



Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Happenings Newsletter

February 2025

Government Affairs Report: 1/28/25 General Membership Meeting at Peekskill YC:

BRIDGE REPLACEMENT IN ALBANY: Up in Albany, the Livingston Avenue railroad swing bridge is scheduled to be replaced with a lift bridge and a new walkway to be included. Navigation channel closure to take place 1/16/27 to 1/29/27. Additional 30-day restricted navigation channel 1/30/27-3/1/27. Other than the 2-week closure, an 84-foot minimum channel will be maintained. Air draft minimum should stay at 25-feet. These dates likely to change.

SEDIMENT ISSUES: In the Annual Hudson River Estuary Management Advisory Committee letter to NYS DEC commissioner Shawn Mahar included the following copy, based on our many clubs need for maintenance dredging:

Sediment Management: Sediment in the Hudson Estuary is complicated, with more sediment needed to shore up tidal wetlands against sea-level rise, but some removal is needed to maintain access for commercial and recreational boating....There is no clear solution to this longstanding and complex issue, but there are a number of stakeholders clearly identifying the need for establishing a framework to guide, and funding to support, responsible sediment management.

PCB CLEAN UP: The EPA finalized their 3rd, five-year review of the PCB cleanup of the Upper Hudson, and says while “levels of PCB’s are going down overall, but more fish (PCB sampling) data is needed.” EPA believes it needs 8 years of data after upper Hudson dredging, which comes due this year, 2025. However, now it won’t be until 2027 before EPA releases their 3rd,

five-year review determination. EPA says the science tells them they cannot make a determination now on how the clean up is working. Environmental groups strenuously disagree, say the data is here today, and wanted EPA to issue a 5 year review without delay. Again, this focus is the upper river. For us on the lower river, you may recall some a sampling program has begun. No news on that for now.

PCBS ON FLOODPLAINS: In related news the Citizen Advisory Group for the Hudson River Superfund site met and discussed PCB floodplain contamination in the upper Hudson. One term used was “flood mud.” 75 areas have inspected with some receiving short-term actions – mitigation designed to cover affected areas, such as with stone. These areas require maintenance against scour. This mitigation is designed as temporary. Total area is more than 6,000 acres in the river flood plain. Expected to take 10 years. Property owners want permanent fixes. Concern that people – kids- are going through these shoreline areas. Since beginning effort, 1,959 properties have been evaluated. If you navigate up there this summer, please be aware of areas you may see shoreline mitigation taking place and to proceed no wake.

CANCEL A CABLE: The 175-mile Clean Path NY, which was designed to take renewable energy from parts of NY state down to New York City has been cancelled. The on-going CHPE cable project (to bring power from Canada to NYC) will be giving the Hudson River Safety Navigation Operations Committee and update on Feb 10. We will share at next meeting.

ICE ICE BABY: The USCG reported on the 2024-2025 Ice Season. So far so good – channel is being successfully maintained to Albany.

Upcoming Events:

HRBYCA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Washington Irving Boat Club, Tarrytown NY

Tuesday, March 25, 6:30pm

Please mark your calendars!

general membership meetings held last Tuesday of the month, every other month.

HRBYCA COMMODORE'S BRUNCH

Come celebrate our 50th Anniversary at the Hotel Thayer at West Point, NY!

Sunday, April 6, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

This one is the big one folks! The BIG 5-0! Our Golden Anniversary-

Your Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association turns an incredible 50 years old this year! Come celebrate at our Sunday Jazz brunch gathered on a beautiful promontory with HRBYCA clubs attending from New Jersey's Raritan Bay to Kingston, New York!

- Be sure to **fill out form below** for all your club members and please send in. We kindly need payment by March 29.
- **No walk ins!** We unfortunately can't accept admission without purchasing ticket – no tickets are sold at the door. Please plan ahead now: talk to your fellow boat and yacht club members and consider getting a table for your club! It great when all of our HRBYCA boat and yacht clubs are represented! Commodores receive complimentary entry – free.







**Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association's
Commodores' Jazz Brunch
Celebrating HRBYCA's Golden Anniversary**

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Northern Region

- Hidden Harbor
- Poughkeepsie Yacht Club
- Pirate Canoe Club
- Marlboro Yacht Club
- New Hamburg Yacht Club
- Chelsea Yacht Club
- Newburgh Yacht Club
- Cornwall Yacht Club
- Cold Spring Boat Club
- West Point Yacht Club
- Garrison Yacht Club

Middle Region

- Peekskill Yacht Club
- Cortlandt Yacht Club
- Rockland Bergen Boat Club
- Minisceongo Yacht Club
- Hudson Cove Yacht club
- Croton Yacht Club
- Shattemuc Yacht Club
- Ossining Community Sailing Club
- Ossining Boat & Canoe Club
- Hook Mountain Yacht Club
- Nyack Boat Club
- Philipse Manor Beach Club
- Tarrytown Boat & Yacht Club
- Washington Irving Boat Club

Southern Region

- Fort Comfort Yacht Club
- Irvington Boat Club
- Tower Ridge Yacht Club
- Palisade Boat Club
- Yonkers Yacht Club
- Yonkers Corinthian Yacht Club
- Great Kills Yacht Club
- Keyport Yacht Club

Associate Members

- Charles Point Marina, Peekskill

Partners

- Mohawk Council of Yacht Clubs

**Sunday April 6, 2025
11am to 2pm The Thayer Hotel
at West Point**



Two tenets of the HRBYCA Charter are to foster interclub activities and understanding. Member clubs host bi-monthly informational dinners, sponsor events, network, and foster fellowship.

As a culminating annual activity, we Honor and Recognize the Commodores from each club.

Cost: \$50.00 in advance

Cash bar, Door prizes, giveaways, and jazz band. **No Walk-Ins**

**RSVPs (via the Attached Form) and checks must be received by
March 29th.**

For further information contact

Lolly Yacker at lollyyacker@gmail.com

All HRBYCA member club Commodores, Club Officers, club members, and their guests invited.

Respectfully,

Jerry Silverman
President

Lolly Yacker
Event Chair

IMPORTANT NOTES:

The Thayer Hotel is located inside the Highland Falls gate of the US Military Academy at West Point. **PHOTO ID will be required** for everyone in your party to enter the grounds. Free valet parking.

All member club Commodores are non-paying guests of the HRBYCA, but we still need your advance reservation.

Please send your RSVP as soon as possible.



Hudson River Boat and Yacht Club Association

**RSVP form for Commodores' Brunch
Celebrating HRBYCA Golden Anniversary
Hotel Thayer at West Point
11:00 – 2:00 April 6th, 2025**

No Charge for member Commodores, but all attendees must reserve due to limited seating.

\$50 each for all HRBYCA member club officers, members & their guests.

Make Check out to HRBYCA and mail to Treasurer Paul Kisala, 13 Heritage Manor Drive Wayne, NJ, 07470

NO WALK-INS WILL BE ACCEPTED

Name(s) _____

Club name _____

Address _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Please reserve (_____) brunch tickets at \$50 each **Must be received before March 29th, 2025**

Total enclosed \$ _____ # of Check(s) _____

Sorry we can't attend, but wish to support the HRBYCA with a donation _____

Goswald Hughes and the PYC Entertainment Committee Presents

ST. PATRICK'S

15
MAR



5
PM

CELEBRATION DAY

Volunteer leprechauns needed to assist with preparation, serving, and cleanup duties.

5 pm Cocktails - 6 pm Dinner

MUSIC • DRINKS • FOOD

\$25 PER PERSON

On the menu will be a corned beef and cabbage dinner with potatoes, onions, carrots, Irish soda bread, and dessert.

To volunteer and RSVP, contact Goswald at party.pyc@gmail.com



PEEKSKILL YACHT CLUB
PRESENTS

SAINT PATRICK

Irish foods, beer & music

SATURDAY

MARCH 15th 4:00 PM

**(date to be confirmed with
City of Peekskill parade
committee)**

Peekskill parade starts at 3:00 pm

Marchers receive a \$5.00 discount on entry

Members & guests \$20 kids \$10

**US Coast Guard Auxiliary will sponsor a class at
Ossining Boat & Canoe Club, Ossining NY**

Saturday March 29th from 9:00-4:30

Cost is \$50 per person.

RSVP to cgauxfitz@hotmail.com by March 21st. Full details:

UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AUXILIARY



DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
The civilian component of the U. S. Coast Guard
(Authorized by Congress in 1939)

**Take a Boating Safety Course!
United States Coast Guard Auxiliary**

Boat America Course

**This class meets NYS Requirements for Boating License (ages 10 and up)
and Personal Watercraft (PWC) Operator (ages 14 and up)**

**NYS Brianna's Law: All individuals are now required to successfully complete an approved course in boater education in order to operate a motorboat beginning in 2025.*

PWC: Must be at least 14 years old and hold an approved boater safety certificate or be accompanied by someone over 18 years old that holds an approved boater safety certificate.

When: Saturday, Mar 29, 2025, 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM (bring your own lunch)

Where: Ossining Boat and Canoe Club, 1 Westerly Rd. Ossining , NY

Who: All unlicensed boaters and those who could use a refresher

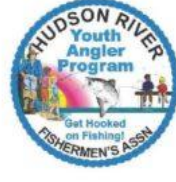
Cost: \$50 per person

Space is limited. RSVP by Friday, Mar 21, 2025

For additional information or to register contact:
Aux Fitzpatrick: cgauxfitz@hotmail.com



**THE
Hudson River
Fishermen's Association**



The HRFA's Annual Awards Dinner
Sunday April 14, 2024
4:00-8:00 PM



Cornetta's Restaurant & Marina
641 Piermont Ave
Piermont, NY 10968
Tel: 845-359-9852

Everyone is invited!

After opening remarks and the introduction of special guests we will have an outstanding dinner (to suit all dietary needs) planned for you, and a cash bar.

- Chilean Sea Bass
- Short Ribs
- Chicken Parmesan

The club's prestigious Pete Barrett Achievement Award, Friend of the Hudson River Award, Robert H. Boyle Lifetime Achievement Award, and annual fishing contest winners for the past year will be presented at this event. There will be loads of door prizes, raffles, and a 50/50 drawing.

Get your tickets today. Seating is limited.

This annual HRFA event should not be missed. For reservations, questions or directions contact any one of the HRFA officers selling tickets (\$75 each):

- Dan Harrison 551-265-3460, DHarrison@cdtresources.com
- Pete Musse 201-233-3119, petemusse@gmail.com
- Scott Havner 845-300-1562, fishon7231@verizon.net
- Arnie Ulrich 201-438-3094, kavester@aol.com

You may also [CLICK HERE](#) to buy tickets on line using PayPal.

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