



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS & INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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In 2020, the Coast Guard began making broadcast notices to mariners containing locally relevant information accessible by mobile devices and the internet.

Previously, the only way to obtain this information in a timely fashion was to tune in to local Coast Guard broadcasts that take place on very high frequency (VHF) marine radio two or more times per day. The new methods of information delivery have included Rich Site Summary, also known as Really Simple Syndication (RSS) feeds, email, and other means such as map-based filtering. The Coast Guard has received public feedback indicating that mariners prefer the real-time accessibility of mobile and internet access to this information over scheduled VHF broadcasts, because access is more timely, reliable, convenient, and customizable. Also, some mariners have reported that VHF broadcast notice to mariners are bothersome, because they are perceived as unnecessary radio clutter that can be distracting when maneuvering along a dock, in ports or other areas of congested traffic.

The Coast Guard is considering phasing out the process of distributing this information by routine VHF radio broadcasts, and is seeking public comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about this document, please call or email Eugene Diotalevi, Coast Guard Navigation Center; telephone: 703–313–5800; email: Eugene.j.diotalevi@uscg.mil.

Response from the HRBYCA

“The Board of Directors of the HRBYCA referred this proposal to our special committee for Safety, Navigation, and Operations for consideration and review.

It is the opinion of the HRBYCA SNOC and concurrence of the BoD of the HRBYCA that this proposal is indeed worthwhile and therefor is supported by our organization and its member clubs.”

Shortnose Sturgeon: New Population Study Underway

Hudson RiverNet

News from the Hudson River Estuary Program

[Shortnose sturgeon](#) (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) is the smallest of New York's sturgeons, rarely exceeding 4 feet in length and 18 pounds in weight. Adult shortnose sturgeon migrate upriver from their mid-Hudson overwintering areas to freshwater spawning sites north of Coxsackie, but much of their spawning behavior and early life-stages are still not fully understood.

Shortnose sturgeon was the first fish listed as endangered with enactment of the [1973 Endangered Species Act](#). Soon after, researchers conducted a population estimate for Hudson River shortnose sturgeon in order to develop recommendations for managing the recovery of this fish. A second population study in the 1990s indicated a substantial increase in the spawning population from the 1970s.



The shortnose sturgeon population in the Hudson River may now be the largest in the world. However, this assessment is based on research that is several decades old, and new studies are needed to support management and recovery actions.

Newer technologies now available, such as high resolution side-scan sonar and acoustic telemetry, have been successfully used to provide enhanced population estimates for other sturgeons. Acoustic telemetry uses receivers to detect signals emitted from tagged marine species like sturgeon. The side-scan sonar uses sound to create an image of the river floor and objects in the water column, and is one method for counting fish. Smaller objects in the river, such as shortnose sturgeon, are harder to distinguish.

In 2018, staff from [DEC's Hudson and Delaware Fisheries](#) Unit worked with scientists from the universities of [Delaware](#) and Delaware State to test whether side-scan sonar could be used to assess the river's population of shortnose sturgeon. Fisheries staff built wooden sturgeon of different sizes and mounted them to cement blocks. The models were lowered to the bottom of the river in random order. The side-scan sonar was then pulled through the area imaging the models. The sonar was able to detect



7/31 – Peekskill to Croton, HRM 44-34: We paddled in kayaks on the rising tide from the mouth of the Croton River to the Peekskill waterfront today. It was a beautiful day and Haverstraw Bay was like glass. In a three-hour paddle, we got good looks at six sturgeon that jumped completely out of the water. All were about three-feet-long, which meant they could have been either Atlantic or shortnose sturgeon [but more likely the former]. I've never had this many good looks at sturgeon in one day; I'm hoping that this was a good sign for the health of their population.

- Scott Craven, Richard Weinberg

[Six-miles of the Hudson River from Bear Mountain south to Verplanck (river miles 46-40) has long been thought of as a "summering" location—a reach where they can take flight—for juvenile Atlantic sturgeon.

Sturgeons have a behavioral trait, a predilection for leaping out of the water for poorly understood reasons. When they are many-feet-long, weighing a hundred pounds or more, and are not readily recognized as a “regular fish,” the experience is often bewildering—their countenance has a Jurassic feel. Theories on why they leap include a physiological need for air, i.e., gulping air to refill their swim bladder, to shaking off parasites, to just feeling good (there is always room for whimsy). Tom Lake]

INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE-VIRTUAL BULLETIN BOARD

Palisade Boat Club reports a great pumpkin event.

From Justin Fornal

“I received confirmation that a farming family in Durham, Connecticut will be giving me their 1,200 lb pumpkin at the end of the season. Right now it is traveling the state fair circuit.

For my birthday on November 20th I will drop the pumpkin in the Hudson River at JFK marina and have it towed up to PBC via power boat. At slack tide I will paddle the pumpkin across the Hudson River to the Palisades. Anyone who would like to join the flotilla via kayak is welcome. . The pumpkin will be composted upon completion.

I plan to have pumpkin pie, pumpkin beer, pumpkin coffee, and pumpkin biryani. If all goes well perhaps next year we can have multiple giant pumpkins and begin a new annual NY tradition.”



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Hudson River Fishermen's Association

THE HRFA's Annual Awards Dinner

Sunday October 17, 2021



4:00-8:00 PM at [Cornetta's restaurant](#), 641 Piermont Ave, Piermont, NY 10968. Mr. Paul Gallay, retiring President and Hudson Riverkeeper, will receive our Friend of the Hudson River Award. The recipient of the Pete Barrett Award will be announced at the dinner. Mr. Steve Liesman, TV Personality, avid striper fisherman and co-founder of [Save a Million Bass](#) will Emcee the event.

After opening remarks and the introduction of guests we have an outstanding dinner (to suit all dietary needs) planned for you. All awards, including the Pete Barrett Award, fishing contest winners, and photo contest for the past year will be presented at this event. There will be loads of door prizes and a 50/50 drawing.

This annual HRFA event should not be missed. For reservations, questions or directions contact any one of the HRFA officers selling tickets (\$60 each):

- Dan Harrison 551-265-3460, DHarrison@cdtresources.com
- Pete Musse 201-233-3119, petemusse@gmail.com
- Scott Havner 845-300-1562, fishon7231@verizon.net
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