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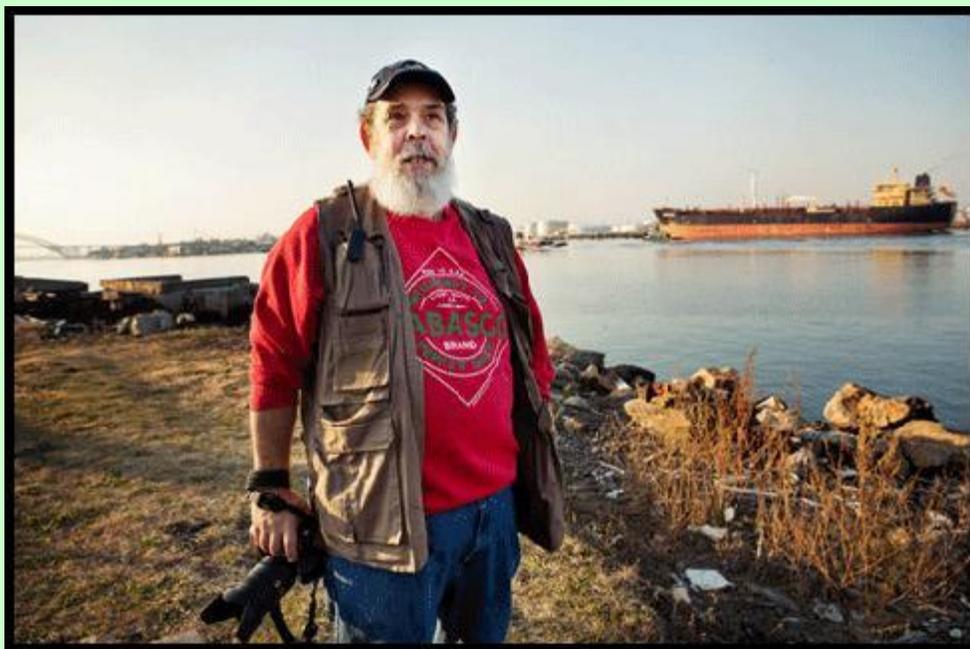


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WHC member and weekly contributor to the Working Harbor Blog John Skelson is featured in the New York Times!

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2013 Review

Sailing Ships at Work - Past, Present, Future



This year's program focused on sailboats at work delivering cargo, training young seafarers and looking to the future with a variety of high tech sail configurations that that can be used to harness wind power to help propel large cargo ships, providing a huge fuel cost savings.

Expert guest speakers Norman Brouwer, Capt. Margaret Flanagan and Rick Spilman lead the discussion and answered questions.

2013 Review

Beyond Sandy Tours

Beyond Sandy was a special series of narrated Hidden Harbor Tours® that focused on the array of global warming and sea-level rise protection schemes being discussed by government, private institutions and citizens. Special guest speakers discussed and posed questions such as:



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Are Netherlands-style sea barriers the answer?

How did various neighborhoods fare and why?

Fight the ocean or retreat?

How did the working harbor fare & help?

Some of the ideas that were discussed included massive sea gates, building beach dunes, modifying zoning for flood resistance (i.e. move utilities higher), sealing or waterproofing infrastructure (i.e. balloons or gates at tunnel entrances), devise better strategies for toxic materials during a flood, update flood maps & provide interactive projections, build oyster reefs, soften edges, implement wetlands restoration, establish a regional office of sea level rise, improve fuel delivery and reserve strategies, and much more..

2013 Review

Hidden Harbor Tours(r) on the luxury yacht *Zephyr*



Photo (c) Mitch Waxman

This year's Hidden Harbor Tours were a hit! There were three tour destinations:

Port Newark & Port Elizabeth Tour

This tour passed by the Red Hook Container Terminal and visited Erie Basin, home of Hughes Brothers Barges and Reinauer Tugs before crossing the harbor toward Staten Island. It entered Kill Van Kull, the area's busiest waterway dividing Staten Island and Bayonne, passing tug yards, oil docks and marine repair facilities. It passed under the Bayonne Bridge and visited the giant container ports of Newark Bay, Port Newark and Port Elizabeth where the world's largest container ships tie up. On the way back it passed by Military Ocean Terminal, the 9/11 Teardrop Memorial, the Robbins Reef Lighthouse and another container port, ending up at the Statue of Liberty for a moment before returning to Pier 16.

Brooklyn Tour

This tour went up the East River to the former Brooklyn Navy Yard, passed 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. The tour then traveled 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. It continued into Gowanus Bay and along the Sunset Park waterfront, home of the former large Bush Terminals. Before returning to Pier 16 it passed by the Statue of Liberty for a sunset photo moment.

North River Tour

This tour began by passing around the southern tip of Manhattan and the large ferry terminals to Staten Island and Governors Island. It then traveled north up along the west side of Manhattan passing the Battery & Castle Clinton, then most of Hudson River Park, including historic ships, ferry terminals, fireboat terminals, historic Pier 57, Chelsea Piers, excursion boats, the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum and finally the passenger ship terminals. It then crossed over to the New Jersey side passing the historic Hoboken waterfront scene of "On The

Waterfront", another active shipyard, Morris Canal entrance and finally, as all our tours do, visited the Statue of Liberty for a moment before returning to Pier 16.

New Tours for 2014

New tours are being dicussed for 2014 inlcuding a tour of the islands in the East River: Roosevelt Island, Mill Rock, Wards Island, North and South Brother Islands and maybe even Rikers Island.

If you have an idea for a new tour, be sure and let us know. Time frame is 2 hours generally, although for some tours we go as long as 3+ hours.

2013 Review High School and Senior Program Tours

In 2013 we hosted free Hidden Harbor Tours for over 800 seniors from Manhattan on Circle Line 42 vessels thanks to a grant from Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer.

The WHC continued our maritime youth educational programs thanks to the support of The Marine Society of the City of New York and NYC Council Speaker Christine Quinn. Our educational programs teach high school students about the job opportunities afforded in the maritime industry and the educational requirements needed to achieve these jobs through workshops and dedicated Hidden Harbor boat tours.

2013 Review Sizzlin' Summer Party on the tall ship El Galeon

This year we celebrated Working Harbor Committee Chair Roberta Weisbrod's Birthday on the tall ship *El Galéon*. *El Galéon* visted NYC for a few weeks this summer and docked at Pier 84 across from the *Intrepid*. Of couse this was the perfect spot to host our annual Sizzlin'



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Summer Party in which we raised a glass to toast Roberta on her Birthday. It was a perfect evening on with music by the Tiki Brothers, dancing under the stars, and food by Monica Byrne & Leisah Swenson, Roquette Catering.

2013 Review
Special Hidden Harbor Tours:



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Newtown Creek Tour

Our annual Newtown Creek Tour is on a smaller charter boat and narrated by Working Harbor Committee photographer and Newtown Creek expert Mitch Waxman. The comfortable charter boat traveled up Newtown Creek

and paused at many interesting locations for narration and discussion. This year we also visited the Brooklyn Navy yard up close and personal as well.

Circumnavigation of Staten Island

Our last tour of the season this year was in November and circumnavigated Staten Island on board the luxury vessel *Zephyr*. This sold out tour passed by several lighthouses as well as the following points of interest: St George, Kill Van Kull, Arthur Kill, Graveyard of Ships, Tottenville, Stapleton, home of Fireboat Fighter II. It was a great success and great end to the season.

2013 Review
21st Annual North River Tugboat Race & Competition

Another magnificent and memorable day on the river!

The 1st day of September proved to be an amazing and record breaking day for the Annual Tugboat Race. 12 Tugboats and 1 retired Fireboat raced along the Hudson from Pier

I at 72nd Street to Pier 84 at 44th Street. The fireboat John J. Harvey was not in the competition but led the Parade of Tugs up the river and raced along side them in exhibition and encouragement.

Also along side the tugs racing down the river was the Circle Line Spectator Boat. On board these spectators had the best seat in the house as they watched a record breaking finish by tug Resolute of McAllister Towing with a time of 5 minutes. In fact the race as a whole was the fastest overall in the 21 years of the competition. There was one exception and also another record broken, the slowest finishing time of 30 minutes went to Lt. Michael Murphy. Lt Michael Murphy broke down mid race but did not quit. After some repairs, owner Scott Keon and his crew made it past the finish line and were awarded 3rd Place in Division C.

In addition to all this excitement, Miller's Launch Tug Debora Miller brought the best mascot we have ever seen in tugrace history....an actual live donkey. Indeed the donkey won the award for Best Mascot.



Top Left:(c) Diane Storm Top Right:(c) Jhoneen Preece-Doswell
Bottom Left: (c) Mitch Waxman Bottom Right: (c) Jhoneen Preece-Doswell

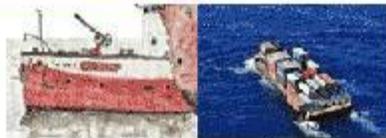
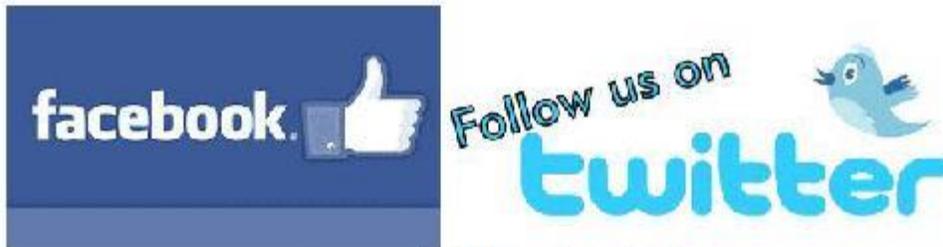
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Tickets will be available soon for our annual fundraiser that supports our mission to educate people about the working harbor of New York/New Jersey, as well as our high school program. A link will be provided in the next On The Hip.

However we accept donations at any time ([Click Here](#)) which are fully tax deductible and help support our mission. Now is a good time.

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

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