



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS & INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE

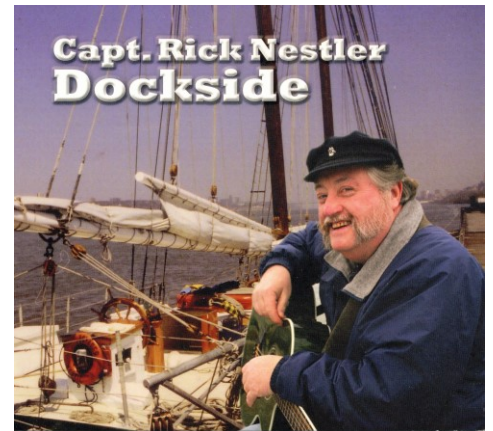
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Dear Members and Friends,

Warm weather will arrive, and we can all start thinking about the new 2021 boating season. Reciprocity among our clubs and with the Mohawk Hudson Council of Yacht Clubs is a great benefit we all can enjoy as we travel along the Hudson visiting our neighbors. The new on-line HRBYCA journal will also list each club's reciprocity statement and contact person, fuel locations, dock & dine, and more. Available soon on your smart phone or tablet this on-line journal offers all the information needed at your fingertips. Join us for our next Zoom meeting on March 30th.

The Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association **will virtually kick off the 2021 season with Grammy Award-winning singer/songwriter Rick Nestler** on Tuesday March 30, 2021 at 7pm. Hudson River Troubadour and schooner captain, Rick will perform a variety of songs written about the Hudson and other famous bodies of water. He will also provide us with a personal perspective of his friendship with Pete Seeger and sing. Pete affectionately called Rick, "One of the finest shantymen, Terror of the River, raffish Rick Nestler".



Regards,
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FROM THE Board of Directors Meeting of the HRBYCA Feb 23, 2021 Bob Boothe Secretary:

Topic: HRBYCA Yearly Almanac -a compilation of member club. The BoD voted to move forward with creating an "online digital" version rather than continue with the printed version of the past years. Member clubs will be contacted and asked to update the club profile information we have on file and add supplementary information and color photographs.

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

Members and member clubs were sent information compiled by BoatUS about pending legislation in the NY Assembly to transfer responsibility for the Erie Canal to a yet to be formed “trust”. (see below)

Also noted is that the “cut off switch” federal mandate goes into effect on April 1, 2021. Further details will be forthcoming.

HOW TO STAY IN TOUCH - Go to the HRBYCA Facebook page at

<https://www.facebook.com/hrbyc>

Find out what's happening! Some of the latest updates have included ice breaking, winter boat fires, new circle hook regulations, and club happenings. Share a post to the page and tell us what you or your club is up to - photos are great way to keep in touch!

Environment/Natural History Happenings: from the Hudson River Almanac

The Hudson River Almanac is compiled and edited by Tom Lake and emailed weekly by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. Share your observations by e-mailing them to trlake7@aol.com. To subscribe to the Almanac, use the links on DEC's [Hudson River Almanac](#) or [DEC Delivers](#) web pages

1/31 – New Hamburg, HRM 67.5: A river of ice was flowing upstream in the last of the flood tide. The floes were eagle-free, but there was steady passage of eagles in the air, most flying low over the water, west to east, a mix of eight immatures and adults. Near shore the current had already switched to ebb (“the river that flows both ways” ... at the same time), and the seam where the two forces met produced screeches, groans, and rumbles. This is what we have come to call “Hudson River Music,” a symphony that can be a beautiful floe song, or sound eerie and ominous, like an orchestra out of sync. The light tinkling and soft booms we heard sounded like violins and bass. Passing upriver in the channel and adding to the tossing and turning of the ice, was the United States Coast Guard *Penobscot Bay*, a 140-foot Bay-class ice-breaking tug, home-ported in Bayonne, New Jersey.

- Tom Lake, T.R. Jackson, B.J. Jackson





2/13 – Greene County, HRM 119: A large crowd of onlookers gathered at Murderers Creek in Athens as news spread of a rare sighting of the largest white-winged flyers known on the Hudson River. Flying at high speeds, as well as skimming and flitting about, were several antique ice yachts. These beautiful “birds,” assembled and launched by members of the Hudson River Ice Yacht Club, took advantage of the recent cold snap to explore the frozen surface of the river on the west side of the

Middle Ground Flats. Vixen (1885), Puff (1872), Mary Ellen (1870s), and Icicle (c.1920) shared the open expanse of ice with an immature bald eagle, something that has become more commonplace in winter than the 140+ year-old ice yachts. Rides were offered to amazed onlookers—a chance to “fly” at speeds almost as fast as the eagles. *(Photo of ice boats courtesy of Brian Reid)*

- Brian Reid

[For more information of Hudson River ice boating, both historic and present, visit: Hudson River Maritime Museum (<https://www.hmmm.org/>), The Hudson River Ice Yacht Club (<https://www.hriyc.org>), Ice Boat (<https://www.iceboat.org/2021/02/08/ HUDSON-RIVER-ICE/>), and the North Shrewsbury Ice Boat & Yacht Club (NSIBYC.ORG), the nation’s oldest continuous operating boat club.

2/14 – Athens, HRM 119: Several ice yachts gathered at the New York State boat launch ramp in Athens to sail the river’s west channel. Some of the yachts, belonging to members of The Hudson River Ice Yacht Club (est. 1865), dated to the 1860s and were sailing for the first time in many years. One 1930s vintage ice boat came from New Jersey with members of the North Shrewsbury Ice Boat & Yacht Club (est. 1880). There was “light air” today, with minimal sailing. Yesterday was a better “breeze day.” *(Photo of ice boats courtesy of Jeff Morton)*



- Jeff Morton



INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE-VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

We are able to give you the direct links which have been setup to bring your members directly to the location of information.

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

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

Boats for sale – No new listings for this issue.

Events - No information from HRBYCA clubs submitted for distribution in this edition



[Take Action](#)

February 25, 2021

Dear New York BoatU.S Member:

A bill that could have a major negative consequence for the New York State Canal! System is moving quickly in Albany. Boaters need to speak up now to prevent this proposal from moving forward and ask Governor Andrew Cuomo to engage in an open, transparent process to ensure the future of this historic waterway, not only for the recreational boaters in New York and beyond, but for the communities along its length.

Click here to easily contact your representatives and the governor [Take Action](#)

Some background:

The Erie Canal is a vital, historic link not only for New York boaters but those traveling to the Great Lakes and Canada. It serves as an important recreational connection and an economic engine for many communities along its banks.

BoatUS believes the Act, in creating a new "[New York State Canal System Revitalization Trust](#)." would change the operating structure so to make management of the canal system even less transparent than it currently is, remove state accountability, and forever hinder the economic viability of the canal with weak funding sources.

It would give major authority to unelected administrative officials with no clear method for public input, replacing the current open and transparent Canal Recreationway Commission and its public oversight role. BoatUS believes that any major organizational overall of this historic waterway should not be done through a rushed legislative process with no opportunity for public debate.

Thank you for taking action and for being a BoatU.S. Member!

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