

# Dedicating the Richard M. Hurst Harbor Visitors Center in Waterford

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On September 8, 2018 at the annual Waterford Tugboat Roundup, the close-knit community at the entrance to the Erie Canal dedicated the harborfront visitors center in honor of longtime Harbormaster and Waterford Resident Richard M. Hurst, who passed away in 2017 after a bout with cancer. Mr. Hurst was a friend to many and one of the most familiar faces on the water to the thousands of boaters who passed through Waterford on their way to destinations throughout the interior USA and Canada, or south to the Atlantic Ocean.


Dick Hurst served in various capacities within the Town of Waterford since the 1970s: Highway Superintendent (1976-1981), Supervisor (1982-1987), Planning Board Chairman (1989-2000), and finally Harbormaster (2000-2017). It was for this reason that those who knew him most came together to remember their friend's legacy to the community and to the waterway. Town Supervisor Jack Lawler led the unveiling of a new plaque, while Mr. Hurst's wife of 60 years, Joyce, looked on along with children and grandchildren at her side.

41 years is a long time. May Dick Hurst's decades of community service be remembered always thanks to the Visitors Center that now bears his name.

For more information on Capital Region boating, call (518) 371-3763, visit [www.southernsaratoga.org](http://www.southernsaratoga.org) or stop by the Southern Saratoga Information Center (at the Exit 9 Rest Area on I-87 in Clifton Park).



**Richard M. Hurst Harbor Visitors Center**  
Dedicated this day to the memory of Richard M. Hurst in recognition of his 41 years of exemplary and dedicated service to the citizens of Waterford.



September 8th, 2018

WATERFORD HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT	1976 - 1991
WATERFORD TOWN SUPERVISOR	1982 - 1987
WATERFORD PLANNING BOARD CHAIRMAN	1989 - 2000
WATERFORD VISITOR CENTER HARBOR MASTER	2000 - 2017

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JOHN E. LAWLER	TOWN SUPERVISOR
LAURIE MARBLE	TOWN COUNCILWOMAN
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JAMES BOUDREAU	TOWN COUNCILMAN
FRANK S. MACLEMEANT	TOWN COUNCILMAN
MARY SHANNON CARRIGAN	TOWN CLERK



right to left: Waterford Town Supervisor Jack Lawler leads the September 8th unveiling ceremony at the Visitors Center...  
...while Joyce Hurst and the family remove the covering....  
...as a man's life's work and legacy is permanently honored.