



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

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September 2023

September 26, Meeting at Cortlandt YC

Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association
General meeting September 26th. Hosted by;
Cortlandt Yacht Club
238 King's Ferry Road
Montrose, NY 10548

Dear HRBYCA Members,

Commodore Mike Feminella and the members of the Cortlandt Yacht Club invite you to join us for our September 26th meeting. **A welcome reception starts at 6:30pm** followed by dinner served by the CYC galley crew. Great sunset views can be seen from the club's patio so come early and enjoy.

Guest speaker: Scott Craven

Scott has spoken to our membership on many occasions. His two-part lecture on the Hudson River lighthouses was interesting and educated all those in attendance. During his PowerPoint presentation we all learned where many of the, now lost, lighthouses were located. Scott will now present to us a lecture on the wildlife and fish that inhabit the Hudson Valley and its waters. Does a Manatee come to mind? Scott will give us the answer. Don't miss this fun evening as Scott entertains us with anecdotes and stories we can all share.



Elections for 2024 HRBYCA Board and Officers will be held in November 2023. Think about joining the HRBYCA B.O.D. as we celebrate our 49th year.

HRBYCA Club Representatives Needed

The Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association wants representation in your club. Can you Help?

For 47 years, the Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association (HRBYCA) has been the advocate for 33 local boat and yacht clubs from Raritan Bay, New Jersey to Port Ewan, New York. We need your help.

Our goal is to protect the environment of the Hudson River while encouraging the enjoyment of the river for over 5,000 recreational boating families of HRBYCA. We ensure that our voices are represented in issues of government, and we are a strong advocate of clean waters and responsible and safe boating. We provide clubs with knowledge necessary to run our volunteer boating organizations, who face challenges with declining membership, waterfront access, dredging, tax, insurance, infrastructure, environmental and safety concerns, and other practical issues.

How do we share this information that affects our boating and our clubs on the river?

It is our HRBYCA Club Representatives that play the important role of communicating these issues and happenings to their own clubs, typically in a short report as part of your club's monthly meeting.

The time commitment required to being a Club Representative is attending 6 HRBYCA General Membership Meetings each year (held at clubs on both sides of the river) and hopefully joining us at our annual Commodore Ball at West Point, NY. Our meetings are easy to plan for: they are always held the last Tuesday of every other month and include dinner and wonderful featured speakers where you can learn more about the river, history, and the things that affect us.

Advantages of becoming a HRBYCA Club Representative:

- You'll keep your club friends informed on what could potentially hurt or help them, their club, their own boating lifestyle and safety.
- Find out about how other clubs operate and share ideas on how to grow membership or face difficult issues.
- You may be able to earn work hours in your role as your HRBYCA's Club Representative (ask your club if it qualifies – most do).
- We are a social bunch (spouses welcome) that like all things recreational boating on the Hudson River. There is plenty of fun and friendship. You are also welcome to bring other club members as guests to our meetings.
- Improve your public speaking skills and leadership when giving reports and sharing information with your club.

Interested? Email us at: President@HRBYCA.org

Announcements:

- **Upcoming Meetings:**
 - **Tuesday, September 26 Cortlandt Yacht Club**
 - **Tuesday, November 28 at Ossining Boat and Canoe Club**
- **Hudson River Fishermen's Association**



THE HRFA's Saltwater Fly Fishing Derby

Sandy Hook, NJ

Saturday September 30, 2023

Fishing Starts - 7:00 AM Fishing Ends - 11:30 AM

For more information, contact Michael Sardinias at 201 232 5988 or Masardinias@yahoo.com

Croton YC hosted Hudson River Day



I want to take this opportunity to thank the Croton Yacht Club membership, and all others, who participated in the preparation and execution of our Hudson River Day event held on Saturday, September 9th. I would also like to thank the community for supporting this important event. In spite of the heat and humidity and a late day thunderstorm which cut the schedule short, the event was another resounding success.

The model of providing a full educational and interactive experience centering around the history and ecology of the river coupled with our partnership with the Hudson River Fishermen's Association (HRFA) has evolved into the most unique and successful event of its kind on the river.



Thanks to the HRFA, the youth fishing contest was again a home run. Over sixty children registered and participated in the event throughout the day with a variety of fish caught. First place was awarded to John Bracciante who caught a 16" channel catfish, second place went to Liam Burns and third place to Connor Stokes. In addition to the contest winning prizes donated by the Croton Yacht Club, fishing rod and reel combinations were also awarded throughout the day to other participants as door prizes. The happiness and excitement of those receiving awards were dwarfed by those children who caught the first fish of their lifetime.



The food was outstanding, the snow cones refreshing and the chowder pot was drained to the last drop. Special thanks to representatives from the, Riverkeeper, Clearwater, the Croton Historical Society, Village of Croton Police Department, Ferry Sloops, the Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club organization, the Hudson Valley Stream Conservancy, the Croton 125 committee, the Croton Point Nature Center, Brigid Faranda, Mario Giacalone, the Croton River Artisans and again the Hudson River Fishermen's Association for their participation and for their engaging and educational exhibits.

Chris Letts, renowned naturalist, once again captivated the audience at the "touching table" where the children could see, touch and smell some of the river's two hundred thirty-seven different fish species. Our viewing tanks provided a unique look into the underwater world of the river. Thank you to Croton Police Department Officers who exhibited the Village Police Boat and provided boat rides and also to members of "Ferry Sloops" for providing a free sailing experience enjoyed by all.



As Croton Yacht Club members, we take pride in providing this experience to the community. As parents and grandparents, we take comfort in knowing our children and grandchildren are being afforded an opportunity to make a life-changing connection to the river we all love.

Sincerely,
Dennis Kooney
Croton Yacht Club, Inc.