30 PM, you may take a **One Hour Boat Ride**, returning to the dock at 3:30 PM. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$13 for seniors, and \$10 for children (all ages). Each child must be accompanied by an adult. Or, if you're looking to enjoy the sunset and evening breezes, enjoy an **Evening Cruise** on Thursdays and Fridays at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors. **Passengers are welcome to bring their own beverages to enjoy aboard.**

Tickets for all of these fantastic tours aboard the *Solaris* are available at www.hrmm.org/solar-boat-tours, or you can call during regular business hours at 845-338-0071 to register over the phone. **Space permitting, same-day tickets will be available at the museum store.**

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to offer a variety of tours and rides aboard the brand new, 100% solar-powered tour boat *Solaris*, built here at the museum. On Thursdays through Sundays, **Rondout Lighthouse Tours** will be available at 1:00 PM and 3:45 PM each day, with 11:30 AM tours on alternate Saturdays. Tours last one hour and fifteen minutes and include a guided tour of the interior of the lighthouse, including the tower. Prices are \$25 for adults, \$22 for seniors, and \$20 for children (ages 6-12). Please note that for safety reasons, children under the age of 6 will not be allowed at the lighthouse. Each child must be accompanied by an adult.

Industrial Waterfront Cruises will also be available on alternate Saturdays & Sundays at 11:30 AM. Join a knowledgeable docent on a one hour and fifteen minute cruise up Rondout Creek to Eddyville, where you'll learn about notable landmarks along the way including the Wurts

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Maritime Festival Launches Music in the Park



Bob Shaut and Andrea Shaut of Father Daughter Duo

The City of Kingston launched its annual Music in the Park Series on Saturday, June 22 in T.R. Gallo Park in concert with the Maritime Festival. We would like to thank Bob Shaut and Andrea Shaut of Father Daughter Duo for providing a great jazz-inspired soundtrack to the festival. The Shaut's perform regularly at Reginato's Restaurante and will be releasing their first album together soon.

Music in the Park is a series of five concerts showcasing local musical acts in the city's beautiful parks. Concert themes include swing, cabaret, and jazz nights as well as a concert for young people. All Music in the Park events are free and family friendly. Learn more at the City of Kingston's website.

Maritime Festival Brings Community Together



This year the boat building competition was held under the Route 9W Bridge near Hudson River Cruises.

This year the National Boat Building Challenge competitors worked on their Carolina Skiffs under the Route 9W Bridge thanks to Hudson River Cruises. While the national champions K Construction took first place, locals and competition veterans Rob Hare and Bill Otis came in second, and newcomers Philip Poley and David Sippe tied for third place with South Carolina competitors Shelby Freeman and Bryce Becker. Our winning Youth Team, Blade Warriors—Caleb Berrios and Ben Gaskic—are both students who participated in the Wooden Boat School's YouthBoat program. They decided to pay their good fortune forward by donating their cash prize to Sea Scouts Ship 609. Museum staff and volunteers are deeply honored that these young people chose to support one of our partner organizations.

The first Maritime Festival featuring the National Boat Building Challenge and the Antique & Classic Boat Show on Saturday, June 22 brought the community together to celebrate the maritime heritage of the Rondout Waterfront. Throughout the morning, members of the Rondout Rowing Club offered rowing lessons and demonstrations. Kingston Sailing Club provided 30-minute sails onboard our historic catboat *Tidbit*. Vintage boats from across the country lined up at the museum docks and paraded on the creek to rave reviews.



YouthBoat students Caleb Berrios and Ben Gaskic celebrating after the competition

RIVERPORT WOODEN BOAT SCHOOL

Learn a New Skill This Summer and Fall

The Hudson River Maritime Museum's Wooden Boat School is proud to announce a new line-up of classes coming this Summer and Fall. These classes are brand-new and have never been offered here before!

Join us for:

- Plein Air Painting at the Rondout Lighthouse
- Paddle Board Yoga
- Paddle Board Tours of Sleightsburg Spit
- Build Your Own Paddle Board
- Barrel Making
- Woodcarving: Marine Signboards
- Seminar: Marine & Hudson River Weather



Join us for a special **Open House** for prospective students interested in the Fall semester of our YouthBoat after school program on **Tuesday, September 10**. Funded by private donations and grants, YouthBoat is offered free of charge to area high school students, ages 14-18. YouthBoat is designed to empower youth, build character, and foster teamwork through the craft of traditional wooden boat building and on-the-water activities. Through the boatbuilding process, students put STEM skills to work as they follow building plans, use specialized tools and materials, and solve problems. Students must provide their own transportation and complete an application and interview process before being accepted into the program. The after school program meets Tuesday and Thursdays from 3:00 PM to 5 PM at the Wooden Boat School.

Sailing School Offers New Way to Get Out on Water



Students enjoying the inaugural First Sail on board historic catboat Tidbit

First Sail is a US Sailing initiative designed to get people who might not normally have an opportunity to go out sailing. Here at the Sailing School at the Hudson River Maritime Museum, we offer two-hour First Sail opportunities twice a month on **Thursday evenings, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.** aboard the historic catboat *Tidbit*. She's a beautifully restored, stable sailboat, perfect for your introduction to sailing on the Hudson.

To register, please visit www.hrmm.org! If you are interested but cannot sail on Thursday evenings, you may email Jody Sterling, Sailing Program Director, at jsterling@hrmm.org. If you have between two and four interested people who would like to go out on *Tidbit*, we can arrange a custom day and time for your First Sail. We hope to see you out on the River soon!

Learn to Row! Join us on Saturday, July 20 or Saturday, August 24 for Whitehall Rowing. Join expert rower Nelsie Aybar-Grau on a trip out to Kingston Point Park on the historic Whitehall John Magnus. Visit www.hrmm.org to register.



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When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say,

**“Look for the helpers.
You will always find people
who are helping.”**

To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother’s words, and I am always comforted by realizing that

**There are still
so many helpers;
so many caring people
in this world.**

- Fred Rogers



Save the Date

Sunday, September 14, 2019

Heroes’ Day

Noon to 5 PM

Hudson River Maritime Museum Wish List

We are looking for slightly-used or new equipment to help us better serve the Hudson River Community. Please consider donating the following:

- Small truck with tow-hitch
- 10’x10’ blue pop-up tents
- Wheelbarrow
- Life vests
- Life rings
- Bullhorn
- Safety skiff