



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

Compiled by the HRBYCA <https://www.hrbyca.org>

November 2023

November 28, Membership Meeting

General meeting November 28, Hosted by;
Ossining Boat & Canoe Club, 1 Westerly Road
Ossining, NY 10562

Reminder: Club membership dues for 2024 are due November 30.

If not yet completed, [Fill out the form](#) and return with a check to HRBYCA.



Happy Thanksgiving Wishes

From the
HRBYCA Board

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.

Dear Members,

Please consider running for one of the Board of Director's positions. Our organization needs your input in running the HRBYCA. We continue to represent the interests of recreational boaters and you can help by joining us.

The 2024 elections will be held Nov. 28th, during our regular meeting, at the Ossining Boat & Canoe Club. Nominations are now being accepted for all open positions. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the November meeting.

The board meets in Feb., April, June, Aug., Oct., and Dec. via ZOOM.

Positions available;

Position	Term
President	1 year
Vice President	1 year
Treasurer	1 year
Secretary	1 year
Director	2 years
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Henry Matheus, Director	1 year left
Coulter Young, Director	1 year left

Nominations or questions regarding the elections can be sent to: president@hrbyca.org

Thank you and regards,

Jerry Silverman/HRBYCA President

president@hrbyca.org

Providing Urban Access to the Hudson River Estuary

Most communities along the tidal Hudson have some form of access to the river. DEC's Estuary Program, with state and local partners, is now working to improve the accessibility of existing river sites so that everyone, including people with disabilities, families, older adults, and people in disadvantaged communities, can enjoy inclusive and positive activities along the Hudson. We also are helping communities improve the resiliency of their docks, boat, launches, and facilities to address flooding and sea-level rise now and into the future. The [Hudson River Estuary Action Agenda 2021-2025](#) outlines these goals.

In 2022, the Estuary Program awarded \$156,389 for three River Access grants, all of which will serve EJ communities. The following stories share progress made during 2022-2023 at two sites, the [Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club](#) in Yonkers and [Pier 96 Boathouse](#) at [Hudson River Park](#) in New York.

Hudson River Riders, Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club

Founded in 2003, the [Yonkers Public Paddling Program](#), and arm of the Yonkers Paddling and Rowing Club (YPRC) was initially created to introduce people to the sport of kayaking. In 2016, the YPRC's Public Paddling Program was renamed the [Hudson River Riders](#) and adopted a new mission: to create a classroom on the water for disadvantaged youth, helping them to develop paddling skills and become the next generation of environmental stewards.

Hudson River Riders operates out of JFK Marina and Park and YPRC Boathouse, offering free kayaking on the Hudson River to youth and adults (5 years-of-age and up). In addition to their walk-up kayak program, Hudson River Riders has weekly paddles for teens to introduce them to the sport of kayaking.

Hudson River Riders is supported by YPRC membership, DEC, and the City of Yonkers, as well as companies and individuals who want to see that access to the Hudson River Estuary is for everyone.



During the summer of 2023, Hudson River Riders (HRR) put over 1,500 youth and adults on the water. With funding from an Estuary Program Grant, HRR purchase smaller-sized kayaks for teens. Without the right size kayak, youth could have difficulties steering and paddling the vessel.

In 2022, Hudson River Riders received a grant from the [American Canoe Association](#) to develop Black, Indigenous, and people of color paddling instructors. YPRC trained seven club members, including three of the Hudson River Riders staff. All three not only received the Level 1 Certification, but also reached Level 2 instructor certification. [Director Chev Dixon and Manager Alex Morales](#), run the day-to-day HRR public paddles and also train all the HRR staff in kayak skills and rescue.

Photo courtesy of YRPC

New York Outrigger at Pier 96 Boathouse

[New York Outrigger](#) is a volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization that has supported equitable access to New York City waterways for 27 years. The community of volunteers share the culture of Polynesian outrigger canoe paddling and stand up paddleboarding with New Yorkers through free and low-cost paddling sessions at Hudson River Park's Pier 96 Boathouse. The introductory paddling sessions are offered every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday during the summer boating season. Visitors learn about the canoes' historical significance in the lives of Polynesians and paddle in a 6-person outrigger canoe or a stand-up paddleboard guided by experienced volunteers.

The volunteers provide safety tips and techniques to encourage an enjoyable connection with the Hudson River estuary. This past summer, New York Outrigger hosted about 200 public events resulting in more than 4,000 hours on the water. Volunteers led safety clinics, long-distance paddles to explore multiple NYC waterways, and field days to hone a variety of water skills.

"Paddlers got to try different types of small canoes and stand-up paddleboards, learned how to steer our large 6-person canoes, and practiced water safety skills such as emergency drills. I saw everyone grow so much!" said volunteer coach Kelley Heyer.

Through Hudson River Estuary Grant Program funding, New York Outrigger is enhancing equitable river access for adaptive paddlers. The [Makapo](#) adaptive paddling program has supported paddlers who are blind or visually impaired for 8 years; the name refers to the Hawaiian language word for "dark eyes." The inclusive coaching and support offered by volunteers provide a safe environment for people of all abilities to develop skills as water leaders.

Makapo paddler Ron Baron said, "being on the water is so therapeutic for me. I love the challenge of going further and faster and constantly trying to improve my technique. The wonderful comradery even when launching the boats or pulling them out of the water always feels so good as we work together and watch out for each other. As a visually-impaired person, this is an activity that requires almost no adaptation. Can't get lost in a canoe!"

Photo courtesy of New York Outrigger



Barge Anchorages north of the M. Cuomo Bridge – Update

Here's the expected [Marine Safety Information Bulletin \(MSIB\)](#) recently issued 11/8/23 by the US Coast Guard that suspends Coast Guard's authority on anchorages north of the Tappan Zee Bridge. As we have shared, north of the bridge now falls under traditional inland navigation rules, which at its most basic, allows any vessel to anchor as long as it is not impeding the flow of traffic. Your HRBYCA board asks for your help in being our eyes on the river and let us know (by sending email to dscroft3@gmail.com) if you see an anchored ship. This will help us understand traffic, and ultimately support our goal of ensuring separation of recreational and commercial vessels and support boating safety for our clubs. This issue continues to evolve so be sure to get the latest updates by attending our general membership meetings.

Upper Hudson River Dredging Summary

When someone says the Hudson is polluted, that you shouldn't swim in it or heaven forbid eat a fish from it, there is no doubt in my mind it comes from our cherished river being named the largest superfund site in the nation and the dumping of PCBs. Your board recently attended a Friends of the Hudson (FOTH) meeting outlining why they believe we have a long way to go in cleaning up the river and who should be held accountable for it. Below is an executive summary of FOTH's findings. I urge you to attend our next general membership meeting where this topic will be on our agenda, and your input is important.

[**FOCH Executive Summary of Upper Hudson River Dredging Remedy**](#)

News From Croton Yacht Club

On Friday, November 10th, the Croton Yacht Club held its annual Veterans Day Luncheon. Over one hundred guests were treated to a delicious Thanksgiving themed lunch prepared by Yacht Club members. The event was initiated by the Croton Harmon High School band who flawlessly performed numerous patriotic songs. Boy Scouts greeted the Veterans as they arrived and catered to their every need during the day.

Special thanks are extended to BJ's Wholesale Club of Yorktown for their generous donation and North Westchester Restorative Therapy who donated a beautiful cake.

Hundreds of cards decorated the room, each beautifully hand colored and filled with both moving and comical sentiments from Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School students. Special thanks are extended to the Carrie E. Tompkins Elementary School teachers who coordinate this effort annually.



The love and appreciation expressed in these cards along with that exhibited by the Scouts who were present was uplifting and gives us hope that future generations will never forget the sacrifices made by our Veterans to secure the freedoms we all enjoy. Special thanks to the parents and teachers who have instilled this sense of patriotism in our children and grandchildren.

Many thanks to everyone who made the day so special for our local heroes.

Dennis Kooney, Croton Yacht Club

News From New Hamburg Yacht Club

Hello:

Regarding New Hamburg YC:

Docks are out, with minimal damage from the year EXCEPT a recent Tug & Barge collision into our southernmost docks from a tug unloading petroleum at Bottini's oil tanks (located south of club, north of White's Marina.

Elections upcoming 1st Weds of December.

We are looking forward to implementing Electronic voting.

We are looking forward to using social media to better interact with other clubs re social events, boat cruises, raft-ups, regattas, etc

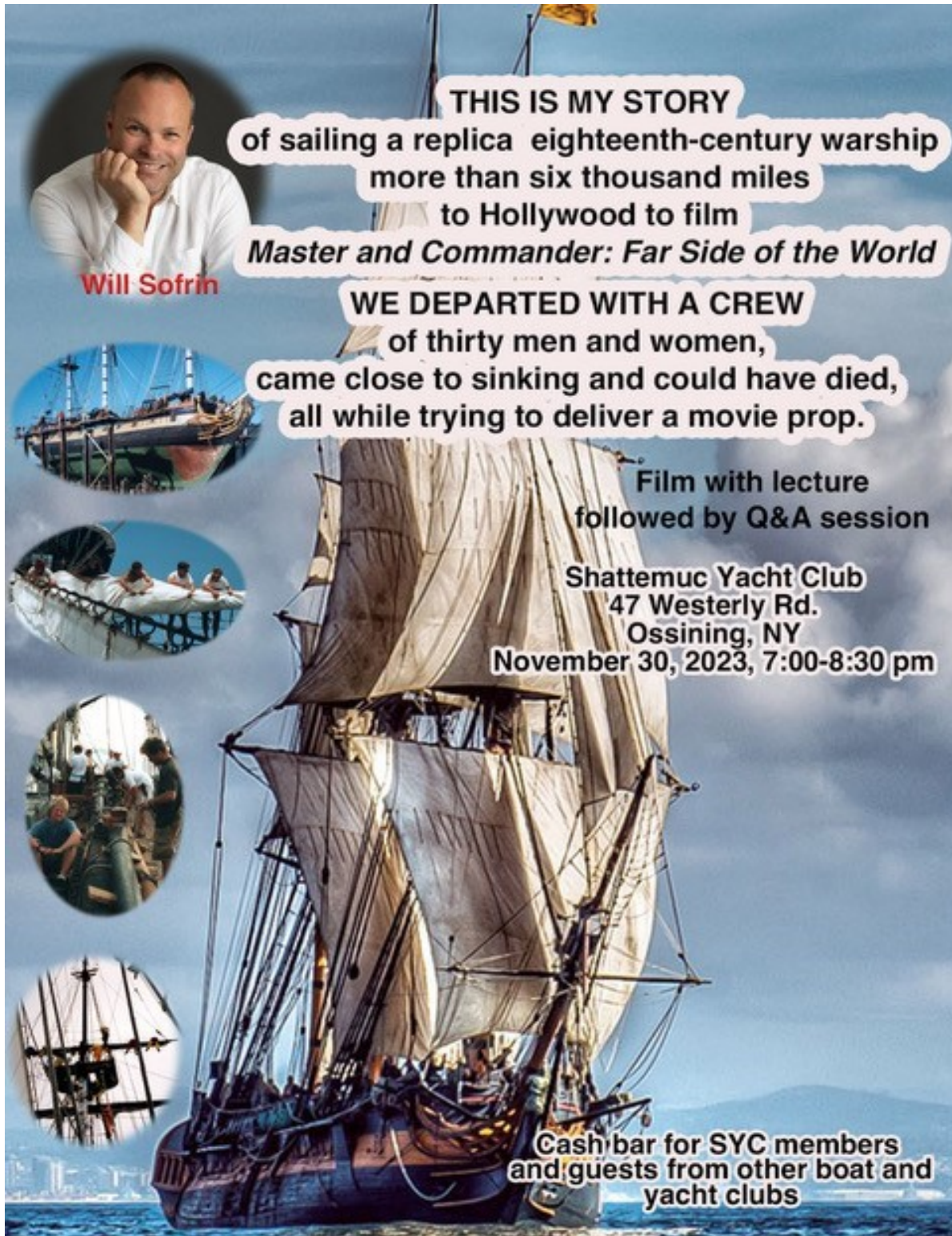
The few events we held this year were well received by members and "after party" participants.

We will certainly be reaching out to our new "northern" assoc members beside others.

Thank you.

Henry Matheus, V.C., NHYC 914-924-0492 henrymatheus@gmail.com

Shattemuc will host a Film and Lecture



THIS IS MY STORY
of sailing a replica eighteenth-century warship
more than six thousand miles
to Hollywood to film
Master and Commander: Far Side of the World

WE DEPARTED WITH A CREW
of thirty men and women,
came close to sinking and could have died,
all while trying to deliver a movie prop.

Film with lecture
followed by Q&A session

Shattemuc Yacht Club
47 Westerly Rd.
Ossining, NY
November 30, 2023, 7:00-8:30 pm

Cash bar for SYC members
and guests from other boat and
yacht clubs

Will Sofrin

**The Town of Ossining is offering a surplus
1984 Freedom 21' Cat-Rigged Sailboat
\$10 or best offer**

1984 Freedom 21' Cat-Rigged Sailboat.

Built by Freedom Yachts – Designed by Gary Hoyt began building this sailboat design in 1982.
The Hull, Main Sail, and Rigging are all in fair condition. Some repairs are needed.

Boat is being offered in **AS IS CONDITION, without an engine or trailer.**

Arrangements for transport will be made after the offer has been accepted.

Boat may be inspected at Cedar Lane Park on Cedar Lane, Ossining NY

Boat Specifications

LOA:6.61 m/21.69 ft.

Rigging Type: Cat (unstayed)

Hull Type: Fin w/transom hung rudder

S.A. (reported): 18.58 m²/199.99 ft

Draft(max): 1.14m/3.74ft

Displacement: 907kg/1999.59 lbs.

Ballast: 227kg/500.45 lbs.

S.A./Disp.:20.21

Bal./Disp.:25.00

Disp./Len.: 166.60



All offers must be delivered (in person or by mail)

Offers accepted until Friday December 1, 2023 at 10: AM

Attention: Sue Donnelly – Town Clerk - 16 Croton Ave Ossining 10562