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Welcome to the Hidden Harbor's working waterfront! The world of working maritime vessels and facilities is both fascinating as well as vitally important to our local economy. Our narrated tours provide a fascinating look at the "behind the scene" workings of NY Harbor. The summer season of Hidden Harbor tours kicks off with two exciting June tours: our Brooklyn Waterfront tour followed by our Newark Bay tour.

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Brooklyn Waterfront – 5 June

Our special guest narrator on this tour will be Andrew Genn, Sr. V.P. of the Maritime Dept. at the NYC Economic Development Corp. In his role at the NYCEDC, Andrew supervises planning and policy initiatives related to waterborne freight and passenger transportation, air cargo facility planning, rail passenger and freight transportation. Andrew will speak about his background on developing strategic plans that helped shape the Citywide Waterfront Plan and how this relates to development on the Brooklyn Waterfront.

The tour starts from South Street Seaport, and goes 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, home to several large fireboats including the retired historic Firefighter, now replaced by a brand new state of the art fireboat Firefighter II.

Newark Bay – 19 June

Our special guest speaker on this tour will be Pete Johansen, COO of Great American Lines, a company that has a proven performance record providing ocean transportation of both automotive and refrigerated cargoes for two-way trading on the same vessel. Pete will speak about the importance of his company to our working waterfronts, the role of port terminals, type of goods we import/export and how goods are loaded and unloaded at our ports.

The Newark Bay tour visits Erie Basin, home of Hughes Brothers Barges and Reinauer Tugs before crossing the harbor to “tugboat alley” – the Kill Van Kull, the area's busiest waterway dividing Staten Island and Bayonne, NJ. Passing tug yards, oil docks and marine repair facilities, and onto the giant container ports of Newark Bay, Port Newark and Port Elizabeth where the world's largest container ships tie up.

On the return trip, we pass by Military Ocean Terminal, Robbins Reef Lighthouse and another container port. Our Hidden Harbor tour also visits the 9/11 Teardrop Memorial, the only tour to feature this unique memorial.

North River Hidden Harbor Tour

Coming up in July, this tour travels around the southern tip of Manhattan and the large ferry terminals to Staten Island and Governors Island.

We tour the North River along the west side of Manhattan, passing the Battery & Castle Clinton, Hudson River Park, Historic Ships Pier 25, ferry terminals, the new fireboat terminals, historic Pier 57, Chelsea Piers, the Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum and the passenger cruise ship terminals. Continuing onto the New Jersey side passing the historic Hoboken waterfront, scene of "On The Waterfront", active shipyards and the Morris Canal entrance.

We wrap-up all our Hidden Harbor tours with a photo-op moment at the Statue of Liberty before returning to Pier 16.

Our tours are offered throughout the summer, and are narrated by maritime experts who know the harbor intimately – port officials, tugboat captains, maritime historians and many other experts.

Check our website for our Newark Bay, Brooklyn and North River tour dates and times.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Brooklyn Tour Narrator Bio : Andrew Genn



Andrew Genn
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Andrew Genn is Senior Vice President of the Maritime Department at NYCEDC. In his role, Andrew supervises planning and policy initiatives related to waterborne freight and passenger

City Of Water Day 2011 - Katie Axt and Andrew Genn

transportation, air cargo facility planning, rail passenger and freight transportation.

Andrew has worked at NYCEDC since 1997 and was responsible for leading the Strategic Plan for the Redevelopment of the Port of New York, the Comprehensive Port Improvement Plan, and the Maritime Support Services Location Study. These projects provided key guidance to the recently adopted Citywide Waterfront Plan and the Mayor's Waterfront Vision and Enhancement Strategy.

Andrew attended Cornell University (B.S. Urban Studies) and the City University Graduate Center (M.S. Political Science). He lives in Manhattan with his wife and two children.

Newark Bay Tour Narrator Bio: Pete Johansen

Pete Johansen began his career in the maritime industry when he graduated from SUNY Maritime College with a BS degree in Marine Transportation. In 1988, Pete Johansen began working for



Left: Pete Johansen Right: Photo © Mitch Waxman

Sea-Land Services at their container terminal in Elizabeth, New Jersey. During this period he completed an MS degree in Transportation Management at SUNY Maritime College.

In the spring of 1996, Pete Johansen started employment with Great American Lines in Roseland, New Jersey as Manager of Liner Services. In this capacity he coordinated the vehicle discharges in the U.S. and the loading of Florida citrus for return to Japan. From 2000 through 2004, Pete Johansen was the Director of Marine Operations for New York Waterway, the largest private ferry operator in the U.S. Under his leadership, the fleet of 24 ferry boats evacuated more than 160,000 from Manhattan after the terror attacks on September 11, 2001.

Returning to Great American Lines in 2004, Pete Johansen was named to the position of Vice President and then in 2009 the position of Chief Operating Officer. In May of 2009, Pete Johansen retired from the US Naval Reserve after 30 years of service. In 2003 he was recalled to active duty in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom for a seven month period with tours in Turkey, Italy and Poland. In 2007 he was recalled for one year to operate the military port operations in Kuwait.

Pete Johansen lives with his wife Denise in West Hempstead, New York. They have four children, Christopher (24), Timothy (23), Katherine (20) and Jennifer (18).

Hidden Harbor Tour Summer Schedule

Working Harbor Committee 2012 Hidden Harbor Tours® Schedule

5 JUNE Brooklyn Tour	19 JUNE Newark Bay Tour	2 OR 3 JULY Brooklyn Tour
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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Opsail 2012 Review

By Mai Armstrong



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On 22 May, the evening before OpSail's Parade of Sail, WHC operated a special preview tour of the International Tall Ships anchored in Gravesend Bay.

The Verrazano Narrows Bridge shrouded in fog, revealed the first hint of the Tall Ships as we approached the bridge. We were able to circle each of the magnificent vessels moored in the bay on the MV Zephyr several times, waving at exuberant crews on deck.

Spain's Juan Sebastian de Elcano was anchored near a tanker. As we motored in close to the 3rd largest sail ship in the world, we could see her gilt figurehead of Minerva. Our boat toured around Guayas of Ecuador, Mexico's Cuauhtémoc, Cisne Branco of Brazil, Colombia's ARC Gloria and KRI Dewaruci of Indonesia who were anchored within yards of each other.

As we circled slowly, there was ample opportunity to see the details of each ship; their figureheads, rigging, fine wood wheelhouses and massive masts. Norman Brouwer, eminent maritime historian, enthralled passengers with his narration of historical facts about the Tall Ships and Operation Sail.

Indonesian Navy's Dewaruci was the most enthusiastic, her crew treating us to an impromptu Indonesian dance on deck complete with oversized ceremonial masks.

As the fog closed in and darkness began to fall, our boat headed back towards Manhattan, stopping at the Statue of Liberty for a photo-op. We were pleasantly surprised when we

saw USCG Eagle gleaming in the illumination from Liberty's lights.

A perfect finale to our evening with the Tall Ships.

Anticipation of the next morning festivities was high, with many evening preview tour passengers booked on our Official OpSail spectator boat for the morning's grand Parade of Sail and Ships.

Leaving South Street Seaport, a light breakfast brunch was enjoyed as we motored into our optimal viewing position across from the USS Intrepid.

The Tall Ships having begun their journey from the Verrazano Narrows had made the turn at the George Washington Bridge to sail south on the Hudson to meet the Parade of Coalition Ships, the "Grey Hulls" which were sailing northward. Our own Executive Director, Capt John Doswell, had taken a leave of absence to be OpSail's Port Captain & Parade of Sail Commander. He was on the USCG Cutter Hammerhead near the head of the parade.

The fleet of Tall Ships was lead by Fireboat John J. Harvey who sprayed her water jets into the air, as Juan Sebastian de Elcano of Spain met USCG Eagle who was leading the fleet of Grey Hulls at exactly 12:00 as planned, thanks to the expertise of the Sandy Hook Pilots who were on each large vessel. And just as you thought things couldn't get more exciting, the US Navy's Blue Angels flew overhead in perfect formation streaking the cloudy sky with their jets.

The North River was filled with vessels of every shape and size; schooners, barques, commercial cruisers, tugboats, pilots and of course dozens and dozens of Tall Ships and Coalition Ships. The skies above crisscrossed with military planes, fighter jets and helicopters, some dipping their wings in salute over the parade.

The USS WASP brought up the rear, the gigantic aircraft carrier filling the horizon as she approached through the fog. The crisp white uniforms of her crew at attention on deck, punctuating the grey Manhattan skyline.

It was truly magnificent.

Many thanks to WHC Steering Committee Chair, Capt Betsy Haggerty, and all the WHC volunteers for their help organizing these special tours.

Staten Island & Kill Van Kull Walking Tours

NEW – Walking Tours of the Hidden Harbor

Join Working Harbor's team of maritime experts and historians on our new Hidden Harbor Walking Tours. Explore the historic shorelines of Lower Manhattan and Staten Island's Kill Van Kull and



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experience the Working Harbor's fascinating history from the landward side in an intimate setting. Two hours in length, these excursions will intimately discuss the past, present, and future of the Working Harbor of New York and New Jersey.

Hidden Harbor Walking Tour of Staten Island

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.

Tour Leader Bio

Mitch Waxman is a photographer and historian known for his work documenting Newtown Creek and the Hidden Harbor. A Working Harbor Steering Committee Member and official photographer, Mitch enjoys sharing the obscure, unique and often overlooked facets of the harbor of New York and New Jersey.

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, Nobel Maritime collection at 1:00pm.

Dates: Saturdays, from 11:00am – 1:00pm

30 June, 28 July, 13 October

Staten Island tour is limited to 30 people each tour, so book your tickets now! \$20

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

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Hidden Harbor Walking Tour of Lower Manhattan River to River



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Hidden Harbor Walking Tour of Lower Manhattan

Join us 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.

Tour Leader Bio

Captain Margaret (Maggie) Flanagan, a Working Harbor Committee member, works for Classic Harbor Lines on schooners and the classic motor vessel Manhattan, and on the historic schooner Pioneer. She was formerly the director of marine education at the South Street Seaport Museum and has always been an avid fan of tall ships and boats in

general, particularly historic vessels. From her long association with the South Street Seaport Museum, she has become an expert in the connections between the Lower Manhattan area and the sea, and has conducted numerous similar walking tours prior to becoming part of the Working Harbor Committee.

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.

Dates: Saturdays, from 1 – 3:00pm.

16 June, 21 July, 11 August

Lower Manhattan tour is limited to 20 people per tour, so book your tickets now! \$20

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Many thanks to the [South Street Seaport Museum](#)

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

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