



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER

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Thanks to Peekskill YC for hosting our meeting.

Photo by Thom Johnson of PYC

Our Annual “Commodore’s Jazz Brunch” hosted by HRBYCA

April 14, 2024 at the Thayer Hotel, West Point.

Watch for the official invitation and details soon.

Next Membership Meeting:

General meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024, Hosted by

Minisceongo Yacht Club

83 Grassy Point Road

Stony Point, NY 10962

Government Affairs:

Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site – Excerpt from the Meeting Summary

MEETING IN BRIEF

The Community Advisory Group (CAG) for the Hudson River PCBs Superfund Site met virtually on Thursday, October 5, 2023. EPA staff presented updates on the progress of the Allen Mill/Powerhouse deconstruction in Hudson Falls; the current Five-Year Review (FYR) status and schedule; and the ongoing work on the Floodplain comprehensive study. The NYS Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) briefed the group on the status of seven active state-led remediation projects adjacent to the Hudson River. EPA/DEC responded to follow-up questions from CAG members as each topic was discussed. The CAG facilitator (CBI) also provided an update on the CAG expansion efforts. CAG members approved a revision to the CAG Operating Procedures to increase the number of members on the CAG.

Presentation slides and materials for this and previous CAG meetings are available on the CAG's website: <https://hudsoncag.wspis.com/documents.htm>

Our Board Member Henry Matheus will follow up with the CAG and keep us informed.

Great News!

Washington Irving Boat Club has recently signed a new 5-year license agreement with the Village of Tarrytown. In the past few years, the license agreements had only been for one-year terms. Congratulations!

Hudson Cove YC will host the following Educational Seminars:

The Hudson Cove Yacht Club is planning to hold 3 educational seminars in 2024. Tentatively, on March 23 a program starts on the topic of launching, with emphasis on engine maintenance. In mid-April, a seminar on weather; and in mid-May, a program on cruising destinations, including locations, navigation trips, attractions, etc. Further details will be on our website, www.HudsonCove.com, as the dates approach.

Shrink Wrap Recycling

Is your club interested in a free shrink wrap recycling program?



Check the link below for more information

How to Set Up a Boat Shrink Wrap Recycling Program for Boat/Yacht Clubs and Marinas

aaapolymer.com

This company is used by **Great Kills Yacht Club**, a member club located in a well-protected harbor on Staten Island.

Great Kills Yacht Club Events:

Feb 10 - 7pm - Valentine's Dinner
Mar 9 - 7pm - St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance
Apr 20 - 7pm - Commodore's Dinner Dance
May 25 - 1pm - Opening Day

Cornwall Yacht Club Event:

Cornwall Yacht Club will be hosting the **Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day Event** for the Hospice of Orange and Sullivan Counties. This event is on **March 29, 2024**. Please see this link for last year's information: [National Welcome Home Vietnam War Veterans Day - Hospice of Orange & Sullivan](#)

New Hamburg Yacht Club Events:

Date		Time	Event	Band
March 2	Saturday	1:00 - 7:00	Saint Patrick's Day	
April 20	Saturday	5:00 - 10:00	Italian Night Dinner	
May 26	Sunday	11:00 - 2:00	Memorial Day Ceremony	
June 8	Saturday	5:00 - 10:00	Dinner and Dance Party	In the Pocket
June 16	Sunday	12:00 - 7:00	Father's Day Floatilla & BYO BBQ	
July 13	Saturday	5:00 - 10:00	Dinner and Dance Party	Circle 65
July 20	Saturday	12:00 - 4:00	6th Annual CYC to NHYC Regatta	
August 10	Saturday	5:00 - 10:00	Dinner and Dance Party	Jungle Love
September 14	Saturday	5:00 - 10:00	Dinner and Dance Party	Skin and Bones
October 5	Saturday	5:00 - 10:00	Octoberfest	Soul City

For more information: visit New Hamburg Yacht Club www.nhyc1869.com

Riverkeeper Plunge

[Cold water plunge for clean water | February 10](#)

It wasn't too long ago that swimming in parts of the Hudson was unthinkable. Riverkeeper and our partners' decades of work to clean up the water has made it possible to.... jump in the river in the middle of February! To highlight our work cleaning up the Hudson and our goal of making it swimmable from source to sea, we're participating in a cold water plunge in Ossining on February 10 at 10:00am organized by Gullotta House as a fundraiser to support local families in need. We're looking to recruit at least 10 hardy souls to join our team. If you're interested in signing up, click on the link below, donate the registration fee, and put your name and plans to take the plunge in the comment section. Some of our hardier staff members will be there taking the plunge with you, celebrating how far we've come and highlighting the value of the work still to be done. (Plus, cold water plunges can improve your mood, increase your energy levels, and boost your metabolism, so yay.)

[Hudson River Fisherman's Association Annual Contest](#)

If you're a member of the HRFA you are aware of our annual fishing contest. Well, we are making several changes to it. The most notable of which is the addition of a Fly Fishing Category which will include the following species:

Freshwater

- Trout
- Smallmouth Bass
- Largemouth Bass
- Salmon
- Carp

Saltwater

- Striped Bass
- Bluefish
- Bonito/False Albacore
- Fluke

REMINDER! The deadline for entering any fish is 30-days after its capture. Click [HERE](#) to enter before it's too late. The HRFA's *members only* Annual Fishing Contest webpage will be totally revamped by February 1, 2024.

NOT A MEMBER of HRFA? Click [HERE](#) to join or renew your membership for 2024. Lifetime memberships also available.

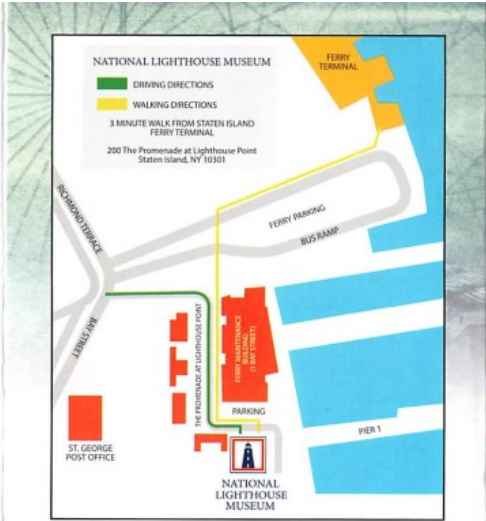
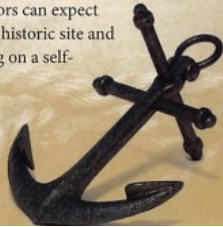
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MUSEUM HISTORY

Located on the site of the United States Light House Service (USLHS) General Depot, the National Lighthouse Museum educates visitors about the history and technology of the nation's lighthouses and lightships. The General Depot was the national headquarters, testing ground, and distribution center for all materials and equipment used by light keepers and USLHS personnel from 1864 to 1939. Once a lively and bustling site of eighteen buildings, only seven survive today, which include underground oil vaults.

The Museum is situated on a ten acre historic site that is a short walk from the Staten Island Ferry Terminal. The adjacent waterfront plaza features several historic buildings and offers spectacular views of New York Harbor. Upon arrival, visitors can expect a short introduction to the historic site and museum, before embarking on a self-guided tour of its exhibits.



200 The Promenade at Lighthouse Point
 Staten Island, NY 10301
 718-390-0040

MUSEUM ADMISSION

Adults: \$7.00
 Seniors/Military/Veterans/Students: \$5.00
 Museums for All Rate: \$3.00
 Children under 12 and Members: FREE

HOURS

Wednesday-Sunday
 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM
 Closed Major Holidays

Call to Arrange Group/Class Tours.

www.lighthousemuseum.org

[www.FB.com/NationalLighthouseMuseum](https://www.facebook.com/NationalLighthouseMuseum)

[@nationallighthousemuseum](https://www.instagram.com/nationallighthousemuseum) [@NLMSINY](https://twitter.com/NLMSINY)



NATIONAL LIGHTHOUSE MUSEUM



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VISIT US!

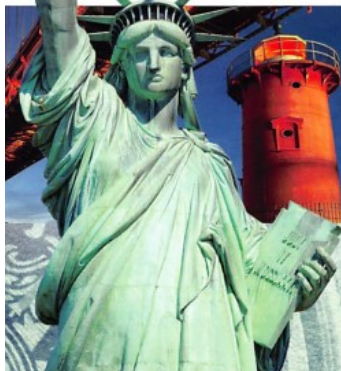
National Lighthouse Museum visitors can expect to spend anywhere between 45 minutes to 1 hour on the site. Exhibits include:

- The Wall of Lights
- Life at the Light
- Beacons Through Time
- Optics: Projecting the Light, and more!

EVENTS AND TOURS

- Lighthouse Boat Tours
- Museum Tours
- Walking Tours of the General Depot Site
- Presentations & Special Programs
- Lighthouse Recognition Weekend including the Annual Keeper's Gala
- Lighthouse Point Fest featuring the Keeper's Soup Contest
- K-12 Maritime Education Programs
- Home of the Great S I Lighthouse Hunt

Facility Rentals Available for Parties and Business Functions



ANSWERS:
Boston Harbor Lighthouse, Michigan, Sandy Hook Lighthouse, The Statue of Liberty, Lighthips, Daymark

The Lighthouse Museum is the steward for the Staten Island Rear Range Light on Lighthouse Hill.



TRIVIA

1. Which US Lighthouse is the only remaining lighthouse still manned by a keeper and acting as an aid to navigation?
2. Which state is home to the most lighthouses?
3. Which light is the oldest standing light in the US?
4. Which lighthouse was the first to use electricity?
5. What vessels were used when the water was too deep, or inconvenient to build a lighthouse?
6. What is the term for the unique color schemes and shapes of lighthouses?

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

ALL MEMBERS ENJOY:

Free admission to the museum

10% discounts in the museum store

Members' rates for events, programs, presentations & classes

- Lamplighter: \$40** – Students/Seniors(65+)/Military
- Keeper: \$50** – Individual
- Family Keepers: \$75** – Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)
- Range Light: \$100** – Affiliate/Not-For-Profit
- Name of Organization:** *Link on the NLM Website*
- Light Ship: \$500** – Small Business (Under 10 Employees): *Membership Certificate, Free Employee Admission with Company ID and Link on the NLM Website*
- Beacon: \$2500** – Corporate (24 Employees or Less): *Membership Certificate, Free Employee Admission with Company ID, 4 Tickets to a Lighthouse Boat Tour of Your Choice, Link on the NLM Website*
- Fresnel Lens: \$5000** – Corporate: *Membership Certificate, Free Employee Admission with Company ID, Four Tickets to a Lighthouse Boat Tour of Your Choice, Two Tickets to the NLM Gala, full page ad in Gala Journal, Link on the NLM Website*

FULL NAME DATE

STREET ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

EMAIL

TELEPHONE

CREDIT CARD NUMBER
 VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

EXP. DATE SECURITY CODE

SIGNATURE

I would like automatic annual membership renewal.
Checks payable to National Lighthouse Museum. Mail to: 200 The Promenade at Lighthouse Point, Staten Island, NY 10301 or sign-up on line at www.lighthousemuseum.org.

Beczak Environmental Education Center



Beczak Environmental Education Center Presents

Millionaires Row on the Palisades: A Glimpse of the Gilded "Edge"

A presentation by **Eric Nelsen** and **Francesca Costa**



Artists, captains of industry, showmen - all were among the men and women who, from the time of the Civil War through the Great Depression, had unique and often lavish homes built upon the precipices of the New Jersey Palisades. Using newly discovered letters and diaries they have transcribed from the Miles family, historical interpreters **Eric Nelsen** and **Francesca Costa** bring the story of the grand estates - and the families and servants who lived at them - into vibrant focus.

Saturday, February 10th, 2024

2 PM

35 Alexander St, Yonkers, NY 10701

Beczak Environmental Education Center



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The History of Bannerman's Island Arsenal

A presentation By Thom Johnson



**Join us to learn the history of
the Bannerman Island Arsenal
located near Beacon, NY.**

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

2 PM

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