



Working Harbor Committee

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

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary Year

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Brooklyn Tour
Get your tickets today!

Special Guest Speaker: Dan Wiley
Tuesday, 10 July

The Brooklyn Tour Departs from Pier 16 at 6:15pm
(at the end of Fulton Street, South Street Seaport)

Dan Wiley is a Community Coordinator for the Congresswoman Nydia M. Velázquez in southwest Brooklyn, NY. He is also an Adjunct Assistant Professor at Columbia University in the Urban Design Studio. Working in the Congressional office since 2000, he has coordinated planning projects and initiatives spanning waterfront communities from the Brooklyn Navy Yard and downtown Brooklyn southwest to Red

Hook, Gowanus and Sunset Park, Brooklyn. Dan will talk about the changing face of the Brooklyn waterfront, the proposed plans for the future and take questions from the audience.

Brooklyn Waterfront Tour featuring Brooklyn's Maritime Heritage & Future- This tour starts by going up the East River to the former Brooklyn Navy Yard, passing under the Brooklyn and Manhattan Bridges. The Navy Yard has three large graving docks and an active shipyard, as well as the home port of FDNY's fireboat division. We then travel south along the Brooklyn waterfront, passing the new Brooklyn Bridge Park and the Red Hook Container Terminal, Atlantic Basin, and Erie Basin, home of Hughes Brothers Barges and Reinauer Tugs. We continue into Gowanus Bay and along the Sunset Park waterfront, home of the former large Bush Terminals. We then cross over to the Statue of Liberty at sunset and pause for a moment to allow passengers to take photos before returning to Pier 16.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Special Newtown Creek Tour - 22 July 2012



Many people know about the environmental issues facing Newtown Creek, but did you know that the Creek was once the busiest waterway in North America, carrying more industrial tonnage than the entire Mississippi River?

You'll learn much more when Working Harbor Committee's maritime historians and harbor experts put it all in context during Hidden Harbor Tours: Newtown Creek Exploration.

The heart of industrial New York, Newtown Creek was

home port to hundreds of tugboats (one of which is the historic WO Decker). It was also an international destination for oceangoing ships and a vast intermodal shipping and manufacturing hub that employed hundreds of thousands of people. Forming the border of Brooklyn and Queens for nearly three miles, five great cities grew rich along the Newtown Creek's bulkheads -- Greenpoint, Williamsburg, Bushwick, Long Island City and Manhattan itself. The waterway is still a vital part of the harbor and the Working Harbor Committee (WHC) is proud to present this tour as part of the celebration of their tenth anniversary year.

Mitch Waxman, a member of WHC's steering committee and the group's official photographer, also serves with the Newtown Creek Alliance as its group Historian. In addition to working on WHC's boat tours of the Creek, Mitch offers a regular lineup of popular walking tours, and presents a series of well-attended slideshows for political

governmental, antiquarian, historical and school groups. His website -- newtownpentacle.com -- chronicles his adventures along the Newtown Creek and in the greater Working Harbor.

He was recently profiled in the NY Times Metro section, [check out the article here](#).

Upcoming tour: **Hidden Harbor Tours: Newtown Creek Exploration.**

On **22 July**, Mitch shares his unique point of view and deep understanding of the past, present and future conditions of the Newtown Creek as the narrator and expedition leader for this years Hidden Harbor Tours: Newtown Creek Exploration.

Other scheduled speakers are Captain John Doswell of the WHC and special guest speakers from the towing industry and industrial users of the creek.

Our NY Water Taxi leaves from South Street Seaport at 11 a.m. (sharp) on a three hour tour of the Newtown Creek. From the East River we'll move into the Newtown Creek where we'll explore vast amounts of maritime infrastructure, see many movable bridges and discover the very heart of the Hidden Harbor.

Limited seating is available, get your tickets today. [Click Here to purchase tickets!](#)

Don't Miss: Hidden Harbor Walking Tour of Lower Manhattan - Saturday, 21 July

Walking Tours of the Hidden Harbor

If you'd like to explore the working waterfront by land, join us for the new Hidden Harbor Walking Tours. We'll be taking you to places in Lower Manhattan and Staten Island that are hidden or overlooked where you can experience the working harbor's history and its fascinating role today. The 2-hour walking tours, like our boat tours, are narrated by maritime experts, historians, and other titans of the working waterfront.



Photos: Top Left: Staten Island Ferry © 2011 Mitch Waxman Top Right: Mitch Waxman Bottom Left: Capt. Maggie Flanagan Bottom Right: © 2012 Bonnie Harken

Hidden Harbor Walking Tour of Staten Island Guide: Mitch Waxman

Join WHC's Mitch Waxman for an intense exploration of the Staten Island coastline of the

Kill Van Kull, the busy waterway connecting Port Elizabeth-Newark with the lower harbor. Expect tugboats, special guests and a few surprises as we walk the two miles from the Staten Island Ferry terminal at St. George to Sailors Snug Harbor, home of the Noble Maritime Collection, featuring works of maritime artist John A. Noble.

MEET UP

Meet at the St. George Ferry Terminal in Staten Island, walk to the outside plaza at the north end exit (toward the baseball stadium, plaza above/over the cab stand), at 11:00am.

Ends at Snug Harbor Cultural Center & Botanical Garden, Noble Maritime collection at 1:00pm.

Click Here for Tickets

Saturdays, from 11:00am – 1:00pm

28 July, 13 October

Hidden Harbor Walking Tour of Lower Manhattan

Guide: Captain Margaret Flanagan

Join Captain Margaret (Maggie) Flanagan on the walk around the tip of Manhattan from the mouth of the Hudson River to the South Street Seaport Museum on the East River, where New York's port first began and maritime piers in action today. The tour starts with sweeping views out over the harbor from the public roof deck at Robert Wagner, Jr. Park and includes historic Pier A and Battery Park to the US Custom House, Broad Street (the Gentleman's Canal in Dutch times) and the historic shoreline along Pearl Street. Landmarks along the way include Fraunces Tavern, handsome India House, and along the East River, the newly opened waterfront esplanade. We then continue north to the historic ships and structures of the South Street Seaport District. The tour ends at the South Street Seaport Museum where your Hidden Harbor ticket includes admission to its recently inaugurated galleries celebrating the interweaving of the city and the sea.

MEET UP

-Meet at the brick archway/entrance to Robert Wagner, Jr. Park at 20 Battery Place across from the Ritz Carlton Hotel at 1:00pm.

-Ends at the South Street Seaport Museum at 3:00pm.

Click Here for Tickets

Saturdays, from 1 – 3:00pm.

21 July, 11 August

Lower Manhattan tour is limited to 20 people per tour, so book your tickets now! \$20 . Many thanks to the South Street Seaport Museum.

Save the Date! Lighthouse Tour - 18 Aug

Coming Soon!
 A very special
 Hidden
 Harbor Tour
 of the
 Lighthouses
 in the Harbor.

18 August



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Tickets will be available soon.

Hidden Harbor Tour Summer Schedule

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 2012 Hidden Harbor Tours® Schedule

10 JULY Brooklyn Tour	24 JULY Newark Bay Tour	7 AUGUST North River Tour
21 AUGUST Newark Bay Tour	4 SEPTEMBER Brooklyn Tour	18 SEPTEMBER Newark Bay Tour

Additional Special Tours:

- Lighthouse Tour - with the National Lighthouse Museum
- Newtown Creek Tours
- Rail-to-Marine Tour - circumnavigation of Manhattan
- Circumnavigation of Staten Island - Including select Lighthouses
- Visit workingharbor.org for more information

Tours depart from Pier 16, South Street Seaport at 6:15PM (5:30PM in September). Tours are 2 hours.



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

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