

Come to the Canal Festival and Join In a Centennial Celebration!



A “Wiggly” Gift Awaits Kids In The Fishing Contest!

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Thanks to the Wiggly Worm Bait Supply (886 Route 80, Ballston Lake, NY 12019, (618) 399-4524, www.wigglywormbaitsupply.com), every child who participates in the Fishing Contest (sponsored by the volunteers of the Hudson River Fishermen's Association) at the 2018 Waterford Canal Festival Centennial Celebration will receive a \$10 gift certificate for anything sold in their store. This is another great reason to spend Saturday, May 19 at Waterford Harbor (from 10-6) and take part in the fun! Remember if you're in the area...when you think fishing, think Wiggly Worm - a family run business since 1932.

Standing in front of the massive structure of Erie Canal Lock 2, it's hard to believe that this venerable engineering marvel is now one century old. Even after 100 years the locks and other operating structures of the Erie Canal are amazing to contemplate, and fun (though often challenging!) to traverse by boat. Simply put, there is nothing quite like it in the entire world.

The Chamber of Southern Saratoga County (CSSC) is proud to be presenting the Centennial Celebration of the Waterford Canal Festival on Saturday, May 19, from 10AM to 4PM, on behalf of co-presenter the Village of Waterford, continuing the centuries-long revolution of marine transportation on New York State's inland waterways.

This year's Festival is a can't-miss event, with nautical exhibits along its entire 2000 foot promenade, at least 10 restaurants serving great food, interesting vendors, arts, crafts and farm markets, cars, trucks, boats and even swimming pools for sale, and a free shuttle through Lock E-2 to the "top" of the Festival (yes, uphill, that's what locks are for!) sponsored by Hullspeed.us/Greenfield Manufacturing and piloted by local captains. Essentially we are the only canalside festival with a "ski lift!"

Captain Mike Kiley of Extreme Hydro Flight, LLC will be demonstrating their jet propulsion waterflight skills, a kid's fishing contest will be sponsored by Boating on the Hudson and the Hudson River Fishermen's Association, a race car will be displayed by JGS Recycling/Capital Dumpsters and a kids' Bounce House will be sponsored by Price Chopper/Market 32.

Tie-up space will be at a premium along the Waterford wall during the Festival, in part due to the presence of many Great Loop travelers from all over America just getting their start for the season. There are excellent marinas and boat clubs nearby so please check them out. A really great choice is right up the Hudson a mile or so - Lock One Marina And Shipyard (www.lockonemarinaandshipyard.com) (518) 238-1321 where owners Larry and Steve Ascenzi will be happy to cater to your transient boater needs.

Whether one visits Waterford by land or sea, there is always something fun to do at the Canal Festival. For more information visit www.southernaratoga.org.

