



## HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS & INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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### **INTRODUCTION**

Welcome to this the third edition of our monthly communication from the HRBYCA. Our Zoom meeting last Jan. 26th was interesting and informative. Thanks to all the members who joined us and sharing their ideas.

Shoveling snow makes boating season feel like it's light years away but 3 months passes quickly. The next General Meeting will be March 30, 2021

Best regards,  
Jerry Silverman/ President HRBYCA

**FROM THE GENERAL Meeting of the HRBYCA Jan 26 2021      Bob Boothe Secretary:**

Sixteen Clubs were represented at this "Zoom" meeting which lasted over an hour.

### **Topic: Interclub reciprocity**

President Jerry Silverman initially presided over an "open mike" roundtable discussion concerning interclub reciprocity. The meeting heard from 8 clubs "unofficially" about their policies. Definitive reciprocity information will be made available once the 2021 Club profiles are completed and compiled.

On a related topic, two clubs mentioned that they had some experience with internet based boat slip reservation systems through which actual reservations can be made online

### **Discussion on growing club memberships**

Joe Clark was asked to comment on the Ossining Community Sailing Club. The town of Ossining actually owns the boats and the program is run through the Ossining

Recreation Dept. The program is hosted by the Ossining Boat and Canoe Club. The result is a very low cost “entry” to get people on the river. There has been a steady flow “graduates” from the community sailing club subsequently getting their own boat and actually joining obcc.

Several other clubs mentioned that they were “filled up” and/or had waiting lists. Clubs with youth sailing programs reported that these programs tend to bring in whole families as members and boaters. Other clubs have reduced 1<sup>st</sup> year fees and/or initiation fee spread over several years. Many clubs feature “new member” social events.

### **Discussion on Credit Card Processing Companies**

Several clubs talked about having some success with accepting credit cards. One club “absorbed” the fee charged by the credit card processor and another included it in a separate “credit card use fee”. They are reevaluating the processing fees of various merchants/banks and if/how well they interface with accounting software programs.

### **Gov Affairs and other river related topics-Vice President Scott Croft**

- The following information is still under review, so this information is not 100% verified. Here’s what I understand (again, not 100% confirmed accurate): There are new engine cut off device requirements, part of the January 1st passage of the National Defense Authorization Act, that will go into effect April 1. The new rule requires a vessel operator to wear an engine cut-off device on certain vessels less than 26-feet that 1. have an engine cut off device installed at the helm, or 2. the boat was manufactured on or after December 4, 2019. The new rule says that the engine cut-off device must be worn by the operator when traveling on plane or above displacement speed. However, there are exceptions to the new engine cut-off device rule, which include if the main helm of the vessel is in an enclosed cabin, or the vessel is not operating on plane or at displacement speed. The vessel operator is also exempt if the vessel has motor produces less than 115 lbs. of static thrust – or about the size of a 2 HP engine. I hope to have a Q & A document available soon for HRBYCA to share with clubs that adds clarity to the new rule.

- Also part of the National Defense Act passage was the implementation of the oil barge anchorage ban. Congressman Sean Maloney, 18<sup>th</sup> Dist., also Chair of the Coast Guard & Maritime Subcommittee, was the ban's author. As part of the legislation, the USCG will need to complete a study on the anchorage issue that will include looking at vessel traffic. It is estimated to take about 1 year. For more: <https://www.wamc.org/post/rep-maloneys-provision-banning-anchorage-now-law>
- There's a fight between the EPA and consumer groups about the need to give consumers (including boat owners) better fuel pump dispenser labeling to help prevent potential misfueling of our boats with prohibited E15 (15% ethanol) fuel. Not sure how it will turn out, but just remember if you trailer your boat, ensure your boat's gas tank gets nothing more than E10 – read pump labels.
- US Coast Guard Sector New York reported ice buoys are in place on upper Hudson. They are concerned for upcoming cold temps. A solar vortex cold spell is predicted with high winds. Check your boat to ensure its winter cover is secure and jack stands in place.
- No word back yet on NYS DEC investigating the dead fish issues (hundreds of thousands of bunker were washing up); no confirmed cause yet established (see Jan 2021 edition of "Happenings on the Hudson").
- NYS Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation, the agency responsible for recreational boating safety, reported 19 incidents on the Hudson, with 8 injuries and no deaths (paddle craft statistics are included in this number). What is your club doing to promote boating safety this spring?

## Additional government/regulatory notices/events

### DEC Proposes Circle Hook Requirement For 2021 Recreational Striped Bass Fishing Season

[DEC has released a new proposed regulation](#) for public review and comment that would require the use of circle hooks when recreational fishing for Atlantic striped bass. This proposed regulation would reduce release mortality in recreational striped bass fisheries as required by the [Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission](#) (ASMFC). Catch-and-release practices contribute significantly to overall fishing mortality in recreational striped bass fisheries and circle hooks work effectively to increase survival. The Atlantic coast-wide harvest of [Atlantic striped bass](#) is managed by ASMFC.



DEC is accepting public comments on the proposal through **Mar. 8, 2021**. The proposed regulation includes all New York State waters where recreational fishing for Atlantic striped bass occurs, including coastal waters of Long Island and New York City, the Delaware River, and the Hudson River to the Federal Dam in Troy, New York. The full text of the proposed regulation can be found on [DEC's website](#).

Comments on the proposed circle hook regulation should be sent by March 8, 2021 to [fw.marine@dec.ny.gov](mailto:fw.marine@dec.ny.gov) or by mail to: Division of Marine Resources, 205 N. Belle Mead Rd. Suite 1, East Setauket, NY 11733. After reviewing public comments, DEC will be adopting and publishing a final regulation. The [open seasons and size limits](#) striped bass in all New York waters have not changed for 2021.

## Environment/Natural History Happenings from the Hudson River Almanac courtesy of Tom Lake, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Estuary Naturalist

### Highlights of the Week

1/14 – Croton River HRM 34: As we sat in our car early this morning watching the flow of the Croton River where it meets Croton Bay, a seal passed by with small porpoising leaps from the water. The seal was mottled brown, very active and acrobatic, and appeared to be having fun the entire time. Three immature bald eagles were perched along the tree line across the Croton on the south side. *(Photo of harbor seal courtesy of Patrick Landewe)*



- Jack Hoyle, Lori Hoyle

## INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE-VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

“Boating on the Hudson” Holiday Issue 2020

published by John Vargo this edition is subtitled “The Joy of Belonging to a Boat Club”. Features are in depth articles with the history of and “all about” the following clubs: Croton YC, Cortland YC, Keyport YC, Minisceongo YC, Newburg YC, Peekskill YC, and Cortland YC.



We are able to give you the direct links which have been setup to bring your members directly to the location of information from HRH-IIE. (We think this is a good option to have to look use with hand held devices.)

Links for “Happenings”-the complete Newsletter

<https://www.hrbyca.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-12-13-HUDSON-RIVER-HAPPENINGS.pdf>

The HRBYCA News page on the web site - with intro and summary

<https://www.hrbyca.org/hrbyca-news/>

All are in the “PDF ” format. Our thanks to Keira Burch Secretary at Minesceongo Yacht Club and our webmaster



## Boats for sale – No new listings for this issue.

## Events - the information from HRBYCA clubs submitted for distribution

FROM: Croton Yacht Club 1/28/2021 updated

I am hoping you can help out with our College Scholarship fundraising effort by participating in this auction of items donated from the estate of a friend of the Croton Yacht Club, Ed Mertz. Ed was a local naturalist and photographer who was a frequent attendee of many of our events and supporter of our Scholarship program. The mission of the scholarship is to cultivate future local environmental leaders, to develop future advocates and stewards of local marine resources and to enhance, promote and protect local river- related recreational resources. The scholarship is awarded to deserving Croton High School graduates who are pursuing undergraduate studies in the fields of marine, maritime, environmental engineering or environmental science.

Description	Condition	total units	Value Each
St Croix Avid Surf ASRS 90 M Med Power Mod Fast Action Graphite Surf Cast Rod (1 piece 9' spin)	VG	1	100
Harnell 540 45 Lb Surf Casting Rod 11' 2 piece bait cast	VG	1	150
Varmac RS-3 Surf Casting Rod 10' 2 piece spin	G	1	70
Varmac NF-3 Surf Casting Rod 11 1/2' 2 piece spin	VG	1	75
Mohawk Deluxe Grade 7 Ft Boat Rod 1 piece	F	1	40
Penn Spools No. 29 M-140 for 140 Reel (4)	VG	4	5
Garcia Fiberglass Boat Rod 2892B	G	1	15
Penn Spinfisher New 706 Manual Pickup Spinning Reel	G	1	50
Penn Peer No. 209 Bait Casting Reel	G	1	25
Ron Arra Surf Pro Lamiglas 11 ft XSRA 1322-2 Surf Cast Rod	N	1	125
Team Daiwa- S 3500 CU; SR w/ Spare Spool Model TD-S3500 CU (2)	N	2	150
Team Daiwa- S 2000 CU; SR w/ Spare Spool Model TD-S2000 CU (2)	N	2	130
Team Daiwa Advantage 3000A w/ Spare Spool Model TDA-3000A (2)	N	2	140
Penn 5500SS Skirted Spool Spinning Reel w/ Spare Spool	VG	1	100
Penn Squidder Model 140 Bait Casting Reel	VG	1	75
Mitchell 406 Spinning Reel	VG	1	35
Strikemaster 8" ice auger	G	1	25
Aviron Clement 60" canoe paddle	VG	1	50
Unnamed 50' canoe paddle	Fair	1	15

Individuals can submit an offer on any item to me via email to [dennis@kooney.net](mailto:dennis@kooney.net) or I can be reached by phone at 914-907-3622. I can send photos or arrange to meet individuals who are interested in any item. There are also pages of terminal tackle and lower end items which are also available upon request. All reasonable offers will be considered.

Regards, Dennis Kooney