



## Working Harbor Committee

For the heritage and future of the harbor of New York and New Jersey

### Two-Hour Hidden Harbor® "Beyond Sandy" Boat Tour Explores New York Harbor in the Wake of Hurricane Sandy



Container ship at Red Hook Terminal, where several containers floated across the water to Governors Island. Photo (c) Mitch Waxman

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Tuesday, July 16,  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Aboard the luxury  
tour boat Zephyr,  
departing from South  
Street Seaport's Pier  
16 in Lower  
Manhattan

Expert speakers will examine ways to protect our region from future devastation as

the boat travels from the East River to Newark Bay visiting sites where fires, floods and floating ship containers wreaked havoc.

Hurricane Sandy barreled through our region last October leaving mass destruction in its wake. The question everyone has asked since then is "What can we do better?" This tour, presented by the non-profit Working Harbor Committee in partnership with the New York Water Taxi/Circle Line Downtown, will answer part of the question.

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#### **Tour-goers will see:**

--**The Con Edison 14th Street substation** that caught fire and exploded when salt water surged inside, leaving a large chunk of Manhattan dark for several days

--**The Red Hook Container Terminal**, where surging waters sent shipping containers floating through the harbor until they fetched up on land

--**Port Newark**, where thousands of new cars were destroyed and many caught fire when saltwater

caused their batteries to explode

--**New York Harbor at work today** with tugs, barges, ferries and large ships sharing the waters as the tour boat makes way to the giant container terminals in Port Newark and Elizabeth

--Views of the **Statue of Liberty** and the Manhattan skyline will round out the harbor experience.

## Expert Speakers Focus on Relief Efforts and Future Protection

As the boat travels through New York Harbor special guest speakers **William Hass**, who served as a Senior Policy Advisor for the Mayor Bloomberg's Special Initiative for Rebuilding and Resiliency (SIRR), and **Mike Abrahams**, Technical Director for Structures at the engineering firm Parson Brinkerhoff, will engage in a lively discussion about how to protect our region from future storms.

The SIRR report, which Haas worked on, identified over 250 initiatives to address the challenges of climate change. Abrahams, of Parsons Brinkerhoff, began studying storm surge barriers years before Sandy struck.

In addition, **Nancy Carbone**, Executive Director of the nonprofit Friends of Firefighters, will describe how her group pitched into help with relief efforts. Friends of Firefighters assisted over 500 FDNY families affected by Hurricane Sandy living in Brooklyn, Queens, and Staten Island with food, counseling, supplies and volunteer labor.

**Capt. John Doswell**, Executive Director of the Working Harbor Committee will moderate the discussion and act as tour guide, pointing out port facilities as the boat passes by them.

**Tickets: \$39 adults; \$32 for seniors and Working Harbor Committee members; \$25 children (3-12).** A portion of the ticket price goes to the Working Harbor Committee to support its programming.

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Zephyr, which will depart Pier 16 promptly at 6:30, features two fully enclosed decks, plus an open-air roof deck – all with panoramic views. Snacks and beverages, including wine and beer, will be available for purchase. Note: The tour boat is subject to change to a New York Water Taxi pending day-of conditions.



Photo from Left: Mike Abrahams, William Hass & Nancy Carbone  
Bottom: Zephyr (c) 2012 Mitch Waxman

## Future Events



### Future Events:

**30 Jul - Hidden Harbor:** Brooklyn Tour

**6 August - Special Hidden Harbor Tour:  
Beyond Sandy - High Seas on the Inner Harbor**

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Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on a Hidden Harbor Tour® soon!

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