



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS & INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this the first “trial” of a monthly communication from the HRBYCA which we’ve named

“Hudson River Happenings & Interclub Information Exchange”

because it serves several purposes:

- 1: To pass on to the clubs information compiled from various sources about relevant events “happening” on the river (Dutch boat flotilla a few years ago, transit of the USS Slater down from Albany last year)
- 2: A mechanism for individual clubs to “pass along” information about their own activities that they think other clubs might like to know about (River Day, Fundraisers, Sailing regatta’s needing crew, etc)
- 3: A mechanism for club members who want to sell their boats to have the information “posted “ on all the other club’s “bulletin boards” and/or in their newsletter as well as being on the HRBYCA website

Clubs can send their event notice in the form of an electronic copy of their press release/and/or “flyer” to: sec@hrbyca.org Club members wishing to sell their boats can send us the graphic notice they posted at their club and/or put in their club newsletter. More information will be coming

Many thanks to all our member clubs who have responded to my request to verify that the email address you sent us is indeed “working”.

The “Interclub Information Exchange” is exactly that - it is designed to allow clubs to share mutually beneficial information with each other.

For example- the “VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD”

This is the time of the year when folks start thinking about perhaps buying a boat or know someone who is looking. If you see a listing on your club bulletin board feel free take a snapshot of it and send it to me sec@hrbyca.org (please get the sellers permission to distribute his “for sale flyer” to you club secretaries as well as being put in an upcoming “boat for sale” section on our website

Any issues or comments please send to me sec@hrbyca.org

Regards and Happy Holidays

Bob Boothe Secretary HRBYCA

1-Presidents Message:

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

2020 has presented many challenges and hurdles that will hopefully disappear with the introduction of a vaccine. The majority of our members are in the risk group taking the necessary precautions to ensure many more years of boating to come. I celebrated Thanksgiving without my sons and grandkids and it was a difficult decision for the whole family. Now the Christmas season is here and again we should continue to observe the CDC recommendations so that we all remain healthy for next year's boating season.

Shortly your club will receive our new HRBYCA HAPPENINGS. This newsletter will be sent to your club's secretary for distribution. Sections

include; Gov't affairs and river information, an interactive page for every club to post their activities, and boats for sale.

I want to wish all the membership a very Merry Christmas or Happy Chanukah.

Please stay safe so we can meet again at our next gathering in 2021.

Warmest regards,

Jerry Silverman/HRBYCA President

2-UPDATES FROM THE HRBYCA Board of Directors

Vice President-Gov Affairs and other river related topics

Hudson River Safety and Navigation Committee (HRSNOC): HRSNOC Chairman Ian Corcoran, who also heads up the Hudson River Pilots Association, asked to pass along two requests to all Hudson River boaters:

Those helming large ships and tugs welcome VHF radio boater communications. Capt. Corcoran encourages recreational boaters to **use channel 13 for bridge to bridge communication** so that boaters can talk directly with the commercial vessels and let them know what your intention is, re: such things as passing/crossing etc.

Consider operating with your boat's **navigation lights on during daytime** in an effort to facilitate visibility and boating safety. Capt. Corcoran said the effort would greatly help commercial navigators see small craft, and compares the success to vehicle daytime running lights.

HRSNOC also passed a resolution that would require consultation when power cables are being buried in the Hudson River, as well as expressed *"...deep concerns that the placement of structures of any type be permitted in a way that will insure the ability of commercial vessels to anchor in the Hudson River in manner that will ensure safety of the vessel, crew, cargo, other vessels and local communities."* The short story is the Champlain Hudson Power Express (CHPE) power cable project to lay two, 5-inch cables down the Hudson River **may be**

buried at a depth at the bottom of the river that HRSNOC feels is too shallow and could be snagged by a ship in an emergency anchoring situation (ex. loss of power).

NYS DEC [announced nearly \\$900k in grants](#) that will help make our river a great place to boat and fish. The **grant focus is on dam removal projects** in Putnam County and others north of our region. Funding came from the Environmental Protection Fund. There is nationwide movement to eliminate dams to help bring waterways back to their natural state - this effort has been demonstrated to increase fish stocks and healthier creeks/ivers.

Boaters are Helping Slow the Spread of Invasive Species: Adirondack Almanack reports *"The boating season may have unofficially ended Labor Day weekend, but New York State's Watercraft Inspection Steward program continues at select locations. To date, this year's boat stewards have inspected more than 330,000 boats, talked with hundreds of thousands of water recreationists, and **intercepted more than 18,000 aquatic plant and animal hitchhikers** (including one very important finding of the infamous invasive plant hydrilla!)." We've had our own issues here on the Hudson, such as Hydrilla on the Croton River. Keep up the good work with "[Clean Drain Dry](#)" folks!*

Tom Lake, a Naturalist at the NYS DEC has a [Hudson River Watershed Fish Fauna Checklist you can easily download](#) with **226 species listed** - why not post to your clubhouse bulletin board, share in a boat club email? It's also for those boat club trivia nights or use and a fun check off list for kids etc. If you need a good daily dose of what wildlife is doing on the river (and some escape from COVID), I highly recommend signing up for Tom's "Hudson River Almanac" newsletter where he compiles sightings. [You can sign up here](#).

After three decades, a Hudson River institution, **Samalot Marine in Haverstraw Marine, has closed** as of Nov 25. Please feel free to send George Samalot an email, george@samalotmarine.com to wish him the best as he starts a new journey as a broker with Brewer Yacht Sales in Haverstraw. Barbara Samalot will remain with the marina's new owner, Safe Harbor Marinas, in a vessel maintenance service role. Be sure to stop by to say hi! Expect more changes for Haverstraw Marina, now renamed Safe Harbor Haverstraw.

3-Environment/Natural History Happenings

In response to an inquiry by one of our members, Tom Lake replied:

For at least a week now, we have assembled a group of a dozen or so biologists investigating reports of dead Atlantic menhaden from Croton Point to the west side of Manhattan to Jersey City to Staten Island out to eastern Long—a c.100 mile-long reach.

Atlantic menhaden are prone to mortality in the midst of quickly changing environmental conditions such as thermal shock and low D.O. The descriptions of fish behavior in each of these instances are similar. However, water temperature and D.O. levels have not recently fluctuated in a meaningful way at any of these locations which leads us to consider something else: disease. In the interim, Region 3 Fisheries collected some of the fish from Croton Point for analysis. Lab results to come might reveal something.

P.S. It should be noted that Atlantic menhaden are somewhat prone to large-scale fish kills. We had a short but significant menhaden fish kill in the Hudson Highlands last May. Fish kills such as this one likely occurred long before we were here to ponder the cause.

Tom Lake

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4-Upcoming Significant Happenings on the Hudson River

INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE-VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

AT MEMBER CLUBS

- 1 Events open to other club/and/or the public
- 2- Boating courses/training sessions being hosted

BOATS FOR SALE

The following are new postings submitted by the sellers. Please feel free to post on your club's Bulletin Board and/or in club newsletter. Copies of Previously Posted Notices will be found at our website "hrbyca.org" Thank you

RANGER '22 FOR SALE

Asking \$4000

Great boat – stable, seaworthy, fun

Call: Chris 914 588-2719 or email at cwjudge@optonline.net

Nice little racer from the days of IOR, designed by renowned Gary Mull, fast comfy easy to sail little boat. The Ranger 22 represents one of Gary Mull's finest designs. The boat was designed to meet the racing needs of the small keel-boat racers of the late 70's and early 80's, and to this day, the boat remains a tough competitor. While the fleet of over 300 hulls has spread out over the country, one design fleets are for the most part non-existent. However, with a base rating of 222, they make excellent PHRF racers for today's auxiliary fleets. Goes upwind like crazy, downwind awesome with a spinnaker.

Length:	22'6" Beam: 7'10" Draft: 4'3"
Year:	1978
Type:	Racer/cruiser
Hull:	fiberglass monohull

Complete set of sails including; working main, Pantex main, 3 headsails, 170, 125 & 75, spinnaker, and asymmetrical. Currently on the dry at Viking boat yard in Verplanck, NY

