



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS & INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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Notes from the President Jerry Silverman

Message from the President.

Our first scheduled meeting for 2022 has been canceled due to concerns regarding the increased cases of Omicron virus. Peekskill Yacht Club has always held our January meeting and we thank them for their continued support throughout the years. The HRBYCA will instead have a **Zoom meeting, Jan. 25th.**, where all the membership will be able to join-in. An invitation will be sent with easy instructions to sign-in to the meeting.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Best regards,

Jerry Silverman/President HRBYCA info@hrbyca.org

Governmental Affairs and RELATED TOPICS Scott Croft VP

Safety, Navigation and Operations Committee Report presented at BoD meeting Jan 4 2022

- **Ice Season:** Ice season on the river has begun and for the USCG this is the most important time of the year as the majority of the Northeast's fuel oil goes through terminal in Albany. New this year, the USCG is establishing a temporary, winter-only Vessel Traffic System for the first time for the river north of George Washington Bridge to Albany to ensure smooth traffic flow of oil. You may recall that a VTS was suggested as a result of the [Ports and Waterways Assessment](#) (PAWSA) a few years after the failed anchorage proposal. This may also help reduce the recent anchoring of vessels in Port Ewen, which is not a designated anchorage.
- **Wind farms:** The Port of Coeymans will be the site of wind turbine tower construction where large base and other structures will be fabricated then barged down river to sites offshore in the NY Bight. Expect to see commercial traffic pick up in late 2022 and early spring 2023. Wind farm sites estimated to be online in 2025.
- **Power cables:** NY State finalized a contract to purchase power from the [Champlain Hudson Power Express](#) (CHPE) and [Clean Path New York](#) (CPNY). The \$2.2 billion Champlain Hudson project will deliver hydro power down from Canada along 340 miles of transmission cable. Some 200 miles will run underwater and another 140 on land. HRBYCA has expressed concern for the cables to potentially be buried too shallow on the river bottom. Concern is for an emergency anchoring situation and a commercial vessel snagging the cable, or a possible reluctance to emergency anchor when necessary.

The 174-mile Clean Path project will begin at a substation in Delaware County and run south to the Rainey substation in the Astoria section of Queens.

- **Action Agenda:** The 5-year [Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda](#) has been released by NYS DEC. HRBYCA contributed to this process pointing to the challenges of silting in and low water of boating facilities and had this inserted in the agenda: “Deepwater docks/ports for educational vessels and river cruising are in need of maintenance or do not meet the needs of today’s larger vessels.” Dredging remains impossible for many clubs.
- **Anchorage:** The report to Congress concerning the commercial vessel operators desire to create 6 new anchorages, some directly in front of HRBYCA and Mohawk Council Clubs, was discussed at the recent Hudson River Safety Navigation and Operations committee. HRBYCA was assured by the USCG’s Cdr. Singletary that the report would be inclusive of the risks associated with large vessels and recreational vessel separation – the one sided report which HRBYCA voted “no” to accept but ultimately passed by the majority commercial shipping interests will have changes made by USCG. The report is due 1/22/22 to Congress. While a ban on any new anchorages remains, we continue to monitor and will share the report as soon as it is available. USCG stated that if there were new sites proposed it would go through lengthy public process similar to the 50 sites proposed in 2016, and likely take a very long time if it ever gets that far – we hope not.
- **Fatalities down:** NYS Dept. of Parks and Historic Preservation preliminary boating accident/fatality report indicates 18 fatalities in 2020 – a decrease from previous years. Just 10 fatalities were attributed to motor vessels. While any loss of life is tragic, the trend line is good. Keep up every safety effort aboard your vessel. 194 total accidents were reported.
- **What’s up with Washington Irving Boat Club?:** HRBYCA remains committed to supporting Washington Irving Boat Club’s continued existence. The Tarrytown Village Board recently voted to hire a contractor to lead the process of the final .09 mile Riverwalk connection from Irvington to Tarrytown which has the ability to negatively affect club operations. The club currently has a 1–year short-term agreement. We are also working with Scenic Hudson for a solution to potentially route a short section of walk around the club and not directly through the launch ramp and travel lift well. Without the ability to launch/retrieve and store vessels, there will likely be no successful recreational boating operation (other than paddlers) at the site as WIBC has done for 70+ years.
- **Fire extinguishers:** The USCG will be relieving recreational boaters of a rule for certain inspection, maintenance, and recordkeeping requirements for fire extinguishing equipment that is more suited to commercial vessels. Most recreational boaters never did this anyway.
- **What’s under the water at TZ Bridge?:** A bathymetric survey in the area of the Tappan Zee bridge will be conducted in the spring. One reason is to confirm complete removal of all old bridge structures.

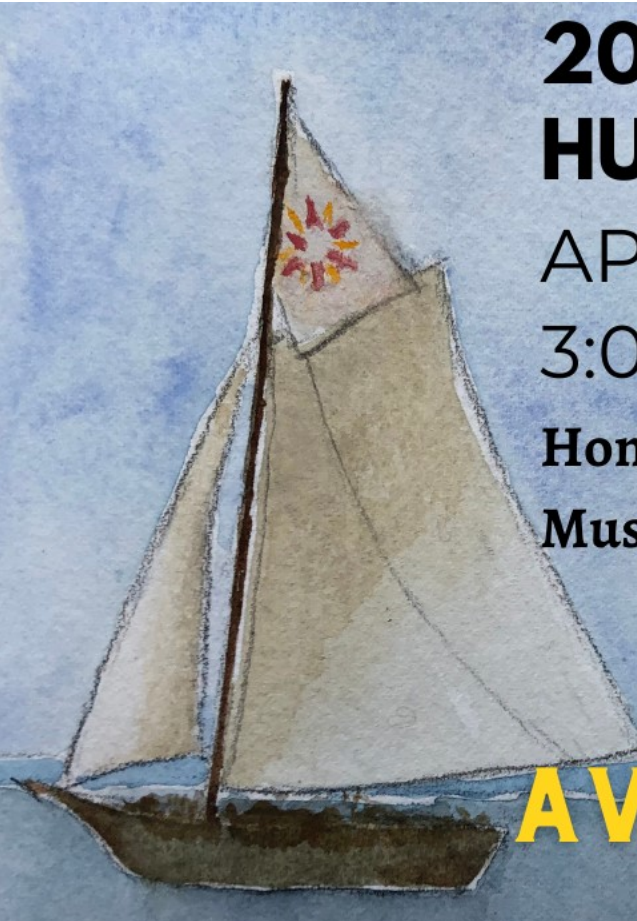
NATURAL HISTORY

Restoring Oyster Habitat in the Tappan Zee

In 2018, HRNERR worked with the New York State Thruway Authority to create more than [five acres of oyster habitat](#) at three sites near the new Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge. Nearly 900 concrete reef balls and more than 400 oyster shell gabions were placed at strategic locations along the river bottom with existing oysters and depths greater than 12 feet. Despite the very low salinity in this section of the river, monitoring over the past two years has documented successful early reef development at all three restoration sites. Additional monitoring is needed to evaluate larval output and the long-term sustainability of the restored reef communities. [Read the 2020 monitoring report \(PDF\).](#)



UPCOMING EVENTS



2022 SPIRIT OF THE HUDSON GALA

APRIL 3, 2022
3:00-7:00 PM

Honoring Tom Lake and Jim Kricker
Music by the Bernstein Bard Trio

TICKETS AVAILABLE NOW

<https://www.clearwater.org/gala/>

Spirit of the Hudson Gala

April 3, 2022 3:00- 7:00 pm to be held at The Garrison, Garrison NY.

About the Event:

Founded in 2015, Clearwater's Spirit of the Hudson Gala is held annually to recognize and honor extraordinary contributions to the protection and celebration of the Hudson River and its watershed by individuals who exemplify the values and spirit of our founders.

Tom Lake, recipient of the **2022 Spirit of the Hudson Award**, will be recognized for his achievements and environmental advocacy. **Jim Kricker** will also be honored with the **2022 Clearwater Lifetime Contribution Award**.

We are honored and most appreciative to announce that the **Bernstein-Bard Trio** will be providing entertainment for the evening. Attendees can look forward to enjoying content specially produced for the gala, and hearing exciting updates from members of the Clearwater staff and board.

Nicholas D. Lowry will be hosting our auction of rare Clearwater relics, and other special gifts. Expect all of this and much more, at this year's Spirit of the Hudson Gala!

COVID-19 Precautions: Clearwater is committed to maintaining a safe and healthy environment for this in-person event. We will be following CDC and NYS DOH guidelines in place when we gather on April 3rd. That may include proof of vaccination and/or face masks.

Get to Know the Faces of the 2022 Spirit of the Hudson Gala

The Bernstein Bard Trio has become an acoustic music phenomenon in the Hudson Valley of New York over the last 15 years. Known for their imaginative arrangements, diverse repertoire, and infectious grooves, they perform up and down the East Coast for dances, concerts, weddings, and private events. The Trio features brothers Mark Bernstein on guitar and vocals, Steve Bernstein on mandolin and vocals, and Robert Bard on upright bass and vocals. They frequently expand to a quartet when performing with percussionist Brian Melick.

Nicholas D. Lowry is President and Principal Auctioneer of Swann Auction Galleries, and Director of Swann's Vintage Posters Department. As one of the world's foremost authorities on vintage posters, he has spent nearly 20 years serving regularly as poster appraiser on the PBS television show Antiques Roadshow. He sits on the Board of the Smithsonian Archives of American Art, is Chair of the Fine Arts Committee of the National Arts Club, and presides over as many as 20 charity auctions a year.

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