



Working Harbor Committee

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

ON THE HIP*

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Newtown Creek Special Tour - Tickets Still Available



Photo (c) Mitch Waxman
Looking out towards Manhattan from the Creek

Newtown Creek Tour Scheduled for 21 May 2011

Departing Pier 17 - End of Fulton Street - South Street Seaport

10:00 am to 1:00 pm on the yacht *American Princess*

**Three Hour Intensive Tour with several guest speakers, map of Newtown Creek
and refreshments - \$60**

Come aboard for an intense Newtown Creek exploration! Our comfortable charter boat will travel the length of Newtown Creek. The tour will pause at many interesting

locations for narration and discussion. Guest narrators will cover historical, environmental, and conservation issues. Large comfortable vessel with indoor & outdoor seating. Cruise runs rain or shine.

Order soon - this tour has sold out in the past

[For Tickets Click here](#)

Special Guest Speaker - 10 May Hidden Harbor Tour



Another great photo by Bernard Ente
A sight you'll see only on a WHC Hidden Harbor Tour

Special Guest Speaker for 10 May Tour

WHC Director Capt Peter Johansen

Peter Johansen is Chief Operating Officer for Great American Lines which operates the MV Sunbelt Spirit, a car carrier

transporting Toyotas from Japan to the US. Prior to joining GALI, Pete was the Director of Operations for New York Waterway. For thirty years, Pete was a commissioned officer in the United States Naval Reserve, rising to the rank of Captain and is a graduate of SUNY Maritime College with a BS in Marine Transportation.

Reserve your ticket today!!

Tuesday, 10 May - The Newark Bay Tour

Featuring the Kill Van Kull, Bayonne Bridge and the Giant Container Ports of Newark Bay

also

Tuesday, 24 May - The Brooklyn Tour

Featuring Brooklyn's Maritime Heritage & Future - Brooklyn Navy Yard to Sunset Park

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

[Click Here for Information on all Summer Hidden Harbor Tours\(r\)](#)

New Tours - Hidden Harbor Tour Season Schedule Updated

The Working Harbor Committee and Circle Line Downtown announce an expanded series of Hidden Harbor Tours® for 2011 with twice as many tours and a new route added. The tours will be 2 hours in length, embarking and debarking from Pier 16

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP
All tours at 6:15 pm (except September at 5:30 pm) Tours are 2 hours on the Yacht <i>MV Zephyr</i> Pier 16 at the end of Fulton Street – South Street Seaport				
10 May NEWARK BAY TOUR	15 June NEWARK BAY TOUR	12 July NEWARK BAY TOUR	9 Aug NEWARK BAY TOUR	13 Sept NEWARK BAY TOUR
24 May BROOKLYN TOUR	28 June NORTH RIVER TOUR	26 July BROOKLYN TOUR	23 Aug NORTH RIVER TOUR	27 Sept BROOKLYN TOUR
Newtown Creek Tour is 10:00 am to 1:00 pm 3 Hour Intensive tour on <i>American Princess</i> Pier 17 at the end of Fulton Street – South Street Seaport				
21 May Newtown Creek	More Tours to Come	Special OpenHouse NewYork Tour	Special Lighthouse Tour	Special Lighthouse Tour

on the East River, on Circle Line Downtown's luxurious large motor yacht *MV Zephyr*. Each tour includes an expert narrator as well as additional guest speakers from the maritime industry.

The tours include "hidden" maritime facilities in NY Harbor, including locations such as East and North Rivers, Upper New York Bay, Kill Van Kull, Arthur Kill, Newark Bay, Buttermilk Channel, Atlantic Basin, Erie Basin, Gowanus Bay and the waters of Upper NY Harbor.

Tour 1 - The Newark Bay Tour

Tour 2 - The Brooklyn Tour

Tour 3- North River Tour (new for 2011)

For more information, visit www.Workingharbor.Org or www.circlelinedowntown.com

What Does "On The Hip" Mean, Anyway...

Whether it's a single barge, a group of barges made up as a single unit, or a vessel, when being moved by a tugboat, it's called the "tow" (singular). A tug can move a tow in one of three different ways:



Astern - The tug pulls the tow via a tow

An image of a car float (carrying RR cars) being towed "on the hip" by a tug
Note the lookout crew member on the barge with radio - the captain can't see!
Photo (c) Bernard Ente

line from the stern of the tug. This is common for ocean towing but less used in confined harbors as it may be difficult to keep the tow from swinging side to side.

Pushing - The tug ties off behind the tow, and pushes it forward. This provides a greater deal of control compared to towing astern.

Alongside (on the hip) – The tug ties up alongside the tow, typically aft of the midpoint of the tow. This method also provides a good deal of control.

For more definitions, [click here](#)

Some announcements



Lighthouse Tours planned for August & September - Tickets will be available soon
Co-sponsored with the National Lighthouse Museum
([Click Here](#) for the Museum site)

A special OpenHouse NewYork tour will be offered in June. This tour sold out in 2 days last year so we will be on a larger boat this year (MV Zephyr). Tickets soon.

([Click Here](#) for OHNY site)

NYSMEA is the New York State Marine Education Association and we share several members with the Working Harbor Committee Steering Committee. Check out this event ([Click Here](#) for the conference) ([Click Here](#) for NYSMEA site)

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

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