



Winter 2020

Fo'c'sle News

Newsletter of the Hudson River Maritime Museum
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Queen of the Hudson Exhibit Opens in April

On April 25, 2020, our newly revamped exhibit, “*Mary Powell: Queen of the Hudson*” will open to the public, marking the centennial anniversary of her dismantling in 1920. The exhibit will not only chronicle the history of the construction and operation of the *Mary Powell*, but also exhibit information on the Anderson family, crew, passengers, and how the *Mary Powell* was witness to many important events in American history. Home ported at Rondout, her career spanned 1861 to 1917, encompassing such events as the Civil War, the opening of the Statue of Liberty, and the U.S. entrance into the First World War.

Construction on the exhibit is well underway and visitors to the East Gallery are now greeted by the magnificent pilot wheel of the steamer *Mary Powell*. The eight foot diameter wheel is on loan to the Hudson River Maritime Museum from the Senate House State Historic Site for the duration of the exhibit. For the first time in nearly 100 years, the lunette, steam whistle, and pilot wheel are together again in the same location. Since 1928, the pilot wheel has been at the Senate House.

The museum is very grateful to Carl Harris, Deana Preston and Aaron Robinson of the Senate House State Historic Site and to the staff at the NYS Bureau of Historic Sites at Peebles Island, NY for their work in facilitating this loan. The pilot wheel was donated to the Senate House by Robert S. Rodie and family in 1928. Additional artifacts loaned for this exhibit include items from G.M. Mastropaolo, the Klyne Esopus Museum, Barbara Redfield, and others. The exhibit will also showcase a copy of a new, eight foot long painting by Len Tantillo featuring the *Mary Powell* and the Rondout waterfront.

In addition to the exhibit, the museum is working with Black Dome Press to reprint the seminal Donald C. Ringwald book, *The Mary Powell*, originally published in 1972. The reprint will include a new foreword and additional appendices. The book will be available at a discounted rate for pre-order, so please check our website for a pre-order announcement coming soon!

Support for this exhibit is provided in part by a grant from the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area. Additional support is provided by Allways Moving.

Museum Winter Hours
Open from Thursday to Sunday,
11am to 5pm.

MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Friends— The holiday season is behind us and our program planning is in full swing. Soon, you will be receiving our 2020 Event Calendar which is jam-packed with exciting classes, programs and events. Is woodworking your interest? We have you covered with a varied curriculum of beginner and intermediate classes. Is History what you love? You will have a plethora of lectures, exhibits, and tours to choose from. These include new offerings onboard *Solaris* that teach you about Hudson River Industry and Architecture as well as tours to the historic lighthouses, Rondout and Esopus Meadows. Sailing? No problem, we will teach you the basics or fine tune your existing skills. Rowing? Come on down for both classes in traditional open boat rowing or the gorgeous sport of sculling.



Lisa C. with HRMM the 100% Committed certificate from the Climate Reality Project.

We are also launching a new campaign that will help us complete some important work that we have started here at the HRMM campus. The campaign is called the Green Museum Initiative. We chose that name for a good reason - the campaign goal includes improving our campus in all ways GREEN. Read more about this on page four.

Towards the end of 2019, we bid farewell to a friend and hard worker, Ellie Burhans, who is now working at the Albany Institute of History and Art. It's a great step for Ellie, one that reduces her commute from 55 minutes to 5 minutes! We wish you well, Ellie!

We are happy to be welcoming three new staff members in 2020;

Amanda Hawkins - PR & Marketing Coordinator - *"Joining the Hudson River Maritime Museum family has expanded my horizons immensely. I'm grateful to be on board this organization, and ready to contribute with my best work!"*

Elizabeth Nicholson - Membership Coordinator - *"I'm truly excited to serve HRMM members and I hope I can make members feel like they are a part of the HRMM family!"*

Havarah Zawoluk - Solaris Coordinator - *"I'm very happy to join the HRMM staff as Solaris Coordinator. I am ready to take Solaris full speed ahead into this season."*

-See you around the campus-

Lisa Cline

Join Our 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, contain fewer than 10 questions, and often take less than 10 minutes to complete

To sign up you can 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

The Maritime Festival Saturday, June 20, 2020

*Featuring the National Boat Building Challenge &
the Antique & Classic Boat Society*



Once again the Rondout will reverberate with the sounds of multiple power tools simultaneously cutting wood, and not far away at the museum docks will roar with the sound of antique boat engines. It's June and HRMM is hosting its annual Maritime Festival!

This year's festival will be held on June 20th from 10am - 5pm. This will be the 3rd year of the festival and 4th Boat Building Challenge at the Museum. Once again the Antique and Classic Boat Society

will be showing boats and holding a parade on the creek. Come early to see the on water demonstrations and go for a ride aboard the world's only 100% solar tour boat, *Solaris*. Stay to the end to see the very popular BBC boat race at 4pm followed by awards for the BBC and ACBS.

There will be plenty of opportunities for sponsors and vendors at the festival. Contact John Phelan at jphelan@hrmm.org to learn more about the festival or if you are interested in sponsorship or vending.

Volunteer for Halloween Tours

Do you like to act? Love telling Hudson Valley stories? Do you love Halloween?

If you answered yes to any of the questions above, Haunted Rondout Boat Rides 2020 is the volunteer activity for you! Never heard of Haunted Rondout Boat Rides? It is an event that takes place every October when restless Hudson River spirits gather at one of the remaining lighthouses to await passage to the afterlife. These spirits are visible to the eye but harmless to the living, as they recount the perilous and tragic stories of their demise. Volunteers portray these spirits along the Rondout Creek shoreline and there are behind-the-scenes opportunities too.



Contact education@hrmm.org to learn how to get involved or call 845-338-0071 ext 11.

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GREEN MUSEUM INITIATIVE

Help Us Transform Our Campus

In 2019 The Hudson River Maritime Museum celebrated our 40th Anniversary. To ensure a sustainable future and to enhance our member and visitor experience we want to share our exciting vision for the future in our fundraising campaign - the Green Museum Initiative (GMI). Over the next two years our campus will be transformed. We will be installing solar panels on the Wooden Boat School, replacing our HVAC systems with high efficiency units, creating a pedestrian friendly environment that is accessible and includes bike racks, benches, directional and educational signage and informational kiosks. We will be investing in programming on *Solaris*, updating all of our exhibits to include facts about climate change, integrating climate science education into our educational programming, as well as adding to our extensive collections to include the history of Hudson River commercial fishing.

This vision is made possible through several grants, and by our members and community's support. We need your help! We thank you for your membership, but ask for an additional donation. To donate visit www.hrmm.org/support. **Your generous contribution will be matched by grant funds from these awards:**



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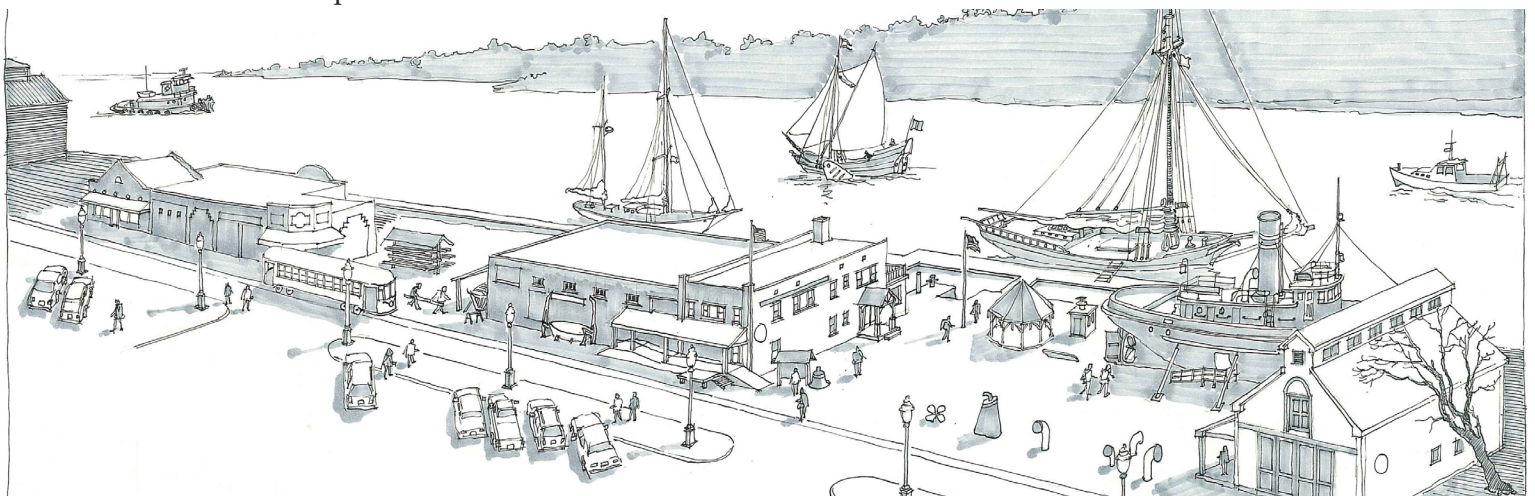
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Environmental Protection Grant: The Hudson River Maritime Museum will use these funds to improve visitor experience by making walkway improvements, improving energy efficiency, adding solar capacity, improving the museum facade, grounds, and streetscape, and integrating connections to the Kingston Greenway and the Empire State Trail. **Your donation will be matched 3 to 1.**

Solaris: Thanks to grants from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and Scenic Hudson, the Hudson River Maritime Museum was able to secure a loan to purchase *Solaris*. She is the first 100% solar powered tour boat with a United States Coast Guard certification for commercial passenger use in the country. **A \$100,000 donation from an anonymous donor will match any additional donations dollar for dollar.**

Hudson River Estuary Grant: Through a Hudson River Estuary Grant awarded to the museum from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, we will be able to include aspects of climate change into our permanent exhibits and update our education programs and field trip activities.

Documentary Heritage Program Grant: This grant will create a plan to optimize current archives space, and plan for future collections including expanding the holdings interpreting Hudson River Commercial Fishing. A documentary film on the history of fishing will be completed in partnership with Jon Bowermaster. Work done under this grant will form the basis for developing a conceptual plan for the museum's physical improvements in the future and the transformation of the campus.



MEMBERSHIPS

New 2020 Business Supporter Levels

This year we are excited to unveil a new way that you can support the Hudson River Maritime Museum by becoming a business supporter!

Support is essential to ensuring that excellent programming continues here at the Hudson River Maritime Museum. If you or someone you know is a business owner, please consider supporting us in this way. As a business supporter you will help to contribute to our day to day operations which plays an integral part in ensuring that we remain an economic driver for the Historic Rondout Waterfront.

Business supporter levels range from \$50+ for members of the Kingston Waterfront Business Association up to \$10,000+ and come with a variety of benefits, these range from having your business name listed in our *Pilot Log* and quarterly issues of the *Fo'c'sle News* to a free charter of our 100% solar powered boat *Solaris*.

To see a full list of sponsorship benefits, please visit www.hrmm.org/business-supporters. If you are interested in becoming a business supporter, please contact Executive Director Lisa Cline at lcline@hrmm.org or Membership Coordinator Elizabeth Nicholson at enicholson@hrmm.org.

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EDUCATION

Spring Field Trips



The Hudson River Maritime Museum has a variety of tours available to teachers, homeschool groups, and private groups for end of year field-trips. The museum can accommodate up to 125 students on site at a time. Our brand new, 100% solar-powered tour boat *Solaris*, built here at the museum, can accommodate 24 students at a time. Groups can take advantage of programs and tours specifically designed for schools and students that are available Monday- Friday between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. The program contains an on-land component inside the museum as well as a boat ride on the Rondout Creek.

Teachers have the opportunity to build a unique program or choose from a great lineup 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.

2020 Women's Sailing Conference

The fourth annual Riverport Women's Sailing Conference is set to run on Saturday, March 28, 2020 from 9 am to 5 pm and features twelve workshops taught by skilled women mariners to women participants who range from beginning to advanced sailors. Topics include electrical systems, line management, outboard engine troubleshooting, sail care and repair, communications at sea, blue water sailing, safety around large vessels, maritime careers, race management, buying your first boat, racing rules of sailing, and coastal navigation. half price fee applies for teen girls attending the conference!



Bracketing the conference, optional events include keynote speaker Dawn Riley, Executive Director of Oakcliff Sailing Center, who will inspire us Friday evening at our Keynote Dinner, which is open to our male friends, at Frank Guido's Little Italy.

Also open to the public will be a showing of the amazing documentary *Maiden*, which tells the story of Tracy Edwards and her all-woman crew, who successfully raced the 1989-1990 Whitbread Around the World race.

For more information, reach out to Jody Sterling, Sailing Program Director, Hudson River Maritime Museum, jsterling@hrmm.org. Register for the Women's Sailing Conference at www.hrmm.org/adult-sailing

EDUCATION

Sailing School Registration Open



Registration is open for Sailing School classes! We are looking forward to our fourth season of Youth Sailing, which will run for four weeks, July 27 through August 21. Kids ages nine through seventeen are welcome to sign up for one or more weeks. Individualized instruction means our US Sailing-Certified Instructors meet your son or daughter where they are, create lots of fun experiences and new friendships, and help students grow as individuals and sailors.

New this year, in response to popular demand, is an Adult Centerboard Sailing class on Saturdays, June 13, June 27, July 11, and August 29. Why should the kids have all the fun? Come, get close to the water, and learn sailing the best way, by sailing small, centerboard boats. Not ready to

commit to a full day? No problem! Sign up for our introductory class, First Sail, two hours aboard our beautiful, classic Catboat Tidbit. Want a more in-depth course? Perhaps our 21-hour US Sailing Basic Keelboat is the course for you.

Find all of these and more at www.hrmm.org/sailing-school. To sponsor Youth Sailing visit www.hrmm.org/support

More Boat School Classes This Year



Learn the basics of woodworking or build your own boat. The Wooden Boat School has something for everyone in 2020.

This year we will hold the largest number of classes offered at the boat school to date. The projects will range in size and time commitment so we are sure there is something that will appeal to everyone.

There are three full sized boat building classes, Skin on Frame Canoe and Family Carolina Skiff builds return from last year and a new Stand Up Paddle board class will be offered. We are also holding two model boat building classes, and one is even remote controlled.

In addition to boat building there will be lots of woodworking classes, from our popular Foundations of Woodworking series, to more advanced classes such as Shaker Table or Adirondack Chair building. We will also be offering several one day classes throughout the summer for those with a tighter schedule. Check our website for new classes throughout the year. In addition to teaching classes, the Wooden Boat School also repairs and restores non-profit and privately held wooden vessels of all ages.

For questions or more information, visit www.hrmm.org/boat-school call John Phelan at (845)514-2951 or email jphelan@hrmm.org.

CURATORIAL CORNER

Four Exhibits in One Year WATER/WAYS



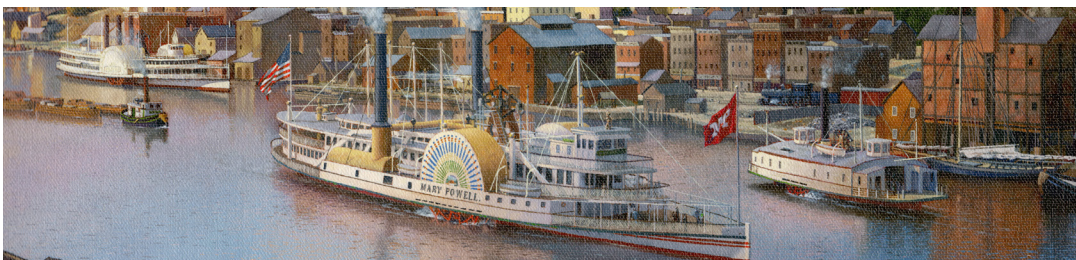
For the first time perhaps ever, the Museum is opening four exhibits in one year. The first, the Smithsonian's "Water/Ways" was a great success and boosted admissions and group tour visits during the typically lean months of January and February. Over 100 people attended the exhibit opening, including Congressman Antonio Delgado and representatives from Riverkeeper, the Museum Association of New York, the Ulster County Legislature, Kingston Common Council, and more.

HENRY HUDSON'S TIMELESS RIVER

Our next temporary exhibit is "Henry Hudson's Timeless River," on view in the East Gallery from March 7 to April 19, 2020. Local watercolorist Ray Curran will display 23 paintings of known landmarks along the Hudson River, following the route of Henry Hudson's first voyage up the river. Juxtaposing modern and historic uses of these locations, Curran's paintings evoke a dreamlike quality, inviting the viewer to contemplate the timelessness and the changes to the Hudson River in the last 400 years. A reception will be held on March 7 to coincide with Kingston's monthly First Saturday event.



MARY POWELL: QUEEN OF THE HUDSON



On April 25, our newly revamped exhibit, "Mary Powell: Queen of the Hudson" will open to the public. Invitations to the opening reception on the evening of Friday, April 24th will be arriving soon.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Finally, throughout 2020, we will reveal a new exhibit on climate change in the Hudson Valley, including integrations of climate change information throughout our permanent exhibits and on new signage outdoors. "Warning Signs: Climate Change in the Hudson Valley" is funded in part by a grant from the Department of Environmental Conservation's Hudson River Estuary Program. An official exhibit opening will be announced at a later date.



SOLARIS

Second Year of Solaris

After a successful first year, *Solaris* is ready for an even more wonderful 2020. We are pleased to announce that Havarah Zawoluk, who served as mate on *Solaris* in 2019, will be joining the museum staff as *Solaris* Coordinator, handling custom programming and private charters.

Havarah has lived locally in the Rondout for two years. She is eager to spread the word about *Solaris* and all its potential. Havarah is also the co-founder of The Kingston Matter Digest, a developing news & ideas paper in Kingston, the first issue of which was released in December, 2019.

We have developed a number of new history programs for *Solaris*, including tours on architecture, shipwrecks, and Hudson Valley history, as well as a new, family-friendly boat ride, featuring a kid-friendly scavenger hunt. Existing programs continuing in 2020 include the Rondout and Esopus Meadows Lighthouse tours, industrial history tours, birdwatching tours, and sunset cruises. Special tours with wine tastings, music, and food are under development, so stay tuned!

If you are thinking about chartering *Solaris* for a birthday, anniversary, meeting, or other reason, don't wait to reserve your date! Visit www.hrmm.org/book-a-charter today.



Volunteers



Our volunteers go above and beyond for us! Among the many activities that range from giving tours (on boats or on land), leading school groups, staffing the gift shop, helping with public events, building things, doing yard work, moving docks, promoting our programs, and everything in between, these wonderful folks create a great place to visit, engage with the community, and work. Without volunteers, we couldn't be open as often, or serve the public as well as we do. An unknown author said that volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in.

Here at HRMM we have found a community to be proud of, and get to practice our democratic duty on a regular basis. We cherish each and every one of our volunteers' stories, shared values, and commitment to come back whenever we reach out for help.

Please send HRMM volunteering testimonials to mclark@hrmm.org and feel free to add photos, make suggestions, and help us find ways to give back to our volunteers. We would love to honor your service and learn more about you!

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Sea Scout Ship 609

Ship 609 welcomed three new youth members and their father on February 6th during an induction ceremony. Deo Read III, two of his sons and his daughter became official Ship members after being with the Ship for several months. The ceremony consists of the new members boarding the Land Ship (set up in the Boat School classroom) being introduced to the Skipper, Bill Eggers and then reciting the Boy Scout Oath and the Sea Scout Promise. They then accepted the Ship's bylaws and signed the Ship's membership log.



Ship 609 also welcomes our new Charter Organization Representative, Jim Sperry. The Charter Rep is a liaison between HRMM and the Ship, helping to strengthen our relationship and promote Sea Scouting in the community through HRMM. Jack Weeks served as Charter Representative for two years prior and helped get the Ship launched at HRMM. Thank you, Jack, for your service.

The Scouts meet the first and third Thursdays of every month, 7pm-8:30pm at the boat school and are recruiting new members. See facebook page for upcoming events and updates: BSA Sea Scout - Ship 609 or email seascoutship609@gmail.com

Water/Ways Opening Reception



On January 11, an estimated 150 guests came to the Hudson River Maritime Museum for the Opening Reception of Water/Ways.

Congressman Antonio Delgado (member of the United States House of Representatives from New York's 19th congressional district) and his family had a chance to explore the exhibit, mingle with the crowd, and even give a brief speech. "I loved joining the hardworking folks at the Hudson River Maritime Museum to help kick off the new Water/Ways traveling exhibit." said Congressman Delgado on his social media post following the event.

All our guests had a wonderful time and the response to the exhibit was overwhelmingly positive. Many guests talked about coming back with friends and family on a different day when they could go through the exhibit more thoroughly.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum also planned a series of events and programs which explored the themes of "Water/Ways" and invited the audience to consider them in a local context. Among lectures, children's activities, guided tours, volunteer open houses, and concerts, staff and volunteers had a full schedule. Special thanks to all of our hardworking staff, volunteers, and partners.

MAIDEN ON THE HUDSON

Access, Empowerment, Education

Back in November, 2019, our intrepid HRMM Trustee Dale Wolfield reached out to Tracy Edwards to see if we could bring the *Maiden* vessel to Kingston as part of its world tour. Tracy and her staff have been amazingly accommodating, and we are proud to announce *Maiden* will be sailing up the Hudson River on Sunday, April 19, 2020!

Maiden is the first vessel crewed by an all-female team in the Whitbread Round the World Race. The year was 1989, when Tracy Edwards and her all-female crew not only participated in a nine-month yacht race, but also emerged as real contenders in this 32,000 nautical mile challenge.

Maiden, the documentary film, rightly puts its focus on Tracy Edwards, the *Maiden's* young British captain who fought sexism within the elite yachting world and raced towards equality. While men of the media laughed and called *Maiden* "a tin full of tarts," and competitors looked down on the vessel's ability to compete, Tracy and her crew proved them wrong when they took second place overall in the 1989-1990 Whitbread Around the World Race.

Maiden will be at the Hudson River Maritime Museum dock for two days. On Monday and Tuesday, April 20 and 21, the crew will give boat tours and educational programs, providing opportunities for school groups and the public to meet the crew, be inspired by her story, and learn about *Maiden's* current mission.

Boat owners interested in joining the flotilla escorting *Maiden* up the Hudson on April 19 or heading South on April 22, are encouraged to apply through our website.

For more information, and sponsorship opportunities go to www.hrmm.org/maiden-on-the-hudson.



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Thanks to the Senate House State Historic Site, for loaning the eight foot diameter wheel to our museum. And a special thanks to Ron Searl for going above and beyond on the *Mary Powell* exhibit construction.

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
- Event platters and bowls
- Pressure washer