



Working Harbor Committee

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

Working Harbor News

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Brooklyn's Maritime Past, Present & Future
Space still available on the 13 July Tour

Brooklyn's Maritime Past, Present & Future

Featuring the birthplace of intermodal
shipping and plans for the future

Guest speaker, **Venetia Lannon, Sr.**
Vice President Maritime, NYC
Economic Development Corp.

Space still available on our 13 July Tour.

Order your ticket today!

13 July - 6:15 pm

For Tickets: [click here](#)



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Tug Boat Rides!!!

Working Harbor Committee is pleased to announce by popular request tugboat rides are now available.

Reserve a ride on 1930 Tugboat *W.O. Decker*

To reserve your seat go to

www.WorkingHarbor.Org

Fridays - 16 July, 23 July and 30 July - Introductory price: \$40

Note: *W. O. Decker* is offering a special 4th of July harbor tour during the fireworks, 7:30 to 10:30 pm, \$60. A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Working Harbor Committee. To reserve email Reservations@SeaNY.Org

For tugboat charters on *W. O. Decker* or the working tug *Cornell*, email John@WorkingHarbor.Org

A little history about *W.O. Decker*:

Net Tonnage: 18 **Length:** 52 ft. (overall) **Breadth:** 15 ft. **Depth:** 5.6 ft. **Horsepower:** 175 **Draft:** 6 The wooden tugboat *W.O. Decker* was built in Long Island City, Queens in 1930 for the Newtown Creek Towing Company, a firm specializing in berthing ships and barges in the creek that separates Brooklyn and Queens. Originally called the *Russell I* for the towing company's owners, she was renamed the *W.O. Decker* in 1946 after being sold to the Decker family's Staten Island tugboat firm. One of the last steam-powered tugs built in this harbor, she was later refitted with a diesel engine. In 1986, the *W.O. Decker* was donated to the museum, where she is used in a variety of ways, from daily waterfront maintenance to private charters.



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Profile: Terry Walton - Vice Chair of the Working Harbor Committee

Terry Walton is vice chair of the Working Harbor Committee and an active volunteer in its programs and tours. She is a founder and current honorary trustee of South Street Seaport Museum and the founding editor of *Seaport Magazine*, and a member of the Marine Society of the City of New York. As a maritime editor and author she has written extensively about New York Harbor since the 1970s. Her most recent book *Harbor Voices – New York Harbor tugs, ferries, people, places, & more* was published in fall 2008 by the National Maritime Historical Society.



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Terry is a life-long sailor and comes from a waterborne family. Her father skippered a Coast Guard LST in World War II, sailed throughout his lifetime in local and transatlantic vessels, and later sailed aboard the square-rigged ship *Tusitala*. Her grandfather served in the New York Militia during the Spanish American War and trained aboard the square-rigged ship U.S.S. *New Hampshire* in New York Harbor.

Today Terry spends all possible moments out in the harbor. Her most recent glorious day was walking along Beard Street in Red Hook, seeing the land sides of Erie and Atlantic Basins, en route to reading in a Waterfront Authors Festival on David Sharps' Waterfront Barge.

Terry is hosting a special Geology tour on 22 July - see next story

Special *Harbor Voices* Geology Tour

NY Harbor Geology Tour

Aboard the elegant 80-foot motor yacht
Manhattan

Thursday, 22 July 2010, 6:00-8:30 pm
Wine and Cheese at 6 pm, Departs at 6:30 pm
sharp
Pier 62/Foot of West 22nd Street , NYC

Drinks, dinner & harbor explorations



With *Harbor Voices* author Terry Walton, Geologist Sidney Horenstein and Working Harbor Committee Executive Director Capt. John Doswell

A special Working Harbor committee Hidden Harbor Tour® celebrating the harbor's extraordinary glacial & geological creations - islands, rivers, rocks, coves, towering palisades, & more.

\$125 per person. For reservations [Link Here](#) or call 212-757-1600.

Space LIMITED to 40 passengers - please reserve early. Office or yachting attire.

The 2010 Great North River Tugboat Race & Competition is coming soon!

When: 5 September

Where: Pier 84 at the foot of West 44th Street

As always a spectator boat will be offered

More details to come soon. For updated info please see our website www.WorkingHarbor.com



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Sad News



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Renown tugboat photographer and writer Don Sutherland passed away recently. He was a friend of the Working Harbor Committee and produced some great photos of our annual tug boat race.

To see examples of his work please visit: don-sutherland.com

He will be sadly missed by the WHC and the entire New York Harbor maritime industry. This year's Tugboat Race on 5 September 2010 will be dedicated in his memory.

WHC members John Doswell, Maggie Flanagan, Jonathan Atkins and Betsy Haggerty attended his memorial on 22 June on board Portside New York's tanker Mary Whalen. [See NY Times article here](#)

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

**Capt. John Doswell - Executive Director - Working Harbor Committee -
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