



## HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Compiled by the HRBYCA

<https://www.hrbyca.org>

April 2023

### Announcements:

- The updated 2023 “[Hudson River Boating Guide](#)” is now available:  
Download or bookmark the link. It is also on the web site [www.hrbyca.org](http://www.hrbyca.org)
- [Coast Guard notice of utility construction this season on the Hudson River](#)  
follow the link for details
- **The Croton Yacht Club** located at 6 Elliott Way in Croton-on-Hudson will once again be hosting its annual Hudson River education seminar on Saturday, April 15th starting at 7:30 PM. This event is free of charge and open to the public. Please come out and join us in an evening guaranteed to be both educational and entertaining. **“People and Wildlife in the Hudson Valley”** Scott Craven will be discussing the historical relationship between people and wildlife in the Hudson Valley. Scott is a former Ossining police captain and former Town of Ossining historian. He has lived along the banks of the Hudson River his entire life and is a boater, avid fly fisherman and hiker. In 2022, Scott co-authored the book “Croton Point Park: Westchester’s Jewel on the Hudson”. Scott has captivated audiences with his presentations on local history and we are privileged to have him share his extensive knowledge and understanding of Hudson Valley history with you all.
- **The Hudson River Valley Ramble** is an annual event series that celebrates the history, culture and natural resources of the Maurice D. Hinchey Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, as well as the amazing landscape, communities, and trails throughout the region.  
<https://www.hudsonrivervalleyramble.com/ramble/about>

- **Recovery Plan for Hudson River American Shad Released**

DEC has announced the release of the [Recovery Plan for Hudson River American Shad \(PDF\)](#).

American shad is an economically and ecologically important migratory fish species that once supported a robust fishery in the Hudson River. Decades of intense fishing pressure coupled with years of low reproduction and non-fishing-related mortality events have further impacted the stock's resilience and exacerbated declines.

Significant actions have been taken to improve the Hudson River shad stock since the 2010 closure of the New York fisheries for shad, including reduced mortality at industrial water intakes and ocean-bycatch caps. However, conservative management and considerable patience are needed to return the Hudson River shad stock to levels with enough resilience for commercial and recreational harvest.



The plan delineates the recovery goals and benchmarks based on decades of annual monitoring data and the most recent American shad stock assessment. With the aim of long-term stock resilience, DEC will continue to gather data, identify challenges, and take management actions that are in line with recovery priorities and are supported by sufficient data. As this plan also outlines, the short-term objective is to reopen the catch-and-release fishery while supporting the long-term recovery objective of returning the stock to 1940s' levels. For [more information about American shad](#) please visit DEC's website.



## • Riverkeeper Sweep

We're excited to share that this spring marks our 12th annual Riverkeeper Sweep, which will take place on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at over 100 locations from NYC to the Adirondacks. Over the last 11 years, Riverkeeper volunteers have completed 1,074 projects along hundreds of miles of shoreline, where they have removed 324 tons of debris, and planted or maintained 6,171 trees or native grasses.

We are aiming to make this year's Sweep the biggest one yet. Would you be interested in volunteering for Sweep or leading your own Sweep project at a local park, trail, or shoreline that needs assistance?

If you are interested in organizing a Sweep project, here are a handful of steps over the next 3 months that you must complete:

1. Determining a site in your community in need of a clean up
2. Obtaining landowner permission for your project
3. Recruiting volunteers
4. Making sure participants are safe and successful on Sweep day.

All of these steps are done with plenty of support from Riverkeeper, including two webinars we host throughout the process to make sure you're always ready for the next step. To get a sense of the timeline and process of leading a Sweep site, check out the [Sweep Leader Checklist](#). Should this be something your organization wants to take on, the first step is to determine the project details and submit the [2023 Sweep Site Form](#) by March 24. For more information on being a Sweep Leader, please check out the [Resources for Sweep Leaders](#) page.

Anybody interested in participating as a volunteer can submit the [Volunteer Interest Form](#) to get an email with a full list of sites when registration opens on March 31.

**If leading a Sweep is not possible for your organization this year**, we would also welcome any leads for potential Sweep Leaders or volunteers in your community. Feel free to forward this email to others who might be interested.

As soon as you decide, please let us know so we can make sure you receive the right updates. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Katie Leung and Finn Clarke

## Upcoming Events:



[www.thelighthouseswim.org](http://www.thelighthouseswim.org)

[lighthouseswim@gmail.com](mailto:lighthouseswim@gmail.com)

### **VOLUNTEER PLEASURE BOATERS NEEDED TO SUPPORT THE 2023 LIGHTHOUSE SWIM**

**WHAT:** The Lighthouse Swim, a non-profit organization located in Sleepy Hollow, New York dedicated to supporting the health and vitality of our community and raise funds for Feeding Westchester and other local organizations in need will stage the three (3) mile swim across the Hudson River, from Nyack to Sleepy Hollow, New York.

**WHEN:** September 10, 2023

**WHERE:** Kingsland Point Park

**SWIMMER PARTICIPANTS:** Entries will be capped at 150 swimmers

**VOLUNTEER PLEASURE BOATS:** To support the swimmers across the three-mile course, the event is recruiting experienced pleasure boat owners who will be positioned on the river, lending support to kayakers and swimmers, helping to keep them on the course and assisting where necessary.

**SIGN-UP:** To sign-up as a volunteer pleasure boater, please register at <https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/NY/SleepyHollow/TheLighthouseSwimsleepyhollow>

# THE GREAT KILLS YACHT CLUB



## Commodore Chris Lange

*Invites all Members and Guest to:*

***The Commodore's Dinner Dance***

***April 29, 2023 7pm-11pm***

***Honoring Past Commodore Pat Bombino***

*A delicious meal cooked by P.C. Paul Heyne*

*\$55 per person, DJ, 4 hour open bar, 50/50*

***RSVP and Money due NO LATER THAN April 20, 2023***

*To sign up contact:*

*Rob Silvestri      917-572-0209*

*Steve Mattei      347-236-2316*

*Frank Nicolais    718-687-8844*

# NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

**MAY 21 , 2023**

**9:00AM – 1:00PM**



**83 Grassy Point Rd.**

**Stony Point, NY**

## OPEN TO ALL BOATERS

**MYC members and a few local marine suppliers set up tables to sell their unneeded or redundant marine items. Motors, marine hardware, cushions, knick-knacks, safety equipment, supplies, etc.**

**Chances are there will be something that you've been looking for!**

**For more information please contact Kevin Silver**

**Mobile No.: 201-417-4484**

**email: [ckevinsilver@gmail.com](mailto:ckevinsilver@gmail.com)**



**MEMORIAL DAY**

**2023**

*We honor those who  
protect and serve.*

**MEMORIAL DAY  
CEREMONY**

**SUNDAY. ~ MAY 28TH**

**12:00 NOON AT N.H.Y.C.**

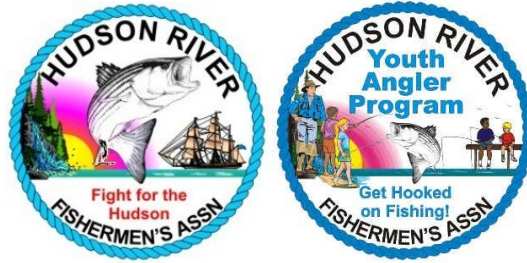
**ALL MEMBERS AND THEIR GUESTS ARE**

**INVITED TO ATTEND**

**NEW HAMBURG YACHT CLUB  
5 WATER STREET  
WAPPINGERS FALLS, NEW YORK**



## Hudson River Fisherman's Association Events:



For more information go to their [web site](#)

## The Fred Rung Memorial Striped Bass Derby

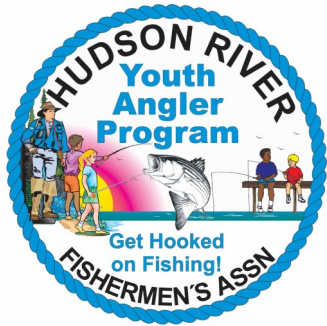
Catch, Tag, Photo & Release  
or Catch, Photo & Release

Derby runs from 7:00am Saturday April 15  
through 12:00pm Saturday May 13, 2022

ON LINE REGISTRATION WITH PAYPAL IS NOW OPEN!

[Click HERE to register.](#)





**37th Annual Hooked on the Hudson  
Saturday, April 22, 2023  
Ross Dock  
Palisades Interstate Park**



**The Palisades Interstate Park New Jersey and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association  
invite you to experience the Hudson River  
at the 37th Annual Hooked on the Hudson event.**

Join us at Ross Dock on Saturday, April 22, 2023 9 am--3:00 pm our fishing contest is FREE.

There is no entry fee. There are no registration forms.

***Just come down to the park, throw your line in the water and enjoy yourself.***

HRFA will supply all equipment and bait free for your children to use!

We continue our tradition of combining a fishing contest with exhibits provided by leading environmental conservation and sportsmen's organizations in our area.

Food and Refreshments will be available



Fishing Contest 9:00am -

1:30 pm, Fishing Clinic/  
information and assistance  
will be available

Exhibits 9:00 am---3:00 pm

As in past years we have in-  
vited leading environmental  
and conservation groups to  
join us.

Children Casting Contest  
2:00pm---3:00pm with prizes awarded



Awards Ceremony @ 3:00pm

**additional info>** Info; Peter Musse (201) 233-3119 [petemusse@gmail.com](mailto:petemusse@gmail.com)



Annual **FISHING CONTEST** (for all ages!), exhibits & more with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association. 9 <sup>AM</sup> to 3 <sup>PM</sup> at Ross Dock Picnic Area in Fort Lee. For more information: [thehrfa.org](http://thehrfa.org).

# Saturday, April 22

# Hooked on the Hudson 2023

There is no entry fee.  
There are no registration forms.

Just come down to the park, throw your line in the water and enjoy yourself.

We will supply all equipment and bait **FREE** for your children to use!

**FREE + Open to All!**  
Food & Refreshments will be available

