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Tarrytown Boat and **Yacht Club**

Tarrytown Boat and Yacht Club: A fresh breeze, pleasant sun and beaming faces were in attendance at the June 9th Blessing of The Fleet and Opening Day at Barley's Patio Restaurant on the grounds of the Tarrytown Boat and Yacht Club.

With an all new Gas Dock, pump out station and other additions this year, the Group of Officers feel that they have turned the corner on upgrading the marina.



Jerry Gregory and Past Commodore Jim Haggerty TB&YC with Washington Irving Member Skip.

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Past Commodore - Jerry Gregory (*left*) & Commodore Burt Hurvich.



Commodore Walter Gregory-Washington Irving Boat Club & Paul Scoca- Flotilla 66 Squadron Commander USCG Auxiliary & Kevin Lustyik- Tarrytown Harbor Master.



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oo bad more people were not there as this truly was a spectacular 50th anniversary celebration of the making of the Hello Dolly Movie shot in Garrison. There were many people dressed period in costume, great music, and a fantastic parade. Chris Radko did an outstanding job in putting it all together. The Parade was joyous, Tommy Tunes and Joni Lanza as Dolly, could not have been better.

Garrison Landing, across from West Point is becoming a "happening place" for sure!

Joni Lanza as "Dolly" with Tommy Tunes on right.

Chris Radko on stage playing a part, was the organizer. Note the large crowd in period costume.

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Walkway Over the Hudson Offers Spectacular Views of July 4th Fireworks Event

Regestrations now open for Walkway members and general public for July, 4th 2018 event

The Walkway organization will once again offer the public an opportunity to view of the City of Poughkeepsie's annual fireworks display from Walkway Over the Hudson State Park on the Fourth of July.

"Watching fireworks from the Walkway is a unique patriotic experience!" said Walkway Executive Director Elizabeth Waldstein-Hart. "This event has become an annual tradition for many Hudson Valley residents—a way to celebrate Independence Day, joining with family, friends and the community."

Reservations to this annual community event sponsored by the Walkway Over the Hudson organization and other area businesses can be purchased online or at participating local establishments (see below).

Walkway Members can purchase tickets now online for \$10.00 at walkway. org. General admission tickets are \$12.50 each and can be purchased online and at participating stores. Children 10 and under are free although registration and tickets are required. Everyone entering the park must have a wristband for admittance to the event.

Please note that tickets have sold out in previous years. In the unlikely event that tickets are not sold out in advance, remaining tickets will be available for purchase (cash preferred) at both the Highland and Poughkeepsie entrances of the bridge.

On Wednesday, July 4th the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park will close to the public at 4:00 p.m. for setup and safety preparations, then will reopen at 7:00 p.m. for those with valid tickets. The City of Poughkeepsie fireworks display will begin between 9-9:30 p.m.

If the fireworks are postponed due to severe weather, the event will be rescheduled for Thursday, July 5. Notification will occur via the Walkway Over the Hudson Facebook page, Twitter, walkway.org and local iHeart radio stations.

Due to the nature of the 4th of July event, all ticket holders must adhere to these special event guidelines:

Recommend wristbands be purchased in advance. Tickets are limited. There will be NO elevator access during the event. NO dogs or bicycles will be allowed on the Walkway. NO rollerblades, skateboards, scooters or firearms. Walkway is a smoke- and alcohol-free park. Visitors are advised to bring a flashlight.

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Bag inspections will take place at entrances.

TICKETS

\$10.00 for Walkway members, available for purchase online only at walkway. org.

\$12.50 for the general public, available for purchase online at walkway.org or at participating stores including:

Adams Fairacre Farms in Poughkeepsie & Wappingers Falls Pomod'oro Pizza Cafe in Highland

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Ma & Pa's Kettle Corn at the Walkway Highland Entrance

Walkway State Park Pavilions at the Poughkeepsie & Highland Entrances on weekends.

Children 10 and under are free and but must register for free tickets at walkway.org.

PLEASE NOTE: All ticket sales are final. No refunds will be issued to ticket holders.

Those with valid tickets are encouraged to carpool and to park at various City of Poughkeepsie and Town of Lloyd locations, or approved on-street parking spaces, and allow ample time to get to the Walkway in time for the fireworks. Ticket holders may access the Walkway from either the East or West entrances. On July 4th, the Walkway Over the Hudson State Historic Park will close at 4:00 PM. The Park will re-open at 7:00 p.m.

The celebration on the Walkway is made possible by the City of Poughkeepsie, Town of Lloyd, New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation, NY State Park Police, local law enforcement, iHeart Media, Mobile Life Support and Walkway staff and volunteers. Visit www.walkway.org for more info or call 845-454-9649.

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Cortlandt Yacht Club 2018

The land now occupied by Cortlandt Yacht Club (CYC) has existed as a marina on the Hudson River since the early 1960's. What is now Cortlandt Yacht Club began in 1963 with the formation of the Montrose Yacht and Social Club. At that time the land was under the independent ownership and the marina had cottages and cabanas. In 1967, the Club was formed by local boaters who wanted to reserve and be guaranteed a place where they could enjoy boating then and in the future. They also wanted to create an atmosphere where family and friends could enjoy quality facilities at a reasonable cost. Through these past 50+ years these interests have not diminished.

In 1968, the land was purchased by Con Edison as part of its purchase of land along the river for its first Indian Point nuclear station. The Club rented the marina from Con Edison until 1981. At the time, Con Edison was ordered to sell the marina land as well as other land it held in the area. To purchase the land and marina facilities, a group of 100 members formed Moncor Development Corporation (MDC), dba Cortlandt Yacht Club, a New York corporation. This entity purchased the land from Con Edison in late 1981 and is the current owner of the marina and its facilities. Shortly after that we purchased the property and we built a club house and catering hall. It consists of banquet hall downstairs that we use for our club functions and rent out by the day for parties and a club members only room with full bar for meetings, club events and members use. There large patio and deck with canopy to view our Marina and the Beautiful Hudson River. We have continuously improved our Marina "Cortlandt Yacht Club" over the years to what you see today and we will continue to do so in the future.

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Stay Out of Their Way

The Hudson is a working river. Ship traffic cannot see you in time to stop or avoid a collision.



Be Hudson River Paddling Smart

- Always wear your life jacket
- Keep a sharp lookout at all times for larger vessels
- Stay outside the shipping channels when paddling up and downstream
- Always cross the channel behind commercial vessels
- Cross at a right angle, move quickly
- Stay closely together as a group when crossing
- · Watch for the ship's wake

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PICTURE THIS: You own a beautiful piece of sandy beach, right on the Hudson River that has been in your family for generations. It has become a tradition to take your family to this beach for picnics, fishing, and just plain fun. Well this story is all about that piece of property and a terrible tragedy that possibly could have occurred there.

The situation that I am describing here is not that unusual, (I have heard and seen written accounts of it happening over the years) as I have also experienced it but certainly not to the extent that these folks did.

What is unusual is that the victims of this particular incident are very articulate in their description, have followed through in great detail, and are pointing out and incident that is extremely dangerous when it occurs.

As you can see by the photo Dick Duncan holding the striper, the surface of the water behind the man, is flat, no wind disturbing the surface.

In my experience these types of waves occur when a ship passes between two points that are fairly close to each other with a narrow deep channel between them. In the upper Hudson River this type of channel stretches for miles before you reach the Port of Albany.

Here is what happens: The ship having a deep draft, (the depth of the ship is down roughly 28 feet in a 30 foot channel) pushes the water out of its way as it

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moves forward and after it passes the water reacts by filling the void, and then, rolling back up onto the shallow shore.

Thus you go from a flat, calm surface, to a high volume of water hitting the shore line without any warning whatsever. The speed of the returning wave is directly related to how fast the water is replaced, based on the forward motion of the boat that created it.

Here are three eyewitness accounts of this occurring on May 2 of this year.

From Sarah Elia

On May 2, 2018, I went to Coxsackie, New York to go fishing with my family on the Hudson River just south of the village. It's a quiet and tranquil place. We brought a lot of supplies with us to enjoy the afternoon on the beach. We set up a grill, hung a hammock and set up our folding chairs. We brought lots of fishing supplies and a lot of food. I rested on the beach while I watched Anna, my 3-year-old daughter, play along the shore and search for sea glass. It felt like the ideal spot to bring her to play. It is a quiet, private area where the water is calm, except for the occasional small wake when a boat goes by. So what happened toward the end of our day was really shocking. We were standing at the water's edge,

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the tide had been slowly coming in. We watched a particularly large barge and tug go by (I recall that it had maroon and black on part of it) and soon after it passed, the water swiftly receded. I had never seen water go so far out into the river so quickly. We were so surprised about it. I held Anna's hand and we chased after it going out into the river. My mom screamed at us to come back. She said that the water would come back "in a wave like a tsunami". At that moment, she couldn't have predicted what had happened only seconds later. The sound of the incoming wake grew louder coming up from the south as the barge had been traveling north. We saw it toward the south end of the beach and quickly ran inland expecting to be splashed a little bit and maybe get our feet wet. But the water came faster than expected and suddenly it was at our ankles. Yoshiki, my husband, was behind us and told me to hold on tight to Anna. At this time, I was four months pregnant. I hadn't picked her up since I became pregnant back in January. Without thinking, I swept her in my arms and ran toward the embankment less than 20 feet away - there was only so far that we could go up to the ledge to this wall of land. Before reaching the embankment, the wake had caught us and we were up to our necks in water. If Anna hadn't been next to me within these moments, she surely would've been helplessly underwater. The water came in hard and my husband grabbed onto my arm. I glanced over to my mother and her boyfriend Dick, concerned about their well being. I watched Dick stand up, or perhaps was pushed up by the force of the water, faced the north and was knocked over face first into the water with his arms stretched out. My mother was

From Karlyn Knaust Elia

On Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at 3:30 PM a northbound Articulated Tug Barge (ABT) sailed past our property on the Hudson River at Coxsackie, N.Y. while my family and I were enjoying the lovely spring afternoon fishing and picnicking on the shore. Shortly after the vessel passed by, our peaceful outing became frightening and dangerous. When I saw the water receding dramatically I alerted the family to move away from the shore but within moments we were awash in tsunami-like walls of cold water. The ferocity with which the water hit us was stunning. Multiple wakes approximately five feet tall knocked us down and pulled us under. We were tossed around and hit with debris. We were underwater for 10 to 15 seconds and unable to help one another.

My partner, a skilled mariner and former Saugerties Lighthouse Keeper, and I were both underwater as waves continued to tumble us around. My pregnant daughter swooped up her 3-year-old daughter and grabbed onto her husband to maintain footing. They were in water up their necks.

The wakes created by the ATB were the largest and most dangerous I have ever experienced on the Hudson. All of our picnic items and fishing gear were swept off the beach and into the river. Some of it was recovered that day and some of it was permanently lost. A heavy wooden folding chair was totally destroyed. I have a badly bruised right leg and my partner is still limping due to a severely twisted knee.

The wake was enormous apparently due to the fact that this large vessel was traveling too fast where the river is narrow.

Our property is located at the south end of River Road in Cossackie. It was formerly the site of an icehouse where barges tied up at the dock to load their product. It has been in our family since 1925. The icehouse is no longer there and we use the property recreationally. just south of him trying to grab hold of something and move inland but was also knocked over and engulfed into the water. The water then receded and left our bodies completely soaked. The water came in again hard. I watched as all of our belongings on the beach were swept into the river. Everything. Mortified, we checked on one another to make sure everyone was ok. Anna was crying. My mother and Dick were both on their hands and knees in shock and drenched. My husband checked on them and then ran into the river to try and retrieve our belongings. All I wanted to do was get off of the beach as quickly as possible with Anna. I didn't care about our belongings. Still holding onto her, with her cold, wet legs wrapped around my body, I ran north of the beach, climbed up the bank, and back across a field to our car. I didn't put her down until I got to the car. She was soaking wet and afraid. I took all of her clothes off so she wouldn't get cold. Fortunately it was a warm day, in the 80s. The others returned to the car. Yoshiki had to help mom as she was having a hard time walking and she was bleeding. Dick was limping. Their keys went missing with the wake and we all had to squeeze into our car. When we got back to Saugerties we drove to the Coast Guard Station on the Esopus Creek and reported the incident. I kept thinking about Anna though and that if she had not been next to an adult when this ferocious wake hit, the water would've just grabbed her and sucked her small body into the River. What if her young cousins had joined us that day running along the beach out of arm's length from an adult? They would have been sucked into the river by the monster man-made wake only because the barge was going too fast! This was not an act of nature, it should never have happened, and it could have been prevented with basic safety precautions.

The author of this letter has the coordinates' the AIS report including time speed an destination of the barge an tug involved in this incident. It is her wish that one of many authorities or government agencies do something about these incidents!

To my readership: There are two sides to every story and there certainly is in this regard. There is a very fine line between operating a tug and barge or even a ship under the conditions that occur in the close quarters of the Hudson River. I have many friends that are 100 ton or higher captains. One or two have given up their jobs as captains as the responsibility of operating these ships rests on their shoulders and theirs alone. In many cases, what happens to them while operating a ship cannot be controlled by the captain. Engine failure, or breakdown of a mechanical part for instance or in the case of operating the ship or tug under extreme or even mild conditions.

What the general public is completely unaware of is the forces of nature such as tides, currents, wind an weather that play a significant part in the daily operation of the vessel.

So before conclusions are drawn these types of situations must be studied in great detail. I regret having to bring this situation to the attention of the general public as there is far too much negativity published regarding the Hudson River.

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From Dick Duncan

May 2nd was an idyllic day on the shore of the Hudson near Coxsackie. There was a clean stretch of beach where 3 year old Anna could discover objects that delighted her. Beach glass, razor clam shells, bottles with no messages inside them. All the stuff that kids find fascinating on a Hudson River shoreline.--

We'd just finished roasting hot dogs on the charcoal grill and were fishing for bait to use for stripers. Numerous catfish were caught before a small white perch was landed. I quickly baited a large hook and sent it out into the river. A short time later a young male striper was on the beach. Alas, it was just shy of the 18 inches so after a quick snapshot it went back into the drink, hopefully to lend its DNA to the next litter of bass babies. It wasn't long afterward when a northbound barge appeared pushed by a tugboat. It was apparent that this boat was in a hurry. I watched as a fisherman in a nearby boat bobbed around violently.

As the unit sped by, doing about 12 knots by my estimate, I noticed that the water was being sucked off the beach, but still I wasn't sufficiently alarmed. I knew that a good-sized wake would be coming so I looked about to see that everything was up from the shoreline and seemingly safe. I had a rod a reel nearby propped against a tree but guessed that the wake wave might come up the handle a bit, but probably not get to the reel.

I was sitting on a driftwood log, largely unconcerned, still enjoying the delightful afternoon and the pleasant scenery. What happened next still makes me shudder. The size of the wake wasn't obvious to me as it approached from the south because of tree branches that overhung the water about 25 yards away. When the wake did arrive and was nearly upon me I was immobilized and in awe. This wake was climbing in height as it approached, until it was over my head. At age 79 I was unable to leap up and make a dash for higher ground, so I just sat there as this enormous wall of water hit me like a liquid bulldozer blade. The next 20 seconds are a blur, as I was hurled from my perch and tossed about in the maelstrom. I didn't have any idea which way was up but when the crash and roar of the wake receded I found myself about 25 feet away. Dazed and confused I staggered to my feet. Upon seeing that everyone else was at least present, I grabbed my phone and held it up and shook it in an attempt to salvage it. A glance at the river revealed that most of what we'd brought to the beach was now floating away. A recovery operation was quickly conducted and much of our gear was returned to shore. But missing were fishing rods, lure boxes, net and car keys among other things.

Shockingly, our delightful afternoon at the beach had turned into a violent, dangerous, cold and wet ordeal. We did our best to salvage whatever we could and began



Dick Duncan and Karlyn Knaust Elia just before the wve hit

our chilly and glum hike to the cars, only one of which could be started because of the missing key. I was limping badly because of a sprained knee and bruised ankle. I am only now, 4 weeks later, walking normally again.

As a former keeper of the Saugerties Lighthouse and a sailor on the Hudson for over thirty years I should have been wiser about the power of that wake, the likes of which I had never seen before. I hadn't adequately factored in the narrowness of the river, the south wind, incoming tidal current, and the speed and size of the vessel.

It's said that you can't teach an old dog new tricks but this old dog learned a harsh lesson that day that will never ever be forgotten. Waves under these conditions do not come in directly parallel to the beach but at right angles. Thus individuals may not even see the oncoming wave until it is too late.

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Wave May Have Played Role In Rondout Drownings by Paul Brooks, The Times Herald-Record

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Esopus — Ulster County sheriff's officers are looking into whether the wake of ship on the Hudson River contributed to the deaths of three people in the Rondout Creek Monday.

The findings would help shed light on how the accident unfolded.

Sleightsburgh Park, a narrow hook of land that forms the south side of the Rondout Creek where it enters the Hudson, was the scene of Monday's tragedy. Four children and their baby sitter were swept into the water and a tangle of water chestnuts. Nelson Oliveras, the 10-year-old who is one of the two survivors, said Tuesday that a wave from a large vessel knocked the group off the safe path into the deeper water and the floating vines.

Oliveras' sister, Alyssa Flores, 8, and brother, Mark Anthony Flores, 5, and the baby sitter, Sue Comer, 47, of Sleightsburgh, drowned as a result of the incident.

Without question, the waves from freighters and other large vessels on the Hudson have the power to sweep people off their feet.

Kingston Point Beach is on the Hudson River just north of the mouth of the Rondout Creek. A large buoy floats about 150 yards offshore. It marks the east side of the ship channel in the river, which brings ship traffic within what seems like spitting distance of shore.

"It depends on how big they are and how fast they are," said Paul Hintz, head lifeguard at the beach. "These ships are drafting 25-30 feet of water. Where is all that water going to go? It is going to go up on the beach."

On the Fourth of July, the wake from a passing freighter swept up the sandy beach 20 to 25 feet farther than normal. As the wave bounced around the cove where the beach lies, it swamped a bassfishing boat, Hintz said yesterday.

The wakes are powerful enough to pick up and move the ropes marking the beach's swim area. The rope buoys are anchored with concrete weighing at least 150 pounds.

Kingston takes no chances. When a large freighter or tug boat passes the beach, life guards order swimmers out of the water and away from it. "That policy was established many, many years ago," said Ralph Vanacore, aquatics director for the city.

"This was terrible, a tragic situation," Esopus Supervisor Ray Rice said. "The river is a great recreational resource, but if you disrespect it, it will kill you in heartbeat."

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Hudson River Day Line REPORT OF BOATS AT DOCKS

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NOTORIOUS FOR THEIR WAVES AS THEY PASSED. THEREFORE THE **CAPTAIN OF THE DAYLINERS SUCH** AS THE ALEXANDER HAMILTON. PETER STUYVESANT, AND OTHERS WERE REQUIRED TO FILL OUT THIS LOG TO PROVE THEIR SPEED AS THEY PASSED CERTAIN POINTS. TODAY AIS, (AUTOMATIC SHIP **IDENTIFICATION SYSTEMS)** prove out the speed, position and location of most ships that travel up and down the Hudson River.

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This was an amazing meal and we never thought that Athens NY would be a food destination but we'll definitely be back. We visited with another couple, we girls shared the poached pear and goat cheese salad, which I could have personally eaten the whole portion myself it was so delicious. Perfectly poached pears, with crispy fried goat cheese, I believe it was the special appetizer for the day. The hubs shared a large portion of tuna tartar which they said was awesome!

For dinner I had the braised short ribs "Bourguignon" which came with the best potatoes gratin I've ever had, I'm sure it was loaded with cream and lots of different cheeses but man was it delicious, and you only go around once in life! Our friends husband said he doesn't like gratin potatoes but he ate all of his! My husband had the coq au vin which he declared a winner as well, We all took home togo boxes because we didn't want to miss the dessert of Profiteroles filled with ice cream. Can't wait to return to this great find in Athens!

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Castleton Boat Club's Horsepower on the Hudson is Fast, Loud and Colorful

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Horsepower on the Hudson is a shootout of sorts where performance boats do high speed radar-checked fly-by's.

This event came to being because performance boats would slow down to pass the Castleton Boat Club and then speed up after they passed. So I thought why don't we invite them to our Club and then check their speed with a radar gun. Our first event was held in 2012. We had about 12 boats and 175 spectators and it has grown every year. We had just under 700 Spectators and about 35 performance boats in 2017.

Everyone pays admission that includes hot dogs, salads and more. There is no extra charge for Performance boats to run the radar. We have a 50/50 raffle, event T-shirts and a raffle table. This year we have Gourmeli's Taste food truck for folks that want to hang around after the event and listen to the band "Cryin' Out Loud" from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

Spectators can walk the docks to check out the boats and chat with the owners. It's a fun day for the entire family. I think folks like the noise the best. We give trophies for the Best Sounding boat, the Best Cat Hull and Best V Hull, Crowd Favorite and Best Looking Crew. The Fastest boat gets bragging rights. Last year Team Denooyer with Lindsey Denooyer at the helm of "Killer Bee" was the fastest.

This year's event is scheduled for August 4th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (approximate time). After party starts at 6:00 pm with "Cryin' Out Loud".



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"Solar Sal"

On June 8th **Solar Sal 44** was launched into the Roundout Creek in Kingston. She in in the process of becoming the first ever 100% solar powered, US Coast Guard Inspected, commercial tourboat. (The boat is in the water for final Coast Guard inspection)

Only three lifetimes ago all transportation was solar powered, powered by people, animals and wind. Rowing craft of many sorts were the pick-up trucks of the day. Over 1000 sloops plied the Hudson River, they were the 18 wheelers of the day. The international jet plane travel of today was provided then by clipper ships those 3 short lifetimes ago.

Some wooden ships have been replicated and/or restored. The most famous is the Clearwater. Her cargo now is people and her value is not goods but education. The fresh water she sails in is only a drop in the bucket of the water that sustains

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this planets biosphere. All fresh rainwater is distilled by solar power.

Wood in a wet environment is not particularly durable. The myriad of wooden parts, shaped, fitted and assembled into boats start with astounding strength that fights the forces of wind and wave that impede marine transportation. Still today 90% of all cargo is transported by boat.

The same fossil fuels, that have almost entirely replaced the solar powered transportation of some 200 years ago, travel up and down the Hudson River in boats and by railroads. However, an historic transition is beginning to replace those fossil fuels. Seen occasionally in electric cars and busses, electricity is also moving into marine transportation. Besides being clean, quiet and less maintenance, electricity is usually less expensive than fossil fuels because it is so much more efficient. Internal combustion engines are unable to produce power at the low range of RPM of those engines. Additionally, it is difficult to measure the power of these engines at any speed. Electricity in contrast produces full torque at all speeds, is easily shifted in direction and the power is easily measured and displayed at any time.

I have an electric car and there are experimental solar cars, but there are not practical solar cars. The reason is that the area of the roof does not provide sufficient solar energy to power the car. Likewise there are experimental solar airplanes, but not practical ones for the same reason, the area on the wing not enough to power the plane.

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Tagging Hudson Sturgeon

Every spring, Atlantic sturgeon return to the Hudson River from their overwintering grounds in the coastal Atlantic Ocean. Large juvenile sturgeon arrive in search of food in the river's plentiful benthic foraging habitats, while even larger, mature adult sturgeon travel to the spawning grounds in the tidal freshwater portion of the river to ensure the arrival of the next generation. Accustomed to the depths of their ocean home, Atlantic sturgeon spend much of their time in the deep channels and holes of the Hudson and rarely wander into the shallow, off- channel habitats. The bottom of the river channel is 30 feet deep at its shallowest and plunges to more than 200 feet deep near West Point with many areas deeper than 100 feet.

Through years of acoustic telemetry tagging, tracking, and monitoring, we know that sturgeon reside in the deeper waters of the river, but where they swim in the water column is largely a mystery. Because Atlantic sturgeon are benthic foragers, feeding on small fish, crustaceans, worms, insect larvae, and other invertebrate prey that live on and in the river bottom, we know that sturgeon spend at least some of the time at the bottom of the



Field biologists collecting Atlantic sturgeon for data tagging. Work conducted pursuant to NMFS Sturgeon Research permit no. 20340 to the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.



river. But how much time do they spend there and how much time do they spend in the mid-water column and at the surface?

As part of the construction of the Governor Mario M. Cuomo Bridge, sturgeon biologists from AKRF Inc., an environmental consulting firm based in New York City, are working on behalf of the New York State Thruway Authority to answer these questions.

Working in collaboration with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and field biologists from Normandeau Associates, Inc., sturgeon biologists caught and tagged 10 large juvenile Atlantic sturgeon during the summer of 2017. The tags, which transmit valuable data about the sturgeon and the river, were designed to detach from the sturgeon and rise to the water's surface. While a Hudson River boater recently found and turned in one of the data tags, nine are still at large. Researchers are asking boaters to be on the lookout for the tags, which may still be adrift on the river, but may have washed ashore and are lying beneath vegetation or debris along the shoreline. The tags are likely to be found between Newburgh Bay and the Battery, but may have been carried as far as the beaches of Long Island and Staten Island, or even further depending on where the sturgeon was when the tag detached.

Boaters who find a data tag are asked to contact Dr. Justin Krebs at AKRF via email at jkrebs@akrf.com or by calling (646) 388-9662.



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The Escalating Trade War is Threatening the Entire Recreational Boating Industry.

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Just this week, {June 1} the Trump Administration decided to end Section 232 steel and aluminum tariff exemptions for Canada, Mexico, and the European Union, sparking retaliatory tariffs from all three countries. Boats entering the EU will face a 25 percent tariff while Canada is applying a 10 percent tariff and Mexico a 15 percent tariff. This will make our industry less globally competitive in our top three export markets.

Now is the time to take action. Tell President Trump to make a deal that immediately withdraws these tariffs. Without a solution, our industry – and the entire U.S. economy – will suffer.

With our industry facing such significant tariffs, it is important you let your voice be heard.

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Prizes, Cash, Fishing and Giving: The United Way "Leo Lasher" Catfish Derby July 21, 2018

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"One of the best fishing contests on the Hudson River"!

Fishing for the love of fishing is what most of us on the water get from angling. Fishing for a great cause adds to the joy and fun.

This July 21st is the eighth year that the United Way "Leo Lasher" Catfish Derby is being held. What started very small, with just thirty eight people has grown into a community outreach benefiting dozens of local non-profit programs.

In just the last three years, the United Way "Leo Lasher" Catfish Derby has funded over forty eight programs and put over \$40,000.00 back into the community.

"We have prizes for all ages from the tiniest fishermen to the first prize of \$1,500.00 cash on the spot", said Brad Poster, Executive Director of the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties. "We encourage all fishermen from the "professional" to the families who get their kids up early and across the finish line.

The first prize has grown significantly to \$1,500.00 due in part from donations from Sequence Development, The Bank of Greene County and the 'Event Chairman' Perry Lasher.

The person who enters the longest "live" Channel Catfish of the day will be handed fifteen \$100.00 bills. Prizes in the next nine places in the Adult Category include fishing gear (rods, reels and tackle) as well as ice chests and such.

The top prize in the kid's category is a brand new bicycle and the next nine winners can also win fishing gear, kid size life vests, movie passes and more.



Every kid (12 years and under) who enters the Ed's Kids Casting Contest sponsored by Ed Herrington's Lumber will take home a prize from the prize table, and a French Fry coupon from McDonalds. Even the three smallest catfish wins a prize!

"We started the "Team Challenge" when Captain Bob Lewis with Fins and Grins Charter Fishing contributed "A Day of Charter Fishing" for a prize. When four fishermen register as a team, the combined lengths of four catfish will determine the winner

The "big deal" for the fisherman who sets the New York State Record for a Channel Catfish is a new Village Dodge Pickup truck, with a new Boat, Motor and Trailer from Riverview Marine Services in Catskill.

"Each year the Catfish Derby is a host to many individuals with developmental disabilities", Brad Poster continues; "By registering on the website at www. unitedwaycatfishderby.com people can Sponsor a Child of their own or a kids who belongs to a group."

"New this year is our Sponsor a Warrior category (also found on our website). We have teamed with the Wounded Warrior Project out of New York City and the Warriors in Motion at the Adaptive Sports Foundation in Windham, New York to help give those who sacrificed for our American Freedom a day of fishing, recognition and prizes."

Many have asked - Who was Leo Lasher?

"Sounds too simple... but Dad loved to fish. So do I....and I always wanted to do a tourney in his honor." said Perry Lasher, The Bank of Greene County, Senior Vice President, Commercial Lending. Perry's father passed away in 1999 and they shared a love for at least a couple of life's treasures including fishing. Four years ago, in an endeavor to honor his father he became Event Chairman the United Way of Columbia and Greene Counties Leo Lasher Catfish Derby.

"The biggest prize of all goes to me" finishes Brad Poster. "Watching the joy on the faces of the families, the kids and the volunteers who make this event a family destination in beautiful Dutchman's Landing Park is the greatest feeling. Allocating the United Way funds to improve the lives of people in Columbia and Greene Counties is a "mission well done".



Summer On Upstate Waterways Reveals History, Brings Fun and Excitement



by Pete Bardunias, President/CEO, the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County

Saturday, July 7, 2018 from 10AM till dusk is the annual Waterford Steamboat Meet sponsored by the Town of Waterford, including some of the best fireworks in the Capital Region and a chance to see historic and unique vessels tied up at the waterfront, plus a farmers' market on Sunday, July 8 from 9AM to 1PM. If you miss this great event, don't worry, there will be more fun in Waterford with the Dragon Boat festival in August and the Tugboat Roundup September 7-9. For more information visit www.town.waterford. ny.us or www.southernsaratoga.org.

Even if you miss the festivals, the Waterford Harborfront is always a great place to visit. Near the "Battery" where the Hudson and Mohawk Rivers meet is the home of Upstate Kayak Rentals (www.upstatekayakrentals.com), where you can enjoy a different perspective on the water thank to



Groups of eager tubers visit Big Big on the Battenkill in southwestern Vermont, accessible via arranging transportation from southern Saratoga County ports of call. The owners of this fun attraction also operate South Shore Marina on Saratoga Lake for trailer boaters, adjacent to Nostalgia Wine Bar and Ale House, in Malta, NY.

The work of Thaddeus Kosciuszko is evident throughout the region from Waterford to Ticonderoga. The Polish Colonel tried to convince leaders to fortify Ft. Ticonderoga, when he was rebuffed he concentrated on Waterford and Saratoga instead, leading to a victory which impacted the entire world.





Steamboats warming their engines at the dock in Waterford. The annual Steamboat Meet is but one of many great maritime events which take place in this historic site, which is also home to America's oldest continuously incorporated village.

Donna Larkin and her professional staff. Right across the way, on Peebles Island, you might notice some earthen mounds sticking up from the grassy knoll. They were part of the fortifications erected by Col. Thaddeus Kosciuszko in 1777 as part of the defenses should the colonists have lost the epic Battle of Saratoga that fall. A very interesting case of what-might-have-been. There is also a remnant of an old factory on Peebles Island as well as other working factories nearby, a reminder that America's industrial heritage is still alive here in upstate New York, and many are working hard to make it thrive once again.

Just upriver past Lock C-2, the Mechanicville Library hosts a farmers' market every Monday, rain or shine, from 4PM-7PM at 190 N Main St., Mechanicville. More information is available at meclib.sals.edu . It's another great opportunity to easily provision as vessels make their way north to Lake Champlain. The village of Stillwater at Lock C-4 and Schuylerville just below Lock C-5 are becoming more and more popular with cruising boaters (many articles in recent issues of this magazine have discussed Schuylerville's resurgence), and for those interested in getting away from the water, consider the Saratoga Battlefield, the Saratoga Race Course (mid-July thru Labor Day), area farms and other attractions which are easily reached via uber, taxi service or in some cases by bicycle or even on foot. Or call Kirsten Dahlgren at Big Big on the Battenkill (www.bigbigonthebattenkill.com) to arrange a tubing or kayaking trip on the Battenkill River in nearby Vermont.

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The simple fact that adding to the equation of things that can happen to your boat being in the presence of water, 24 seven, adds a significant factor to the possibility of things that can go wrong.

Corrosion: Water in any form is corrosive. If you add salt to the mix as you have in the southern part of the Hudson River you must protect all metals.

Part of the protection is a good spray that covers the metal parts, (in many cases it also adds a bright shiny look to the surfaced). Most importantly, zincs, which are attached to metal surfaces underwater such as propeller shaft, steer rudders, swim ladders and other items is a must where salt water is present. The zincs act as a sacrificial lamb and are eaten up by the electrolysis created by exposed metal being place in salt water.

Speaking of propellers have you at least taken the key out of the ignition, and then checked the prop for nicks and dings with your had. Obviously if the boat is kept in the water it is the only way to check it.

Then there is the very basics, oil levels in your engine, power steering, trim pumps, generator oil levels, (if you have one on board) and most importantly the float switch on the bilge pump as well as the intake on the bilge pump screen. "Oh" is the discharge hose connected so that the water is going outside of the boat. You may laugh but is a very common occurrence to have the bilge pump disconnect through vibration or rot, and the bilge pump making a complete circle instead of a one-way trip out of your boat.

How about the fuel filters. Have you had them changed, how about the water separating filter on your fuel line. Speaking of fuel lines, another very common occurrence is to have the breather tube from the fuel tank clog up with bees, spiders or what have you and suddenly your engine is starving for fuel.

Most importantly is USE YOUR BOAT, there are far more problems created by boats not being used than by another other means.

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INSURING YOUR FULL TIME OR "ON THE SIDE" COMMERCIAL BUSINESS, MARINE OR OTHERWISE

It is common that some people decide to either make some extra money on the side, while still employed to supplement their income, or take up some part time work while retired. What is your exposure to a possible law suit by doing this and assuming this risk of something going wrong in the process with the work you are performing? What could possibly happen, you might think, for this minimal exposure since either you are performing your "work" only a few times a week and maybe for friends, family or referrals? First let's see if what you are doing is considered a "commercial" exposure. Anytime there is an exchange of money or services! So the fact you accept cash only and there is no "paper trail" with a check or credit card receipt does not let you off the hook. Neither does an exchange of services, like bartering, as this can also be considered a form of payment. First, a description of what a "full-time" commercial marine type business might need as an example. Then some scenarios of some home based, part time businesses that may operate out of a home.

Some examples of types of businesses that require specialty marine insurance include boat dealers, marinas, boat clubs, cruise or in water transportation of any type, fishing charters, boat rentals, and marine repairers and surveyors. Examples of policies they may need can include:

General liability insurance - bodily injury and/or property damage they may cause through their "negligence". Marina operator's legal liability is another coverage which includes coverage for the boats themselves while being worked on or in their care, custody or control. All of the above businesses need this type of insurance. If alcohol is served, liquor liability insurance as a separate policy can be included if not an automatic coverage in the general liability form or an endorsement that could be purchased as an add on to an existing policy.

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Boat insurance- if this is a cruise, water taxi, fishing charter, etc.. they also may need a separate general liability insurance policy for the dockage hazard of injury to passengers boarding or deboarding on land. Like your personal boat policy, a commercial boat policy can provide insurance for hull, machinery and equipment and bodily injury/property damage caused to others, as well as injuries to passengers. If the boat is not relatively new, a survey will probably required and all operators may need a full captain's license.

Workers compensation - anyone paid to perform services under someone's business needs to be covered by a policy. Payment to the employee in cash does not mean you don't need this. This coverage pays the medical cost for the injury plus a portion of the salary the injured employee is unable to collect due to his inability to work. New York State also requires disability insurance for an employee, which pays also pays a portion of salary for lost time from work due to a nonwork related injury.

Vehicles and equipment - cars, trucks, trailers, cranes, barges, etc. all need liability insurance even if not for road use, and can usually be insured for theft and/or other physical damage.

So these are some of the types of policies a commercial business might have to fully insure themselves, as a corporation, LLC or an individual. But what about your own "on the side" business. Maybe you do shrink wrapping, boat cleaning, transport services or take people out fishing. You may think that because this is a small business on the side you can operate without insurance. This is a dangerous situation as all of your personal assets are at risk in the event of a loss resulting in a law suit. Particularly if you have not formed a corporation or LLC for this entity, a judgment against you can mean future earnings are garnished and/or liens against your home and any other assets if you do not have insurance. For these marine exposures, yes you can buy policies to cover your smaller exposure, with a lower cost than a full-time commercial operation. Rates are often dependent on the gross annual sales or payroll, so your cost for insurance would certainly be less than for a larger business with employees.

For some other non-marine types of home based businesses, insurance can be inexpensive, but this depends on what type of "business" you have. One company we use for this type of exposure is RLI, who has a special in home business policy. Some of the classes they can write are crafts, home sewn items, perfumes, baking or food related items you prepare in your home, knife sharpening, and offices. You may sell these items out of your home or at flea or farmer's markets and street fairs. The policy can include product liability, and bodily injury/property damage insurance at the actual location of the "event" you may be setting up a table to sell at. Often the venue you are selling at requires insurance, and these in home business policies can satisfy that requirement. If you are watching children at your home, even if for a friend and there is any exchange of money or services, this is considered a "business"

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and any injury to the children can be excluded from your homeowners policy. Some of the homeowners insurance companies we represent offer an endorsement at a reasonable to cost to add liability coverage for this home day care exposure. Depending on the number of children, a separate commercial day care policy might be needed as well as a medical policy. More hazardous kinds of "on the side" work might be snowplowing, tree trimming, power washing or handyman repairs. Although these classes of work can't be covered by an in home business policy , a separate commercial policy can be purchased in you individual name, if you do not have an LLC or corporation.

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by Ralph J. Ferrusi

Yonkers



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to the 79th St. Boat Basin



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July 30, 2004, at 2:16 PM,

Kath and I and our long-time "canoe buddy" Tim Lewis paddled our canoes - ours a pretty much brand-new dark green 17-foot We No Nah Sundowner, his a red 16-foot Old Town Penobscot—right up to the main dock of Manhattan's 79th Street Boat Basin, and tied up like we owned the place.When Kath and I stepped out unto the dock we'd finished canoeing the entire Hudson River (having been inspired by Peter Lourie's River of Mountains: A Canoe Journey down the Hudson) from the Indian River white-water rafting put-in in the Adirondacks to Manhattan (except for Kath and I and our long-time "canoe buddy" Tim Lewis paddled our

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per mile, whereas the Class V whitewater in the Grand Canyon drops "only" 20 to 30 feet per mile: hmmmm, so much for my memory of this trip!!!). I do recall our guide was an "old timer": our Grand Canyon and Urabamba guides were pretty much—both male and female—young "hot shots". He did spin us around in one of the particularly nasty tt always taking the tides and the wind into consideration: ideally with the current, tide, and wind in our favor (but not always...). It was complicated: sometimes we took two cars, sometimes relied on the kindness of relatives and friends to shuttle us. Here's a list of the "River Towns" we put in/took out from Albany to Yonkers (since we live on the east side of the Hudson, we favored it): Schodack Island State Park, Coxsackie, Hudson, Catskill, Saugerties, Kingston, Norrie Point, Poughkeepsie, Chelsea/ New Hamburg, Cold Spring/Garrison, Peekskill, Buchanan (Lent's Cove)/ Verplanck, Croton/Ossining, and Tarrytown. Whadda journey!!!

OK, lets go back to 9:30 AM, Yonkers, July 2004: I don't recall how we found the boat launch in Yonkers (except that we must have canoed down to it from Tarrytown(???)), but my recollection is the big parking lot was empty and very run-down and decrepit.

I also don't recall much about the Yonkers waterfront, but recall it was a fine Summer's day, and the river was wonderfully smooth and calm. For this reason, Tim and I took off our PFD's (Personal Floatation Devices, aka "Life Jackets"). Looking back, I find this astonishing: nowadays we never set out without PFD's, even on White Pond when it is totally windless and placid, and especially on the Hudson. Live And Learn...

We were concerned about the currents near Spuyten Duyvil, where the East River joins the Hudson, but they were not a problem at the time of day we paddled past. The next Impossible To Ignore landmark was the George Washington Bridge, and it was a huge milestone for Kathy and I on our long, long journey from the Adirondacks. We pulled in at a small Hudson River beach just below the bridge, and took a break at an idyllically-located picnic bench.

Then it was down along Manhattan (!!!), and the walkers and cyclists enjoying Riverside Park along the Henry Hudson Parkway. Next landmark/photo op was Grant's Tomb, and before we knew it there was the 79th Street Boat Basin, and, moored outside the Basin—because it wouldn't fit inside—was, yikes, the 370-foot Le Grand Bleu, Russian mega-billionaire Evgeny Markovich Schvidler's "Look At Me Toy".

Our canoes did fit inside the Basin, and we paddled up to the main dock as if we owned the place... OK, we had to get back to the Subaru. Kath and Tim lounged at the Basin, watching crew members from Le Grande being shuttled back and forth to shop in Manhattan (and the Clearwater cruise by), and I went out to the streets and hailed a cab to Grand Central, just like I knew what I was doing. The cabbie asked what my story was, and when I told him he said "I knew you were a bit different."

I fairly easily found a train to Yonkers, and worked out a taxi (a BIG old Ford (I think???) station wagon, driven by a big, friendly black woman. She brought me right to the Subaru (I had hoped it would be stolen: the 1998 standard shift Legacy wagon was, for whatever reasons, not a favorite of mine) and I scootched down to the Boat Basin, pulled in, and parked alongside signs that said PARKING FOR BOAT OWNERS ONLY. I was a boat owner. What a day, what an adventure. An aside: that six-mile stretch from Riparius to The Glen is still hanging over us: maybe this year...

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First Place - \$500 Second Place - \$250 Third Place - \$125

August 18 Adults - \$20 Youth 16 & under - \$10

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From Lake George and Lake Champlain to New York Harbor there are Fourth of July Fireworks.... Everywhere!

by John H. Vargo

Freedom Park, Along the Mohawk River, Scotia NY Friday, June 29, At Dusk

Waterski show at 7PM. Concert featuring "Rusticators" at 8PM sponsored by the Village of Scotia, followed by a fireworks show over the Mohawk River at dusk, sponsored by the Town of Glenville. Boaters can see the fireworks from an excellent vantage point along the River near Jumpin' Jack's Drive-in. Free admission. For more information call (518) 370-0662.

Clifton Park July 4th Celebration Wednesday, July 4 12Noon-10PM (Fireworks at 9:30PM) at Clifton Common

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New York State's 4th of July Celebration

Empire State Plaza, 240 State Street, Al-

Price Chopper and Market 32 have presented this Albany tradition since

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tures live music and fun for the whole family, including the best fire-

works show in the region. This year will feature multi-platinum pop stars "SmashMouth". More than 20,000 people will gather to enjoy the day at

the Plaza, which includes a naturalization ceremony, dozens of food and craft vendors, activities for kids, and an evening of live entertainment

leading up to the big pyrotechnics show. Free admission. More infor-

3PM to 10PM (Fireworks at dusk)

Wednesday, July 4

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Saratoga's All-American Celebration 2018 Tuesday/Wednesday, July 3 and 4 All day long – Fireworks 9:30PM on Wednesday, July 4 Downtown Saratoga Springs

Visit Spring Street, Putnam Street and Henry Street for a downtown party! The fireworks will be shot off from behind the Congress Park carousel. The AudioStars concert will be on stage in the Spring Street surface lot. The car show will also be in the Spring Street lot earlier in the day, and BBQ & Dessert Fest will take place all along Broadway, throughout downtown Saratoga Springs, and in the Division Street parking lot. For more information about this volunteer-run event including a list of sponsors and daily schedule visit saratogajuly4th.com.

Waterford Steamboat Meet Saturday, July 1 (farmers market on July 2) 10AM- Dusk – Fireworks at Dusk at the Waterford Harbor Visitors Center

Steamboats from across the region converge on the harbor for this annual tribute to these old-time vessels and their dedicated caretakers and captains. Food, vendors, live music and fireworks. Also, meet boaters from all over the country as they traverse America's Great Loop! The weekly Waterford Harbor Farmers Market will hold Steamboat Sunday on July 8 from 9 to 1, with fresh farm products, "Harbor Joe" coffee, and live music, also at the waterfront. More information on Steamboat Meet is available at town.waterford.ny.us, and for the Market visit southernsaratoga.org or call (518) 371-3763.

Saratoga Lake Fireworks sponsored by the Town of Stillwater

Tuesday, July 3 at dusk

Best visibility from the Brown's Beach complex. Live music, dining and fun at Dock Brown's Lakeside Tavern on Brown's Beach, located at 511 Route 9P (Saratoga Springs P.O.). Call (518) 306-4987 for more information.

July 4th Fest at the Great Escape 89 Six Flags Drive Queensbury, NY 12804 (Exit 20 off the I-87 Northway) Saturday through Wednesday, June 30 -July 4

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Macy's 4th of July Fireworks the Nation's Largest Independence Day

A pyrotechnic anthem for the ages will ignite New York City's famed skyline on Wednesday, July 4. An unrivaled barrage of color, shape, light and sound to celebrate Independence Day. The nation's largest pyrotechnic display will come to life over the East River, captivating more than 3 million spectators lining the shorelines, waterways, streets and rooftops of the Big Apple and millions more on television coast-to-coast as together they marvel at the nation's largest and most exciting party. Beginning at approximately 9:25 p.m., the first shells will launch the celebration along the shores of Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn with more than 60,000 effects rumbling toward the grand finale.

The festivities will showcase a 25-minute display featuring never-before-seen shells and effects. Multiple new shells including color changing chrysanthemums, purple crackling ghost peonies, orange bees, and pulsing happy faces in 23 electrifying colors including fuchsia, lemon and aqua. Revelers enjoying the show are encouraged to experience the full explosive display by tuning in to radio station 1010 WINS-AM to hear the musical score to which the show is choreographed."

Independence Day spectators from coast-to-coast can catch all the action in the sky by tuning to NBC's two-hour national broadcast of "Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular" beginning at 8 p.m. ET (check local listings). In addition to the pyrotechnic splendor, the 4th of July's most popular entertainment special will feature performances from the nation's hottest musical acts. Stay tuned for more exciting details about this year's display.

BEST VIEWING LOCATIONS WILL BE THE ELEVATED PORTIONS OF THE FDR DRIVE FROM THE FOLLOWING ENTRY POINTS. FROM HOUSTON TO MIDTOWN:

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- 42nd Street
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- Pearl & Frankfort
- BEST VIEWING OF FIREWORKS FROM BROOKLYN
- Brooklyn Bridge Park
- The Brooklyn Promenade

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- Chambers St (J,Z)
- City Hall (R)
- Brooklyn Bridge (6)
- Wall Street (2,3)
- Fulton Street (A,J,J,Z,2,3,4,5)
- BROOKLYN
- Clark St (2,3)
- High St (A,J)
- Court St (R)

- Jay Street MetroTech (R) For more information on the Macy's 4th of July Fireworks, please visit www.macys.com/fireworks or call the Macy's Fireworks Hotline at (212) 494-4495

City of Poughkeepsie Waryas Park, The Walkway will be open to ticket holders to watch the City of Poughkeepsie's 4th of July fireworks display on Wednesday, July 4, 2018. **Walkway Over the Hudson**, a nonprofit organization, is a proud lead sponsor of the City of Poughkeepsie's fireworks display, along with other local businesses. Ticket sales fund fireworks, emergency services, and Walkway programs.

The Walkway will close at 5:30 pm to the general public and reopen for the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at 7:00p.m. Fireworks are scheduled to begin between 9/9:30 pm.

The Walkway gates will close 60 minutes after the fireworks show is completed.

No refunds for this event will be issued. Rain date is scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2017. West Point Fireworks, July 2, 2016 7:30 pm. It's only fitting to celebrate America's independence with the Army's oldest band. Ask any one of the thousands who regularly attend this event why it's a must-see. World-class music and a stunning fireworks display make this concert one you won't want to miss! The easy way is by boat!

Walkway over the Hudson Bridge. Walkway will be offering a premier view of the City of Poughkeepsie's incredible July 4th Fireworks from high above the majestic Hudson River! The Walkway will open at 6:30 p.m. Pack a picnic and enjoy the sunset. Before the fireworks begin around 9:30 p.m. be sure to bring your chairs and flashlight. No pets, bikes, or skateboards allowed due to the nature of the event. The Walkway is a smoke and alcohol-free park. Tickets are \$10 each (kids 5 & under are FREE). Go online at www.walkway. org to purchase tickets for this event.

The Regional Dutchess County Cham-

ber of Commerce Balloon Rally is always an early morning event. Depending on the weather, boaters have the opportunity to be right under the balloons as they leave the Poughkeepsie shoreline. It is an unforgettable site, especially for children. The fact that it takes place during early morning limits the number of boaters and spectators that participate. Go to www.dcrcoc.org/balloonfestival to view multiple locations and times of lift off.

Riverfront Marina, Newburgh, NY Fourth of July Fireworks

Call Jamie the dockmaster at Riverfront Marina for reservations at their transient docks well in advance - 845-661-4914. This location is gateway to 7 restaurants including Billy Joe's Rib Works, Capt. Jakes Seafood and five others. It is a rocking, busy place to enjoy the barge load of fireworks anchored out in front at dusk on the Fourth of July or any other evening during the summer. Bear Mountain State Park, Check the media for date then it will be a perfect boating event if you anchor on the south side of the Bear Mountain Bridge in the iona Island Coves. The water depth varies from 5 feet to



Town of Haverstraw Fireworks, This is one of the most spectacular fireworks displays on the Hudson River.

For dates go to : www.northrocklandchamber.org/events/

Look for the huge power plant smoke stack, the park where the fireworks are shot off and the concert takes place is right behind it. Further there is a "pond" that can be accessed, VERY CAREFULLY, nearby. Getting in the pond allows you to be directly under the fireworks. I strongly suggest ear muffs or plugs for those with sensitive ears. Entering the pond is very dangerous as there is a large pile of bricks inside the entrance. Please enter the area with you engine out of gear, following someone with experience in doing so. Then just touch your forward motion in gear and out so that if you do hit the bricks you will not damage anything. if you're a smart and a cautious boater you will have all children wearing life jackets and anchor on the outside of the huge pile of boats that will be there and then, leave early so you do not get involved in the madhouse leaving the area.

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Helpful Tips to keep your boat in fine condition!

#1- Avoid letting your boat get all chalked and faded

The dullness in the gelcoat goes beyond the surface. Gelcoat is porous and the fade is imbedded in the pores of the gelcoat. When the boat was new it had a sealer glaze that filled the porosity in the gelcoat. It's likely after years of washing the boat especially if harsh chemicals and or dish washing liquids were used the sealer glaze has gone away. Specially made "Boat Wash" products are made to wash the boat with out stripping the protective glaze and wax. Now that the protective glaze and wax is gone the UV sun rays are penetrating the porosity in the gelcoat.

Degrees of fading will vary depending on color; darker colors, e.g.; red, maroon, green, dk. blue all have large amounts of pigment and will fade faster than lighter colors.

"In most cases gelcoat shine and color can be restored!"

If you are not aggressive enough when you compound you are shining only the surface. You need to take the top layer of gelcoat off to get to good gelcoat. It is possible that the right compound materials and technique will fix your problem.

Get good gelcoat compounds. There is a difference between compounds for cars and boats. Generally gelcoat compound is more aggressive than automotive compound. I use the following materials- * Presta Super Cut & Mirka Polar Shine 35 – TR products; TR-311 is a coarse compound - TR 308 eliminates swirl marks and minor scratches and TR-301 Sealer Glaze closes gelcoat pores and seals. After using the TR-301 Sealer Glaze a good marine 68 UV protecting wax must be applied to insure the longevity of the shine. Depending on how faded the gelcoat is will determine what compound you can start with.

*"If you are going to compound and wax your boat you need the right materials and equipment"

Here's what you need; a good particle mask; compounds dry out your sinus and skin, eye protection and light weight gloves, terry cloth rags ,micro fiber towels a variable speed buffer, not an orbital buffer! Orbital buffer is good for polishing but not for compounding because you won't get the heat from it necessary to get a shine. Be sure to get a buffing pad; different from polishing pads. Use a good quality wool pad, I use a 3M doubled sided pad. The pads are pricey, but you get what you pay for. Don't bother using a foam buffing pad as they build up static electricity and will not produce a good shine.

"As a general rule; buffing without a little heat you're not going to get the shine"

Start with using TR-311, course compound. Apply to the boat using a terry rag. Put enough on to keep it moist; too much will sling all over and make a mess. All buffers spin clockwise so put compound on the boat and work right to left in small areas so the compound stays moist and it will avoid loading up your buffing pad. Be careful buffing around registration numbers, vinyl graphics and stripping tapes!

After using TR-311 wipe the residue off the boat. Clean the pad with a tool

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called a spur. You can use the side of a screw driver but it tends to pull the pad apart. Repeat the process using the TR-308 to get rid of swirl marks and minor scratches caused by the coarse compound. Again wipe off the residue and clean the pad. Next apply the TR-301 Sealer Glaze. It can be applied and removed by hand but for best results use the buffer. Wipe the boat down one last time and apply a good marine UV protecting wax. Wax is essential because the Sealer Glaze does not have UV protecting properties.

If the gelcoat has become badly chalked and it comes off onto your hands and clothes when you rub against it wet sanding and compounding will be required to bring the shine back.

Here is the basic wet sanding process;

I test spot an area starting with a professional grade gelcoat compound. If that does not remove the fade then I will wet sand using a sanding block starting with 1000 gt. During the process the sandpaper is completely saturated with water. If fade is still present after testing with 1000 gt., I will then use 600 gt wet sandpaper. I will not use any coarser paper. I work 1 sq. ft at a time all the way around the boat being very consistent on how much sanding is done. The gelcoat must be sanded evenly other wise the boat will look like a leopard. If 600 gt is removing the fade, 1000 gt is used next. Depending on finish desired 1500 and 2000 gt is used. Final applications are professional grades of compound mentioned above, sealer glaze and UV protecting wax.

#2- Do not apply clearcoat or a "clear" product over faded gelcoat

Never a good idea. If you use these products the boat will have a great and shiny finish initially but after a period of time it will turn yellow and peel like a bad sun burn. Watch out for what I call "snake oil". We have removed terrible foggy looking clearcoat and products that promise "a great shine" on

boats and discovered perfectly good gelcoat underneath that just needed color restoration.

#3-Always Pre-drill gelcoat when installing fasteners

If you do not pre-drill the edge of the screw will lift and/or take a chunk out of the gelcoat. It may even start a crack that'll travel like a crack on the windshield of your car.

Start the drill in reverse using the correct size drill bit until you bore a hole through the gelcoat. Next use the drill in forward to make your hole.

Using sawzalls to make holes can also lift the gelcoat and cause spider cracking. So use a hole saw for a better cut.

#4-Use the proper marine sealant

Two friends of mine who are avid and very knowledgeable boat owners have identical boarding stairs used to get from the dock to the boat. The stairs are constructed of molded fiberglass with a plywood core material. Both of them had stainless steel hand railings installed. Whoever did the installation did not use sealant around the screws and under the flanges. Because sealant was not used water was able to seep into the plywood core. The plywood became soft and allowed the stairs to flex causing cracks in the gelcoat and fiberglass. As the plywood rotted away there was less and less support; the fiberglass flexed so much it became pulverized. The stairs can be repaired but it would be so much work it would be cheaper to buy a new set.

The same thing that happened to the stairs could happen to the deck and/or hull of your boat.

More and more often I am seeing soaked up and rotted core material in the area of decks, around cleats, floors, transoms, window frames, engine hatch covers, seat bases, etc. If there are any areas of peeling and/or missing sealant it is an invitation for problems. It must be removed and replaced.

In addition; if you drill any new holes to change or add new hardware be sure to use a good grade marine sealant. There is a sealant specific to each application.

3M is my brand of choice. I use 4200 and 5200 Fast cure most of the time. Be sure to use the right type for the job. Google 3M Sealant technical info. I'll will be very helpful.

Note- 5200 Sealant is a great sealant if used in the right areas; this means using it on something you never want to take apart again. When a boat is built 5200 is used to seal the deck and hull permanently allowing flexibility. If you try to remove what's been sealed with 5200 it will pull your gelcoat off your boat revealing the laminate, use it wisely!

So installing a horn? Use 4200. You may want to change your horn down the road.

#5- Aviod using scotch brite pads, magic eraser, etc to clean your boat. Not good for gelcoat!

Believe it or not we have taken many scratches out of gelcoat because boat owners thought these products were a good idea to use. It's like using sand paper! It works fast and great during the process but you will be horrified at the dull and scratch marks left behind!

The fix for this mess of scratches requires wet sanding, compounding and wax which is very labor intensive.

#6- Be sure to have the correct trailer - A poorly adjusted trailer or not an adequate trailer to fit your boat.

This happens often and I've made many repairs on hulls because of an improperly adjusted trailers.

Ask your local marina to inspect your trailer to be sure your boat fits it properly. Proper tongue weight and axle positioning is crucial to avoid unfortunate accidents and ensure a smooth riding boat. Not enough tongue weight can cause a trailer to whip from side to side especially if using a light weight tow vehicle.

And by the way, I am not a fan of roller trailers. Why? Because the rollers are hard and chafe away the gelcoat in multiple small areas and they do not support the hull like bunk trailers do. I have seen indentations caused by rollers. Roller trailers sometimes can be converted to the less damaging bunk trailers.

In addition bunk trailers require less maintenance and there are many parts to a roller trailer that need to be maintained.

One con about bunk trailers is if you launch at low tide or a bad ramp, it easier to use a roller trailer sometimes than a bunk trailer.

Poorly maintained trailers including bad tires that can blow apart tear off fenders and damage your boat.

Also check and maintain your wheel bearings, hitches, surge brakes, etc or bring it to a marina service shop.

#7 –Chock the wheels on your trailer before releasing it from the tow vehicle. Seem like a no brainer? Well...accidents can happen...

It can roll down the hill getting smaller and smaller before it hits that tree at the bottom.

We meet a lot of people by accident...Most people realize if you live on a hill you should not unhook your loaded trailer from your vehicle to move it by hand. Chances are gravity will take over and ruin your day.

Our customer's trailer was equipped with a tongue jack with high tech double pneumatic wheels so he could move it by hand into its parking spot. This story goes all down hill from here.

The brand new 2013 high end bass boat is equipped with all the bells and whistles a bass fisherman would want and powered by a 2013 150 4-stroke engine. The boat owner unhooked the boat & trailer and it took off down the hill. All the owner could do was watch it go and go until it slammed into one of his nice trees. The accident broke the cavitation plate, bent the stainless steel prop, bent the prop shaft, smashed the cowling and tore a big hole into the transom. The damage in the heavy red polyflake was into multiple body lines. It was a major fractured area.

To add more misery, the boat owner thought he was insured for this crash. When he contacted his insurance company and was told there was no insurance on the boat. His homeowners did not cover the accident either. Insurance company coverage varies; best to check your policy.

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All of these expensive repairs came out of pocket. This poor customer, I could see alligator tears in his eyes when he found out what the repair costs were going to be. All he could say was "lesson learned".

If you are going to unhook your boat trailer from its tow vehicle on unleveled ground at least keep your safety chains attached and chalk your wheels to see what may or may not happen.

#8- It's a hot buggy day and you spray bug spray in your boat.

This is a sure way to stain and damage upholstery. Sun tan lotion can also cause damage.

#9- Let only competent people use your boat. It's essential for those who are at the helm know how to operate a vessel and know the rules of the waterways! We all know how dangerous inexperienced boat operators can be. I've repaired many smashed up boats caused by unqualified drivers. Check your local area for state sponsored Safe Boating Classes. Be familiar with your state Boating Laws.

#10-Take your drain plug out in the off season.

If water gets in the boat it freezes. Damage can be catastrophic. The ice expands and could push up the floor, crack the hull or both! Strange hull damage has been suspected to be caused by frozen water.

#11- Ventilate your boat to prevent moisture, dampness, rot and worse of all potential explosions of accumulating gases in your bilge. Let it breathe!

We've been getting numerous calls and emails from people who have deteriorating and/or rotted floors, stringers, supports, transoms, seating, etc. Some boat buyers are getting stuck with boats they thought was a great deal but ended up with water soaked floors, stringers, etc.

A customer brought a bow rider walk-thru boat to our shop wanting to repair a soft spot in the floor. The boat looked clean and well maintained. The exterior was in mint condition. Looking at it you would never have thought it had any soft floor issues.

Upon examination we discovered the floor was spongy and rotted from the bow to the forward area of the floor storage compartment. The boat owner was surprised, very unhappy and disgusted with the boat manufacturer. He thought the choice of materials used to build the boat should have lasted much longer.

What caused this to happen? Moisture!

The rot began in the "Storage Locker" - it's a convenient place to stuff all your wet lines, life/ski vests, etc. but these usually carpeted compartments absorb moisture. It's a big sponge in the center of the boat! The lifting hole in the cover allows additional water access. It's always damp and never has a chance to dry out due to lack of ventilation. The moisture works its way up the sides of the compartment into the underside of the plywood floor. Next the flotation becomes saturated. I have removed water saturated flotation that I was able to wring out like I was squeezing a wet sponge. The excessive moisture can easily add hundreds of pounds to your boat.

Once it is in the flotation and in the wood it will never dry out. Never, ever! Removal and replacement is the only option.

It is one of the more miserable, time consuming jobs I do in boat repair!

This boat also had a bow and cockpit cover allowing the windshield to be exposed to the sun creating an incubator. Hot air holds more moisture. You could have grown mushrooms inside this boat! And yes, I have actually seen mushrooms growing inside of boats.

Other helpful advise...

Look around your boat- Do you have any screws missing? – Put the screw(s) back in to seal it up!

Are there any holes? Seal them up!

If at all possible, do not cover a wet boat!

Leave your cabin doors open and let the air circulate!

Install fans/blowers- Keep that air moving!

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Lift your engine covers/compartments after each use- it'll keep your engine from rusting too! The key is – and it's worth all the effort - keep things as dry and ventilated as you possibly can, after every boat outing!

#12- Check hardware & fasteners often - tighten as needed

I worked on a high performance boat that endured normal vibrations that come along with big engines and high speeds. It was brought to me to repair because the rub rail was falling off. I discovered that not only the rub rail was falling off but the deck was in fact separating from the hull.

The resonation caused the heads of the screws to actually pull through the rub rail and deck thus separating the deck from the hull. Eventually the deck would have completely detached from the hull.

I had to completely remove the entire rub rail and clean off what was left of the old silicone all around the boat. Silicone should never have been used it was the wrong choice of sealer. 3M 5200 Permanent Adhesive Sealant, a high grade product is specifically made for this purpose and should have been used. Chances are if the proper sealant had been applied there never would have been a problem.

In other areas of the boat there were similar problems because of improper sealant use.

Both forward deck hatches had loose screws and had to be re-bedded. Good sealant would have dampened the resonation thus keeping the hardware tight. Both hatches were leaking like a sieve.

After finding all these problems I proceeded to check all the hardware and found most of it was loose.

On the transom I found loose swim platform bolts. These bolts are positioned below the water line. They were resealed with the correct sealant.

Point here is; don't assume all is well; check your boat hardware before heading out on the water. High performance boat owners may want to check your seat hardware especially the drivers' seat; I have seen them come loose. At the very least, make sure your kill switch tether is attached to you!

#13- Store your boat in an adequate/safe location

#14- Know the waterway. Plan ahead. And you'll avoid a catastrophic situation!

#15- Stay away from using gelcoat paste repair kits or Marine Tex

I never suggest using "Gelcoat Repair Kits", "Gelcoat Paste" or any of the repair snake oil that is sold today. Sounds like a wonderful thing in theory but I have never seen to my satisfaction a successful repair using them. I have even tried the kits myself and have not been successful for a host of reasons.

There is a lot you need to know about gelcoat before you attempt a repair.

Gelcoat is affected by many things including age, temperature, humidity, hardener, surfacing agent, additives, and application methods.

How much color fade the boat has will also determine how nice the repair will look.

Do not use Marine Tex- it is not good as a finish material. Why? When it is applied to the gelcoat damage and dries it is harder than the surrounding gelcoat. When it is sanded smooth you sand away the adjacent gelcoat leaving a Marine Tex bump on your boat. It's a good material in some applications but not a good choice as finish filler.

AGE- Gelcoat has a shelf life! Hopefully that Repair Kit you used was fresh and not sitting on the shelf for a couple of years! Gelcoat is good usually for up to 6 months. I won't use gelcoat if it is more than 3 months old. There are chemicals in the gelcoat that evaporate over time. The chemicals are crucial to insure a proper cure. Once a boat manufacturer sent unknown to me, outdated gelcoat to do a warranty repair! I sprayed the gelcoat and it would not fully cure – it was TACKY! Hummm, brand new boat, outdated gelcoat. I asked the manufacturer to please ship me some fresh gelcoat! Repair was redone successfully. That will only happen to me once!

AGE OF GELCOAT-TEMPERATURE - HUMIDITY - HARDENER- SURFACING



AGENT- ADDITIVES- APPLICATION METHODS- MATCHING GELCOAT COLOR FADE

All play an important role in doing a successful Gelcoat Repair

When you are done banging your head against the side of your boat you can always bring your boat to me or any professional gelcoat repair person.

#16- Protect your hull if you leave your boat in the water all season long

You may want to entertain the thought of applying an epoxy barrier coat on the hull. I'm not talking about Bottom Paint- It's Epoxy Barrier Paint which will HELP prevent blistering from the waterline down. It's a lot cheaper to properly apply epoxy barrier than it is to pay a repair facility to fix osmotic blisters. In addition Epoxy Barrier is cheaper than Bottom Paint.

As I mentioned in articles numerous time Bottom Paint alone will NOT prevent osmotic blisters and not all hulls are susceptible to developing them. Every manufacturer has their own building process.

Two boats can be built in the same plant- one boat may develop blisters while the other may not. If you don't want to apply any barrier at the very least KEEP a good coat of sealer glaze and a coat of marine wax on the hull.

#17-Choose adequate lines, fenders and dock hardware. Secure your boat properly at the dock to avoid this type of damage

#18- Don't wait too long to take shrink wrap off in the spring As soon as the weather permits take the shrink wrap off your boat and get your boat open and ventilated!

On hot humid days the shrink wrap acts as an incubator and can

cause dampness, mold, etc to develop. Be sure to ask for vents and moisture absorbers when shrink wrapping.

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