



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS NEWSLETTER November 2024

Compiled by the HRBYCA www.hrbyca.org

Next HRBYCA Membership Meeting:

General meeting Tuesday, November 26, 2024 6:30pm, Hosted by

Ossining Boat and Canoe Club

1 Westerly Road / PO Box 743

Ossining, NY 10562

www.obcc.org 914-762-9724

Dear HRBYCA Members,

The Notice of Elections for 2025 is below, and as you can see, we are missing volunteers willing to step up to our organization's leadership. Please consider joining the team.

The Board meets 6 times per year via Zoom, and there are 6 meetings with the membership at the clubs with speakers, dinners and time to socialize.

- Keep Hudson River Clubs in touch with each other
- Reciprocal visits to other clubs
- Share information in the "Happenings" Newsletter and "Hudson River Boating Guide" (formerly the Journal)
- Receive reports about governmental issues that affect the Hudson River
- Help other clubs when needed
- Get together at the Commodore's Brunch and annual rendezvous
- Enjoy the great company of other like-minded boaters

Please seriously consider stepping up.

One-year terms:

President – Jerry Silverman Nominated

Vice President – Scott Croft Nominated

Treasurer – Paul Kisala Nominated

Secretary – vacant

Two Year terms:

3 Board members – vacant

Returning Board Member – Lolly Yacker

Do you have moderate computer skills? Are you looking to contribute to our organization HRBYCA? We are looking for someone to maintain our web site. It requires updates once or twice a month using Word Press. Also seeking someone to put this newsletter together monthly. The content comes from our Board and membership including articles, flyers and event listings. Your job is to put it together using any word processor or layout program you prefer. I will happily help you get started on either one.

If you are interested, please contact Jerry Silverman president@HRBYCA.org



2024 HUDSON RIVER ESTUARY GRANTS

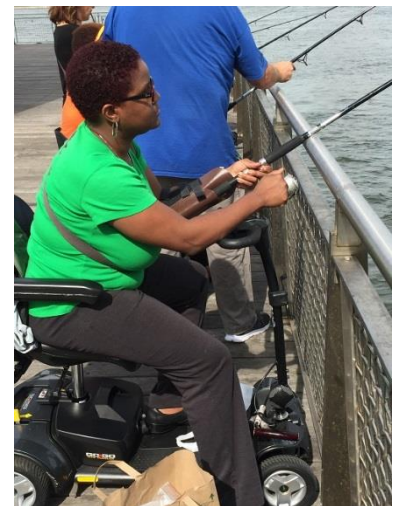
Hudson River Estuary River Access

Funding

Approximately \$200,000 is now available for two categories of River Access projects. Funding for this grant opportunity is provided by the NYS Environmental Protection Fund, Hudson River Estuary Program. The minimum award amount is \$10,500 and the maximum award amount is \$200,000.

What types of projects are eligible?

Applicants may apply for projects on the shoreline of the tidal waters of the Hudson River estuary, including the tidal portion of its tributaries, to plan, design, and construct improvements for new or existing access sites for boating, swimming, fishing, and enjoyment of nature or wildlife-dependent recreation on the estuary. Such projects must be consistent with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) 2010 Standards for Accessible Design and the US Access Board's Standards for Accessible Design and should be resilient to future storms and sea-level rise.



Planning and Implementation of Access Site

Resiliency to Flooding and Sea-Level Rise

Applicants may apply for planning and /or implementation of resiliency projects at Hudson River and tidal tributary public access sites addressing the hazards of intense storms, flooding, and shoreline loss due to climate change and sea-level rise.

Planning and Implementation of Accessibility Improvements for People with Disabilities

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) transition planning, assessments, designs, or plans for new and/or existing access sites along the Hudson River estuary to improve access for boating, fishing, swimming, and/or wildlife-related recreation for people of all abilities.



How Do I Apply?

River Access Request for Applications is available online through the [NYS Grants Management](#) system.

Registration and Prequalification

All New York State (NYS) grant applicants - both governmental and 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organizations - must be registered in the [NYS Grants Management](#) system to be eligible to apply for any NYS grant opportunity. Not-for-profit organizations must prequalify. Registration and prequalification information, forms, online guidance, documentation, and grant opportunities are available online at the [State Financial System \(SFS\) New York Grants Management](#) website.

Application Deadline

The deadline for applications is **December 12, 2024, at 3 p.m.**

For more information please visit: <https://dec.ny.gov/nature/waterbodies/oceans-estuaries/hudson-river-estuary-program/grants-funding-opportunities>

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Marine Safety Information Bulletin

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First Coast Guard District
Prevention Division
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Boston, MA 02110

MSIB Number: 24-008
Date: November 07, 2024
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Uncrewed Marine Craft and Autonomous Marine System Technology

The First Coast Guard District is issuing this Marine Safety Information Bulletin (MSIB) to bring awareness to autonomous uncrewed marine crafts and systems operating in northeast waters.

New England and New York waters have experienced significant growth in autonomous scientific and research missions. Federal and State agencies, educational institutions, and technology developers are utilizing autonomous uncrewed systems to conduct deep water environmental research, measure wind conditions for offshore wind development, test newly developed technologies, and chart navigable channel depths.

While these systems provide important contributions to current and burgeoning recreational and commercial operations, their increasing presence and diversity of form, shape, and function introduce significant layers of complexity to the maritime environment over which the Coast Guard exercises authority to support navigation safety. Below are some expected precautions that all mariners, vessel owners, and operators must consider while planning an outing or transit.



Early engagement: Companies should engage with local Coast Guard Sectors at least three (3) weeks out from anticipated autonomous craft project start date(s).

Maintain Navigational Awareness: These systems operate on the surface, underwater, or both, and each marine craft may differ significantly in autonomy, anti-collision capability, and maneuverability. Until more proscriptive regulatory requirements are developed, the safest approach is to regard these vehicles as potential obstructions to navigation and once sighted, work to keep clear.

Appropriate marking: To aid sighting and avoidance by mariners, the Coast Guard expects common identifiers of autonomous uncrewed watercraft(s) to include:

- A flashing all around yellow light
- Radar reflector
- Retro-reflective markings
- Visual markings identifying the craft as “UNCREWED”
- Bright Yellow or Orange paint scheme with a specific point of contact and domestic phone number
- Radar reflector and Automatic Identification System (AIS) (“uncrewed” must be in the AIS transmitted name)

This release has been issued for public information and notification purposes only.

Stay Informed: Research vessel deployment and operations are communicated to the U.S. Coast Guard and are advertised to the public via:

Broadcast Notice to Mariners (BNM) on VHF Channel 16.

BNM textual format:

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/broadcast-notice-to-mariners>

First District *Local Notice to Mariners* (LNM):

<https://www.navcen.uscg.gov/local-notice-to-mariners-main>

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Commander Terence Leahy Terence.O.Leahy@uscg.mil.

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