



HUDSON RIVER HAPPENINGS & INTERCLUB INFORMATION EXCHANGE

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Notes from the President Jerry Silverman

Dear Members,

The cool autumn weather has finally arrived as we haul-out our boats and prepare to winterize. Looking back on this year's boating season there were too many rainy weekends. On a positive note, there was a huge increase in new boaters. Many clubs have reported new members joining, reversing a trend from past years.

Our last two in-person meetings held at Minisceongo and Chelsea were a big success. It was great to meet and discuss boating issues after 18 months of Zoom meetings. Please join us Nov. 30th at Ossining Boat & Canoe Club for our next general meeting. 2022 elections will be held. Nominations are now being accepted.

The HRBYCA is now asking your thoughts about holding a Commodores' Brunch in April 2022. After a two-year hiatus perhaps we can decide together if a brunch gathering is feasible. Please let us know your thoughts or concerns. Responses can be sent to:

info@hrbyca.org

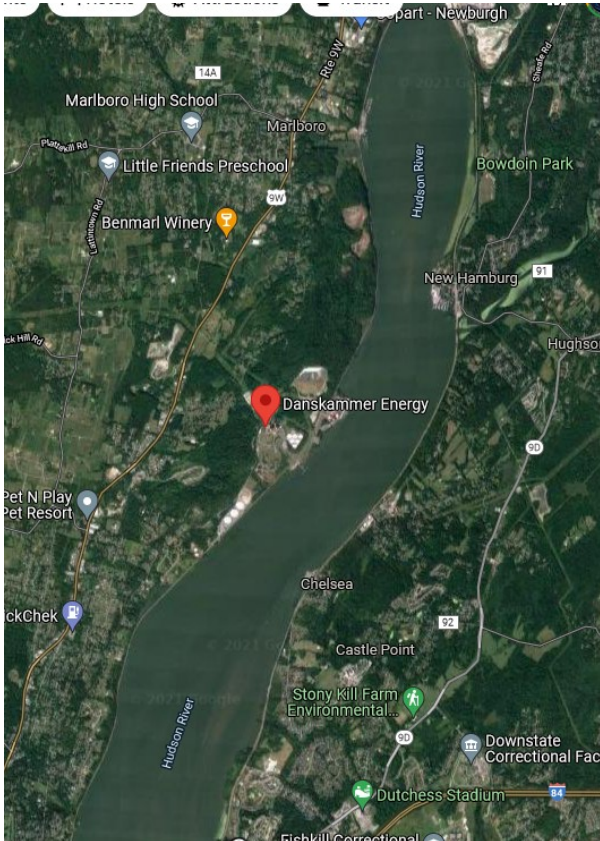
Thanks, and regards,

Jerry Silverman/HRBYCA President

Governmental Affairs Scott Croft VP

DANKSAMMER TURNED DOWN

HRBYCA did not make a formal position statement on the permit issue for the Danskammer or Astoria gas plants. However, we know many of our clubs' members did speak up as noted by the volume of public comments received. The power plant is located across the river from Chelsea Yacht Club, and close to Marlboro and New Hamburg Yacht Clubs.



Here's an update from our friends at Riverkeeper:
11/27/21: DEC denies permits for Danskammer and Astoria fracked gas plants – Riverkeeper statement

“The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation today announced its denial of permits for two proposed fracked gas power plants – Danskammer Energy Center and Astoria Gas Turbine Power – on the basis that those facilities would be inconsistent with the state’s Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act of 2019. The DEC determined the proposed projects would be inconsistent with or would interfere with the statewide greenhouse gas emissions limits established in the Climate Act, and that neither facility had demonstrated a sufficient need or justification for their proposed projects. Riverkeeper had advocated for this decision, based on these arguments. Without these permits, neither facility can move forward.”

The public spoke out forcefully against both projects. The agency reviewed more than 4,500 public comments received on the Danskammer project, and 6,600 public comments on the Astoria project, before reaching its decisions.

“Riverkeeper applauds today’s decision by Governor Hochul and the Department of Environmental Conservation for upholding the requirements of New York State’s Climate Act,” said Riverkeeper Staff Attorney Chris Bellovary. “We all know the risks of climate change, on a local, national, and global level. In the Climate Act, New York made a clear decision to decarbonize its economy, and the Department’s determination earlier today upholds that decision.”

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Natural History Since this is the time of year when our boats are hauled out for the winter, we thought it would be appropriate to provide some information on the critters who “moved aboard” over the summer-the Barnacles. This article is courtesy of NYDEC “Hudson River Almanac June 2021 Tom Lake editor)



Bay barnacles (*Balanus improvisus*) are crustaceans related to shrimp, crabs, and lobsters. Their exoskeleton is a calcareous cone-like house made of six small calcium plates that form a circle within which the animal lives. Four more plates form a "trap-door" that the barnacle can open or close, depending on the tide. They cement their house to rocks and other hard benthic material (and ship's hulls, etc. ...) and permanently set up shop.

When conditions are optimal, they open their trap-door and feed by extending feather-like appendages called cirri that filter for microscopic organisms. While they flourish in salty to brackish water, they can close up shop in times of very low salinity, for a limited period, until conditions improve. Although it is unclear exactly how barnacle larvae arrive upriver from brackish water and attach to suitable substrate, their method of transport may be the flood tide current in times of low freshwater flow.

For a real-time treat not unlike watching the dance of the comb jellies, place a rock encrusted with barnacles in aquaria, gently stir the water, watch the barnacles open their trap-door and extend their feathery cirri, and filter the water. It looks altogether like a water ballet.

- Tom Lake

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