



Working Harbor Committee

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

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**22nd Annual Running of the Great North River Tugboat Race & Competition
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The highly anticipated 22nd Annual Running of the Great North River Tugboat Race & Competition will be held on:

31 August 2014!!

Sponsored by the Working Harbor Committee, NYC Economic Development Corporation, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises and Friends of Hudson River Park, P. D O'Hurleys, Millers Launch, many other tug companies including Reinauer, McAllister, Kirby, Vane (list in formation), Green Mountain Energy Company and Allens Inc (POPEYE Spinach).

Sunday, 31 August, 2014 - Pier 84, North River West 44th

Street and Hudson River, NYC, NY

[Click here for flyer](#)

10:00 AM – Parade of tugs from Pier 84 to the start line.

10:30 AM – Race starts –

From South of 79th St. Boat Basin (near Pier I) to Pier 84.

11 AM – Nose to nose pushing contests and line toss competition.

12 Noon – Tugs tie up to Pier 84 for lunch and awards ceremony.

Exhibits, amateur line toss, spinach eating contest

1 PM – Awards ceremony. Tugs depart at about 2 PM.

Be in the race!!

Spectator Boat provided by Circle Line Sightseeing

Improved Close Up Views

www.WorkingHarbor.Org or [Click Here for tickets](#)

\$25 adult - \$12 child - 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Boarding begins at 9:00 am

Departs Pier 83 – Foot of West 43rd Street

Next Hidden Harbor Tour- Saturday, 26 July 2014



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Explore the working harbor with the Hidden Harbor Tours® visiting Port Newark and Port Elizabeth.

Enjoy an insider's view of how the working harbor really works and learn about what all those ships and tugs do. Enjoy a close up view of port terminals where giant container ships dock and unload their goods from around the world.

Saturday, 26 July

Boarding @ 10:30 a.m.

Cruising 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises

Pier 83, West 42nd Street and 12th Avenue

Adult Ticket - \$40

WHC members: \$35 (enter code WHCM5 in "Promotional Code" box)

Seniors - \$35

Children - \$26 (3-12)

Tour will be narrated by:

Bill Miller - "Mr. Ocean Liner"

Capt. John Doswell, Working Harbor Committee Executive Director

If you would like a flyer offering the WHC discount to your place of business or an organization, please email the information to: workingharbor@aol.com

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

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Or visit www.circleline42.com or come to the Circle Line Box Office at Pier 83. For more information on the tour, visit www.workingharbor.org

Profile on Bill Miller - noted Maritime Author & Historian



Bill Miller is an international authority on the subject of ocean liners & cruise ships. This includes those great ships of the past, those “floating palaces,” as well as the current generation of cruise ships, the “floating resorts”. Called “Mr. Ocean Liner,” he has written over 80 books on the subject: from early steamers, immigrant ships and liners at war to other titles on their fabulous interiors, in post card form and about the highly collectible artifacts from them. In all, he has also written over 1,000 articles for newspapers, magazines and nautical journals & newsletters. Miller was a public school teacher, in middle school and for social studies, for 32 years. He was named “Teacher of the Year” in 2002.

A native of Hoboken, New Jersey, the once busy port just across the Hudson River from New York City, Miller was named Outstanding American Maritime Scholar in 1994 received the United States Maritime Preservation Award and

also the Ocean Liner Council's Silver Riband Award, both in 2004. Also, he has been chairman of the Port of New York Branch of the World Ship Society, serves on the selection committee for the American Maritime Hall of Fame, created the passenger ship database for the Ellis Island Museum and currently serves as Curator of 20th Century Maritime History at Manhattan's South Street Seaport Museum. By 2011, Miller had 6 new books in the works, was curator to Decodence (an exhibit at the South St Seaport in Manhattan on the design & décor of the grand, 1930s French liner Normandie) and himself was the subject (in 2010) of a one-hour film documentary aptly titled Mr. Ocean Liner.

[Click here to visit Bill Miller's Website](#)

Profile on our Executive Director and tour narrator: Capt. John Doswell

Capt. John Doswell was a writer, designer, producer and software developer for corporate clients, Broadway, films and multi - media presentations for many years. He never lost sight of his passion for the water and eventually turned his complete attention to NYC's waterfront.



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Capt. Doswell is now a waterfront consultant and maritime event producer on

many water events in NYC, including the Great North River Tug Boat Race, City of Water Day, The Liberty Challenge Outrigger Canoe Race, numerous on - water parades & flotillas and many more on - water events.

He serves on the board for several waterfront organizations and founded Friends of Hudson River Park. Capt. Doswell is the Executive Director of Working Harbor Committee and dedicated to educating the people of NYC about the working waterfront through our Hidden Harbor Tours(r).

Elissa Richard from About.com on our Hidden Harbor tours!



NYC Harbor
Cruise: Hidden
Harbor Tours on
Circle Line
Uncover NYC
Industry &
History Via its
Working Harbor

By Elissa
Richard

It's easy for us
New Yorkers to
forget that we're
actually
islanders, and
even easier to

lose sight of the size and scope of the working port that our city's harbor once was . . . and very much still is. In fact, New York Harbor today only trails Long Beach and Los Angeles in California amongst the nation's largest ports in terms of size, and holds the title of the busiest working port on the East Coast.

For some insight into this behind-the-scenes side of NYC, Hidden Harbor Tours recently launched operations aboard Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises (the tours were previously conducted on New York Water Taxi) to showcase a fascinating back-door peek into the goings-on of New York Harbor (including both the New York and New Jersey waterfronts) that's far removed from the typical tourist boat circuits that normally ply these waters. Participants get to ogle nooks and crannies where the other tourist boats don't venture, offering up-close encounters with tugboats, shipping barges, and other assorted maritime vessels, plus plenty of hidden-from-view shoreline sights that you wouldn't be able to see any other way.

Designed by nonprofit organization Working Harbor Committee, the narrated 2.5-hour tours launched in June 2014 and are scheduled to run on select Saturdays through October. Tour-

goers can expect to kick things off with a cruise down the Hudson River alongside Manhattan Island, gaining insight and perspective into the reinvented piers and riverfront en route (now largely yacht-dotted marinas, restaurants/bars, and parks). You're sure to pick up some interesting trivia along the way: For instance, did you know that Chelsea Piers was once a bustling transatlantic terminal, and would have been the final destination for the ill-fated Titanic, had she made her final destination?

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

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