

## Liz Keller

On Friday, September 23rd, 2022, the Croton Yacht Club and the Hudson Valley boating community suffered a devastating loss with the untimely passing of long time member and boating advocate, Liz Keller.

As long standing lifetime member of the Croton Yacht Club, first woman member and first woman Commodore, Liz helped chart the successful course of the club over recent decades.

Liz was a current Member of the CYC Board of Directors, two time past Commodore, a past financial Secretary and held many committee positions over the years which positively influenced the direction of the club during her tenure as an officer.

In addition, Liz functioned as the good will ambassador of the club, keeping track of membership welfare and always creating a welcoming atmosphere for new members and guests.

Liz understood the importance and value of the many Croton Yacht Club community outreach events and programs; she was always the first to volunteer to support their management and execution. In spite of her physical disabilities she was a primary contributor to the success of our recent Wounded Warrior fishing contest and annual River Day event at the yacht club.

Perhaps most importantly, Liz's passion for the club and boating in general was an inspiration to other women which served as a catalyst to much needed and welcomed change in the club and the boating community overall.

We wish Liz calm seas and smooth sailing in her next journey.

Respectfully,  
Dennis Kooney



# Congratulations to the

## Hudson River Fishermans Association



**The Hudson River Fisherman's Association did a wonderful job of creating a river wide catfish contest!**

They are the only true fishing organization left on the Hudson River. Their goal is to save the relationship between the Hudson River and each and every child they can influence by giving them a day of free fishing! The HRFA volunteers have been doing so for many years.

By creating a river wide catfish contest it became convenient for fathers and sons and daughters to weigh in catfish and return them to the river alive. The HRFA established weigh in stations at these locations, Westerly Marina, Croton Yacht Club, Riverfront Marina, (Newburgh), Piermont Pier, Riverview Marina, (catskill). And Coeymans Landing Marina, (14 miles south of Albany).

Ryan Conroy, 3rd place winner, his father and sister (kissing the fish) before live release.



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Eric Allen slowly, ever so slowly improving.



Dan Harrison, HRFA Member (left) with Carl Allen, Eric's father.

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Eric Allen was tragically hurt in a terrible explosion while working at Coeymans Landing Marina back in January. This year a unique fundraiser was tied to the Catfish Contest, by having individuals who wish to do so contribute monies to Eric Allan.

A total of \$2,034. was raised and presented to Carl Allen, Eric's Father, by Dan Harrison HRFA member.

The focus centered on Haverstraw Marina which had the most contestants entering live catfish. All of the other stations coordinated their weighin,s with Haverstraw where the HRFA committee was stationed.

Haverstraw Marina provided food for the committee and fishermen who visited during the contest.

The over all winner of the HRFA Catfish Chaos live release Derby was a 26.5 in catfish, Tim Yetto. The overall winner of the youth division was 24.5 inch catfish Mason Montenegro.

Comparing the 2021 catfish derby to this years 2022 derby, there were many more fish caught this year. Interestingly enough a number of fish were caught around the same size, 25 inches, but the rules state, the first fish that is weighed in becomes the winner when two are of the same size.

On top of all the above, The Wounded Warrior Association, held their own fishing contest at Croton Yacht Club with the HFRA Members, Gil Hawkins, Jane Ebihara and Jeff Christie providing support. They helped by setting up the visiting Wounded Warriors rods and reels for the day's fishing.

In my over 20 years of working with these catfish fishing derby's, I have never seen better run or as well organized a day of fishing than this one was.

By the time the first Wounded Warrior family arrived at 8 AM, the Croton Yacht Club members, Gary Dlabola, Vice Commodore, Gary Eisinger, Rear Commadore, Sharon Terilli, Liz Keller and other members had the table and chairs set up and umbrellas placed.

In addition there was coffee and pastries available in the air-conditioned clubhouse for everyone.

At lunch everyone had sandwiches, soft drinks, courtesy of Nancy Beetstra, head of the Wounded Warrior Project.

As lunch was finished the awards were given out to the winners, plus all the Wounded Warriors who visited the Croton Yacht Club were given a rod and reel, courtesy of Nancy Beetstra and the Wounded Warriors Project.

Best of all, every Wounded Warrior family member caught fish. One youngster caught 13 fish in 3 hours of fishing!

The concern of the Hudson River Fisherman's Association that there is not enough interaction with children and the Hudson River were most certainly satisfied for at least one day with this wonderful showing.



Tim Yetto, Overall Winner

The railing at the Croton Yacht Club, Jeff Christie helping with a fishing rod in his hand



24.5 inch catfish caught by Mason Montenegro. Overall winner in the Youth Division

Not very big but plenty of white perch were caught to keep the interest of all the Wounded Warriors Children

