



A Salute to Kingston!

This year's tour salutes the City of Kingston, a leader in improving public access to the waterways and public-spirited waterfront redevelopment. Kingston provides a model for other Hudson Valley communities looking to overcome obstacles and realize the potential for the waterfront and the Blue Links vision.

Fireboat *John J. Harvey* needs your help to stay afloat!



Six years after being rescued from the scrap heap, the fireboat is undergoing major restoration. This spring, volunteers spent six weeks in Derecktor Shipyard working on crucial hull and propeller repairs. But much more needs to be done, and the work cannot continue without your support!

Last May the *Harvey* was awarded a major grant from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, but in order to receive these funds supporters of the boat must raise matching funds of \$320,000. Thus far, friends and supporters have contributed \$72,000, allowing hull restoration to begin this spring. Our fundraising goal for this year's Blue Links Tour is \$50,000. Won't you help?

History of the Fireboat

In 1999, the *Harvey* was rescued at auction by an inspired crew of boat lovers. She has become a model of historic preservation and reuse and a heroic figure in a landscape of tragedy, immortalized in the popular children's book, *Fireboat: The Heroic Adventures of the John J. Harvey* by Maira Kalman. The fireboat is a life-long New Yorker, built in Brooklyn in 1931. At 130 feet and 268 tons, she is among the most powerful fireboats ever in service in New York. She has five 600 HP diesel engines, and the capacity to pump 18,000 gallons of water each minute—the equivalent of 20 fire trucks. Her pumps are powerful—enough so that when she and the George Washington Bridge were both brand new she shot water over the bridge's roadway! She was retired by the New York City Fire Department in 1994 and purchased at auction by her current owners in 1999. She was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in June 2000 and named Ship of the Year by Steamship Historical Society in 2002.

Now the boat attends public events throughout the Hudson River Valley. Over the past six years the *Harvey* has served as a living museum, helping reconnect more than 20,000 people to the waterfront. From 9-to-5ers to school children, the *Harvey* brings people of all ages out on the water to learn about the history of the river and the vessels who plied these waters.

Recent Heroism

Although retired in 1994, the *Harvey* returned to active duty following the tragedy on September 11, 2001. FDNY designated the boat Marine Company Two and assigned her an officer. Pumping water for four days following the attack, the *Harvey* joined FDNY boats *Fire Fighter* and *John D. McKean* on the seawall in providing the only water available at the site.



Sustainability

The *Harvey* also serves as a working example of forward-thinking environmental practices. Last year, the boat's engineers began experimenting with a newer form of fuel called Biodiesel, made from used cooking oil. Biodiesel burns cleaner, producing

less pollution and reducing smog. The boat will run on Biodiesel for portions of the Blue Links trip again this year.

Get Involved!

Because the *Harvey* is almost 75 years old, she requires major repairs to ensure her ability to serve future generations. You can help by volunteering your time or making a financial contribution. *The Harvey's future depends on your support!* For more information visit <http://www.fireboat.org>, send an email to info@fireboat.org, or call 800-364-9943.



Expanding The Blue Links Fleet



The Waterfront Museum

The mission of the Waterfront Museum is to provide waterfront access and promote historic preservation. We foster an understanding of the NY Harbor as a waterway carrying commerce and commuters as well as a means for culture and recreation. The museum received the Municipal Art Society's 2003 Certificate of Merit Award for making an exceptional contribution to the life of New York City and for an extraordinary job in bringing the waterfront closer to all New Yorkers. The Barge was also designated by the United

Nations as the "Regional Craft of the International Year of the Oceans" in 1998 for The Waterfront Museum's work in opening up waterfronts for the use and enjoyment of the general public. For more information, call 718-624-4719, visit www.waterfrontmuseum.org or e-mail dsharps@waterfrontmuseum.org.

The Tugboat Pegasus



Tug Pegasus began life in 1907 as one of a series of four sister tugs designed to serve waterside refineries and terminals of Standard Oil, and survives as an example of ship construction as it advanced through the largest technological change in this century, the shift from steam to diesel. Hepburn Marine bought

her in 1987 and brought her back to New York. She was retired in 1997, and the preservation effort began soon thereafter. The mission of Tug Pegasus Preservation Project is two-pronged: to preserve a piece of the history of our city's maritime heritage and to provide a dramatic, effective educational platform. For more information, visit www.tugpegasus.org or e-mail info@tugpegasus.org.

The Hudson River Almanac

Whippoorwills in the Gunks? Banded killifish in Kowawese? Baltimore Orioles visiting Beacon? Absolutely!

Each week, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation publishes its "Hudson River Almanac," which highlights the rich and diverse flora and fauna spotted throughout the Hudson River Estuary, lists upcoming events and provides useful links to other estuary-related sites.

The Hudson River E-Almanac is emailed weekly by DEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. Cut To sign up to receive the E-Almanac, send an email message to hrep@gw.dec.state.ny.us and write E-Almanac in the subject line.

Summer 2005

"Blue Links" Tour of the Hudson River



Newburgh Kingston
Troy Riverbank State Park
Albany Piermont
Cold Spring Catskill
Bear Mountain
Rhinecliff Poughkeepsie
Waterford



John J. Harvey, Blue Links, Hudson River Trip '05,

Subject to change! Please check the latest schedule at www.fireboat.org. It is not likely that we will be early, and we are not always on time, so your best bet to avoid missing something is to be there before our schedule says we'll be there. Note that public trips at each town are free and first come/first served.

August 11-22, 2005 Itinerary

Thursday, August 11, 2005, NYC to Piermont "Commuter Day"

1730 depart Pier 63
1930 arrive Piermont, public trip upon arrival

Friday, August 12, 2005, Piermont to Cold Spring

Stops in: Bear Mountain State Park
0900 open for public inspection
1000 depart Piermont
1100 arrive Stony Point Photo-op only
1200 depart Stony Point
1300 arrive Bear Mountain State Park
1500 depart Bear Mountain State Park
1600 arrive Cold Spring—Downey Oil Dock
Cold Spring public inspection upon arrival
1700 public trip Cold Spring—Downey Oil Dock

Saturday, August 13, 2005, Cold Spring to Kingston

Stops in: Newburgh, Poughkeepsie, & Rhinecliff
0900 depart Cold Spring—Downey Oil Dock
1000 arrive Newburgh, public trip
1100 public inspection Newburgh
1200 depart Newburgh
1330 arrive Poughkeepsie, public trip
1430 depart Poughkeepsie
1600 arrive Rhinecliff
1615 depart Rhinecliff
1700 arrive Kingston Rondout Creek Wharf
Kingston public inspection upon arrival

Sunday, August 14, 2005, Kingston to Catskill

Stops in: Rhinecliff
1200 public trip to Fenney's
1300 depart Kingston
1330 arrive Rhinecliff
1345 depart Rhinecliff
1545 arrive Catskill, public trip
1700 to 1800 open for inspection

Monday, August 15, 2005, Catskill to Waterford

Stops in: Albany & Troy
0900 depart Catskill
1200 arrive Albany—USS Slater
1215 depart Albany
1315 arrive Troy
1330 depart Troy
1430 arrive Waterford
1430 Waterford public inspection
1630 Waterford public trip

Tuesday, August 16, 2005, Waterford to Albany

Stops in: Troy
1000 Waterford boat open for public inspection
1100 depart Waterford
1200 arrive Troy, public trip
1315—1400 Troy public inspection
1400 depart Troy
1500 arrive Albany USS Slater
1500—1600 Albany public inspection
1600 Albany public trip

Wednesday, August 17, 2005, Albany

DAY OFF
The boat will be open for self-guided tours and souvenir sales

Thursday, August 18, 2004, Albany to Catskill

1200 Boat open for public inspection
1230 Public Trip
1400 depart Albany
1700 arrive Catskill, public trip

Friday, August 19, 2004, Catskill to Kingston

Stops in: Rhinecliff
1100 depart Catskill
1600 arrive Rhinecliff
1630 depart Rhinecliff
1700 arrive Kingston open for public inspection until 1900

Saturday, August 20, 2004, Kingston

1100 Kingston open for public inspection
1200 Kingston public trip to Rhinecliff
1230 Arrive Rhinecliff
1300 Rhinecliff public trip
1400 Rhinecliff public inspection
1445 Depart Rhinecliff
1515 Arrive Kingston
1515 to 1730 Kingston open for public inspection

Sunday, August 21, 2005, Kingston to Bear Mountain

Stops in: Rhinecliff, Poughkeepsie, Newburgh & Cold Spring
0830 depart Kingston
0900 arrive Rhinecliff
0915 depart Rhinecliff
1045 arrive Poughkeepsie, public trip
1300 depart Poughkeepsie
1430 arrive Newburgh, public trip
1545 depart Newburgh
1630 arrive Cold Spring—Downey Oil Dock
1645 depart Cold Spring
1730 arrive Bear Mountain State Park

Monday, August 22, 2005, Bear Mountain to Pier 63

Stops in: Stony Point, & Piermont
1000 depart Bear Mountain State Park
1100 arrive Stony Point—Panco Marine, public trip
1230 depart Stony Point
1330 arrive Piermont
1345 depart Piermont
1530 arrive Pier 63

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Blue Links Tour: Hudson River Route

Waterford August 15, 16

Troy August 15, 16

★ Albany August 15, 16, 17, 18



Catskill August 14, 15, 18, 19



Rhinecliff August 13, 14, 19, 20, 21

Kingston August 13, 14, 19, 20, 21



Poughkeepsie August 13, 21



Newburgh August 13, 21

Cold Spring August 12, 13, 21



Bear Mountain August 12, 21, 22

Stony Point August 12



Piermont August 11, 12, 22

Riverbank State Park August 22

Pier 63 August 11, 22



What Are "Blue Links?"

New York emerged as the Empire State because of the Hudson River, which connects towns and cities through up- and downstate New York. Sadly, most of the piers with their cleats, docks, bollards and fendering systems built to accommodate boating along the Hudson are long gone, denying the river its vital and historic function as an artery for people and goods.

The Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance, a project of the Municipal Art Society of New York, and Save Our Ships New York have embarked on a "Blue Links" campaign aboard the historic fireboat *John J. Harvey* to help resuscitate and rebuild the waterfront infrastructure that once lined the water's edge. Use and enjoyment of our waterways are just as critical to our future as they were to our past.

Restoration and renewal of these basic links would unleash enormous potential for river-based economic development. As part of this campaign we are conducting a river-long reconnaissance to compile a list of waterfront infrastructure improvements – from promenades to town docks and ferry and vessel landings – that we believe should be repaired or created anew. One essential way to pay for these important projects is through the Federal Transportation Equity Act (TEA), whose reauthorization has recently been the focus of discussions in Washington, DC. The Legislation currently being negotiated in Congress authorizes more than \$114 million for waterfront revitalization in New York and New Jersey! Call your Senators and Representatives today to urge them to pass the TEA and start our region's waterfront revival!

For more information on the Blue Links campaign and how to get involved, contact MWA at: www.waterwire.net, info@waterwire.net, 800-364-9943 or 457 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022.