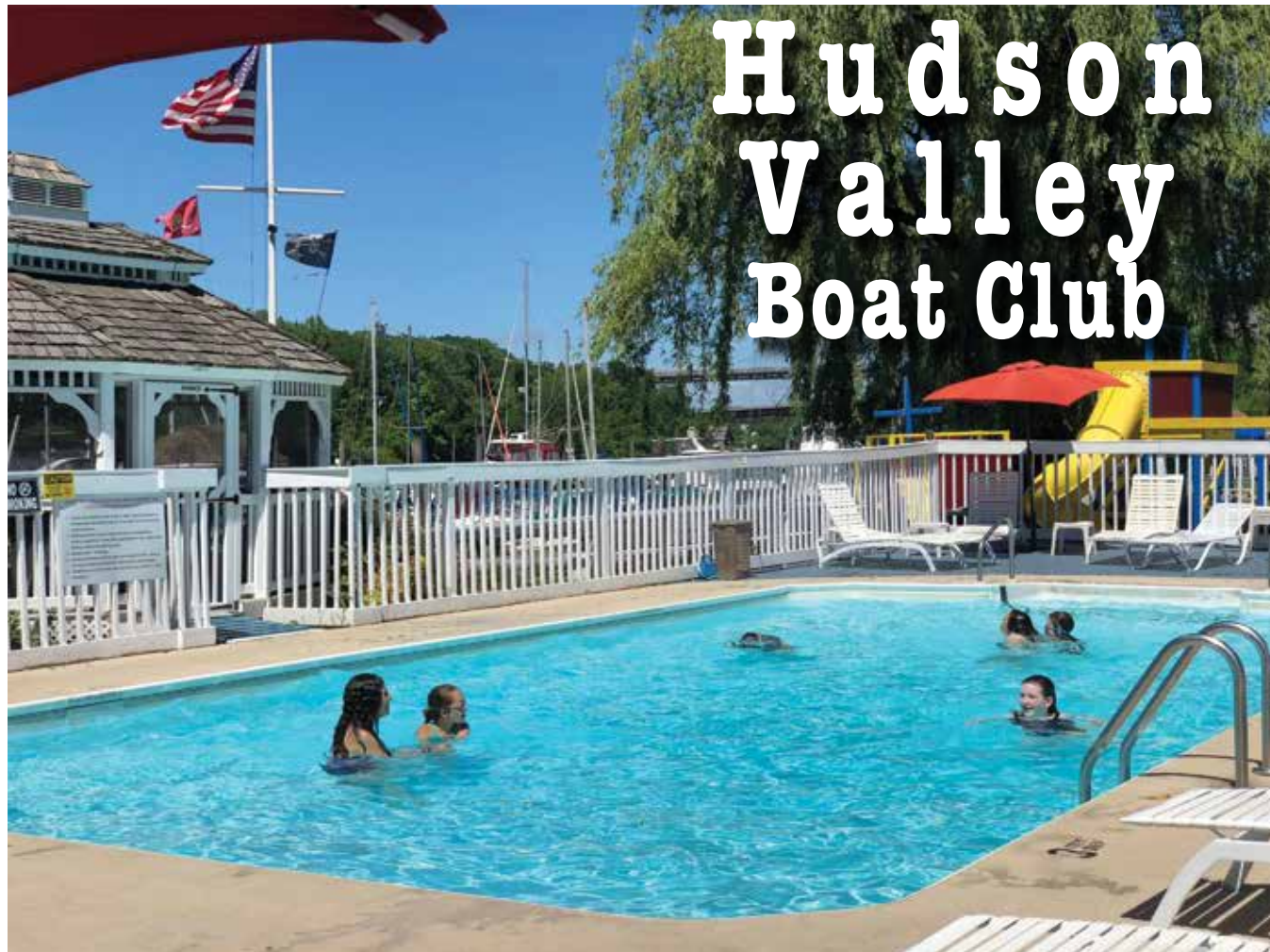


Hudson Valley Boat Club



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Our new post covid life style has certainly left its mark on the recreational boating industry in new and interesting ways!

One such is that some marina's like Rondout Yacht Basin in Kingston, NY have developed boat rental "clubs" that allows a customer to use a variety of boats, on a daily basis without actually owning it.

At Rondout Yacht Basin it is called Hudson Valley Boat Club. (This is a separate corporation, however all the amenities such as the pool, picnic areas of Rondout Yacht Basin are included in club membership) For 3000 dollars per year, a member of the Hudson Valley Boat Club can use a number of ten passenger pontoon boats or a Skeeter Bass

Boat from April to the end of the boating season on a daily Basis! Hours are from 9 AM till Dark.

After joining the Hudson Valley Boat Club you can use their boats up to Hudson, NY to the north of Rondout Yacht Basin and to the south as far as Poughkeepsie.

The Hudson Valley Boat Club has been in operation for several years and has many very satisfied customers. One such is "JM" who uses a pontoon boat on almost a weekly basis. JM says, "I love the fact all the responsibility for the boat, except for the operation of it, is up to Hudson Valley Boat Club, I just call ahead to make a reservation up to three weeks in advance, and the boat is mine on the appointed day. It always has been clean, fueled up, and ready for me!

I remember when i first joined a few years ago i did not know how to operate a boat at all. Rondout Yacht Basin required me to have a



NYS boat operators certificate and spend some time learning how the boat operates and general rules of the road. I was then on my own, no fuss at all!"

One thing that is different about Rondout Yacht Basin is that it is located on Rondout Creek. This is very calm clear, fresh water. Since there is a speed limit on the creek it allows new members to get used to their boat in a very slow, careful manner an on calm water. Once you are use to the boat, you can enter the Hudson River!

Call Rondout Yacht Basin and ask for the Hudson Valley Boat Club at 845-331-7061

