



Working Harbor Committee

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

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Spring Evening Program - Sailing Ships at Work, Past, Present, and Future



Join the Working Harbor Committee for a special program with dramatic film clips, lively discussion and plentiful refreshments.

Wednesday 10 April 2013

**6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Community Church of New York
40 East 35th Street**

This year's program will focus on sailboats at work—delivering cargo, training young seafarers and looking to the future with a variety of high-tech sail configurations 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 will lead the discussion and answer questions.

The evening program will feature film and video clips showing:

- the **massive windjammers** of a century ago as they struggled to round Cape Horn;
- onboard shots on **today's sail-training ships**, including the U.S. Coast Guard Barque Eagle;
- present-day **sail demonstration projects**, such as the cocoa-bean run from the Dominican Republic to Brooklyn for Mast Brothers Chocolate; the 105-foot Dutch brigantine Tres Hombres which has been delivering cargo to Atlantic and Caribbean ports since 2009, and more;
- **revolutionary new designs** such as the fully automated Star Clipper cruise ships, and the 289-foot yacht Maltese Falcon that carries 15 square sails on rotating masts—all computer controlled;
- **visits to design studios** where naval architects are developing pioneering designs for sail-assisted cargo ships.

Program produced by WHC's Betsy Frawley Haggerty, Chair WHC Steering Committee, author and sailing instructor and Rick Spilman

Please come and join the discussion.

**For Tickets, [Click Here](#)
or go to www.WorkingHarbor.Org**

Profile: Norman Brouwer



Norman Brouwer, maritime historian, writer and lecturer, former curator of ships at South Street Seaport Museum, will be one of our 3 guest speakers on 10 April at the *Sailing Ships at Work* evening program. He will talk about the days merchant sailing ships lined the docks in New York Harbor.

Currently, Norman Brouwer is a maritime historic preservation consultant. He is a historic photos archival volunteer at Mystic Seaport Museum. In the Past Brouwer has worked as the Curator of Ship Restoration, Marine Historian, & Librarian at South Street Seaport Museum.

Norman was a Mate on a research vessel at the National Science Foundation, Polar Programs and the Third and Second Mate on various cargo vessels and shipping companies. Norman Brouwer is the author of

International Register of Historic Ships and other nautical publications.

For Tickets to ***Sailing Ships at Work*** [Click Here](#)

Profile: Capt. Margaret Flanagan

Capt. Flanagan, a marine educator, tall ship sailor and licensed captain who works at South Street Seaport Museum and Classic Harbor Line. Capt Flanagan will be one of our 3 guest speakers on 10 April at the *Sailing Ships at Work* evening program. She will speak about the importance of sail training.

Captain Margaret (Maggie) Flanagan is a native New Yorker who believes that our waters and waterfront are public resources, deserving increased public access and transparent management. She works as a marine educator, helping students and the public to better understand and appreciate the harbor, and also as a merchant mariner on passenger vessels including schooner Pioneer and yacht Manhattan.



In addition to serving on Working Harbor Committee's Steering Committee, Maggie enjoys volunteering for the Urban Assembly New York Harbor School, the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, and the NY - NJ Harbor & Estuary Program. Maggie has always been an avid fan of tall ships and boats in general, and though she's sailed far and wide, considers herself lucky to go to work on New York Harbor.

For Tickets to ***Sailing Ships at Work*** [Click Here](#)

Profile: Rick Spilman



Rick Spilman, naval architect, writer and founder and host of the Old Salt Blog will be one of our 3 guest speakers on 10 April at the *Sailing Ships at Work* evening program. He will examine the potential of sail in modern times.

Rick Spilman is the host of The Old Salt Blog - a virtual port of call for all those who love the sea. Spilman is the author of *Hell Around the Horn*, a nautical thriller inspired by the voyage of a British windjammer in the particularly brutal Cape Horn winter of 1905. Spilman is also a sailor, a naval architect, a student of maritime history, a videographer and a multimedia designer.

Rick has served as volunteer crew on "HMS ROSE" and "HMS BOUNTY" and has sailed on modern vessels of his own and with friends on the New England coast, the west coast of Florida, the Caribbean, the Great Lakes and the southwest coast of Ireland. His personal interest also include sea kayaking.

For Tickets to ***Sailing Ships at Work*** [Click Here](#)

Beyond Sandy, Keeping the Conversation Alive - Hidden Harbor Tours

A series of special Hidden Harbor Tours® exploring the many issues and plans arising from Super Storm Sandy, from the Working Harbor Committee.



Beyond Sandy is a special series of narrated Hidden Harbor Tours® that focus on the array of global warming and sea-level rise protection alternatives being discussed by government, private institutions and citizens. Special guest speakers will discuss and pose questions such as:

Are Netherlands-style sea barriers the answer?

-Visit the actual site of a massive proposed sea gate project.

How did various neighborhoods fare and why?

-Re-evaluating the flood map.

-See Red Hook, Staten Island, Hoboken from the water view

Fight the ocean or retreat?

-Are oyster beds, dunes, wet lands effective?

-Simple common sense defenses - KISS

-Zoning, tunnel protection, waterproofing

How did the working harbor fare & help?

- Ferries to the rescue.
- Who pumped out all the tunnels?
- What really caused the gas crisis?

Each tour will have two guest speakers from a number of sources: the maritime industry, government agencies, private industry, think tanks and universities, as well as other noted experts. The tours are two hours in length and visit Red Hook, Sunset Park, The Verrazano Bridge, Staten Island, Bayone and Hoboken, the lower Manhattan shoreline and many points in between.

The tours leave from Pier 16 at the South Street Seaport District (itself heavily impacted by Sandy – under 6 feet of water) at 6:30 p.m. on the large three-deck motor vessel Zephyr

There will be three different tours:

Tour 1 - High Seas on the Inner Harbor: From Wall Street to Snug Harbor

This tour is from the Verrazano Bridge to Hoboken, including Brooklyn, Staten Island, New Jersey, The Statue of Liberty & Ellis Island. See where giant sea gates are proposed.

Tuesday - 21 May

Tuesday - 18 June

Tour 2 - Fire, Floods and Floating Containers: East River - Hell Gate to Governors Island

This tour traverses the East River from Queens to Governors Island, including the East Side of Manhattan, Newtown Creek & Brooklyn Navy Yard. See the site of the giant electric sub-station explosion.

Tuesday - 28 May

Tuesday - 25 June

Tour 3 – Protecting Our Ports: From Red Hook to Newark Bay.

This tour traverses Kill van Kull to Newark Bay, including container terminals, oil docks, tug yards, & rail yards. Learn how close we came to a goods delivery crisis.

Tuesday - 4 June

The schedule for July, August and September will be similar. However tours will start earlier in September.

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)

Summer Hidden Harbor Tours - Coming Soon!



Summer Hidden Harbor Tours Series!

**The first
Hidden Harbor
Tour this
season will
be:**

**North River
Tour - 11 Jun**
Hosted by Mr.
Passenger Liner
- **Bill Miller**. We
begin by
passing around
the southern tip
of Manhattan

and the large ferry terminals to Staten Island and Governors Island. We travel 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. We then cross 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, we visit the Statue of Liberty for a moment before returning to Pier 16.

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Additional Hidden Harbor Tours including Port Newark/Port Elizabeth and Brooklyn will be coming in July, August and September.

[Click Here for Tickets!](#)

Upcoming Propeller Club Events

Following are two Propeller Club events
Thanks to WHC Director Carleen Lyden-Kluss, President,
Propeller Club

11 April 2013 6pm to 9pm
Cruise Aboard the m/v Cabana
East 23rd Street Marina

2 May 2013 6pm to 9:30 pm
**Annual Propeller Club Dinner Cruise aboard the m/v
Half Moon**
East 23rd Street Marina

For details & tickets, [**Click Here**](#)



This Month in the WHC Blog!



Stuttgart Express with a couple of Moran tugs on the hip. Photo: Mitch Waxman

Check out the most recent post's in the Working Harbor Committee Blog at workingharbor.wordpress.com. If you want to get automatic emails on each new post, click on "Follow" and enter your email.

Our blog is edited and posted by WHC Steering Committee Member Mai Armstrong, our Development and Communications Associate

Click on any of the following sampling of blog posts to view:

[*USS Monitor Crew Honored at Arlington National Cemetery*](#)

[*A Satellite's View of Ship Pollution*](#)

[*Ro-Ro Firmament Ace Rolls In*](#)

[*Waterfront Cafes and Esplanades Coming*](#)

[*Tugster's Tugs*](#)

[*Women in Maritime History*](#)

[*26 Tugboats All in a Row*](#)

[*New Waterfront Park for Pier 42*](#)

[*EPA Report – Hurricane Sandy Response Efforts*](#)

[*Will Ships Sail Over North Pole By 2050?*](#)

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