



## Working Harbor Committee

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

Celebrating our 10th Anniversary Year

# ON THE HIP\*

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## Circumnavigation of Staten Island - Hidden Harbor Tour



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**Come Join The Working Harbor Committee  
and the [Museum of the City of New York](#)  
on a Special Circumnavigation of Staten Island**

**Saturday, 3 November 2012  
Departs 11:00 am - Returns 2:30 pm**

## Slip 5 at Battery Maritime Building - 10 South Street

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The tour will go over to Kill Van Kull (between Staten Island & Bayonne) passing by oil docks, tug yards and drydocks, then will pass by Shooter's Island (former shipyard, now a bird sanctuary), the New York Container Terminal, south through Arthur Kill past the graveyard of ships at Witte's\* and Fresh Kills landfill (former giant garbage dump, now being developed as parkland), more ship terminals, Tottenville at the southern tip, then north up the east side of SI and Stapleton, the former US Navy Home Port, the home of the brand new FDNY fire boat Firefighter II and Miller's Launch. Included in the tour will be the following Lighthouses: Princes Bay, Old Orchard, West Bank, and Ft Wadsworth. On our way back we go by the Robbins Reef Light, Military Ocean Terminal and Global Container Terminal, and pause at the Statue of Liberty before returning to The Battery Maritime Building.

*\*The Witte Marine Scrapyard, aka the graveyard of ships, was once one of the largest marine scrapyards on the East Coast. It is now the Donjon Iron and Metal Scrap Processing Facility. The Yard was opened in 1964 by J. Arnold Witte, Sr. Half sunk in the mud is a huge collection of tugs, ferries, car floats, and more. At one time the vessels arrived faster than Witte could scrap them. Today the remains are slowly disappearing. There are several interesting or historic vessels here, including the FDNY fire boat Abram S. Hewitt. The graveyard of ships is a very popular point of interest on the Circumnavigation of Staten Island Tour.*

### **Featured speakers include:**

**Michael Marrella**, AICP, Director of Waterfront and Open Space Planning for the New York City Department of City Planning.

**Capt John Doswell**, Executive Director, Working Harbor Committee

Plus speakers from Miller's Launch, the Museum of the City of New York and others to be named soon.

### RESERVATIONS AND PREPAYMENT REQUIRED

\$35 Museum of the City of New York members; South Street Seaport  
Museum members; Working Harbor Committee

### **WHC - enter code WHC113 when asked on checkout**

\$40 general public

Tour meets at the Battery Maritime Building, Slip 5.

The Battery Maritime Building is located at

[10 South Street in lower Manhattan](#), adjacent to the Staten Island Ferry.

**By subway:** 1 to South Ferry; 4, 5 to Bowling Green; R to Whitehall St.

**By bus:** M6, M9, M15

Our vessel, *SeaStreak* has a snack & beverage concession on board, but guests are welcome to bring their own food. *SeaStreak* is wheelchair accessible on the main deck only. The boat has two large fully covered decks in addition to an open deck – the tour is  
rain or shine

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## Profile: Michael Marrella

Michael Marrella, AICP, is the Director of Waterfront and Open Space Planning for the New York City Department of City Planning. Michael is responsible for directing waterfront land use policy for the agency. He also advises the Chair and members of the City Planning Commission on the planning and land use issues affecting waterfront and open space areas and acts as the primary liaison to a wide range of stakeholders including elected officials, community organizations, and private sector entities on matters of land use, zoning and economic development related to waterfront and open space. Michael is also an Assistant Professor at the Pratt Institute.



Michael previously served as Project Director for Vision 2020: the New York City Comprehensive Waterfront Plan, Manager of Environmental Planning on the Freshkills Park project, as a planner for AKRF, Inc., a planning consulting firm, and for the Town of Smithtown, NY. Michael holds a Master in City Planning from MIT and a BA from Vassar College.

The Working Harbor Committee was proud to be a partner in the development of Vision 2020 with Michael and applauds his leadership in developing this 10 year plan that includes New York's important working waterfront.

**Tall Ship *Lynx* Visits New York City**



**The Celebrated War of 1812 Tall Ship *Lynx* “America’s Privateer”  
will arrive at North Cove Marina in New York City  
8:00 am on Thursday, October 25th**

To commemorate the 200th anniversary of the war of 1812, the Privateer *Lynx*, a 122-foot square top sail schooner, will be sailing into North Cove Marina on Thursday, 25 Oct at noon. A gala flotilla will welcome her with a grand entrance. *Lynx* will be open to the public for viewing starting at 1 p.m. on the 25th and will depart on Wednesday, 31 Oct.

**Public Schedule:**

25 October, Thursday Grand Arrival 8:00 am  
Ship Tours: 1:00 – 5:00 pm

26 October, Friday  
Ship Tours: 10:00 - 5:00 pm

27 October, Saturday  
Public Sail: 11:30 - 1:30 pm  
Ship Tours: 2:30 - 5:00 pm

28 October, Sunday  
Ship Tours: 10:00 - 11:30 am - 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
Public Sail: 12:30 - 2:30 pm

29 October, Monday

Ship Tours: 10:00 - 12:00 pm - 4:00 – 5:00 pm  
Public Sail: 1:00 – 3:00 pm

30 & 31 October, Tuesday & Wednesday  
Public Tours: 10:00 - 5:00 pm

For reservations, ticketing & donations visit [www.privateerlynx.org](http://www.privateerlynx.org).  
All proceeds help benefit the educational programs taught aboard *Lynx*

## **Jobs: Supervising Dockmasters in the Marine Division at NYC Parks.**

NYC Department of Parks & Recreation has two positions open for Supervising Dockmasters in the Marine Division. These are full-time positions with full benefits . For more information or information on how to apply, contact Nate Grove at [nate.grove@parks.nyc.gov](mailto:nate.grove@parks.nyc.gov) or (347) 386-5877.

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

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