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# Fo'c'sle News

Newsletter of the Hudson River Maritime Museum  
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## ***Hudson River Maritime Museum In the Community***

The next time you go shopping, you may see The Hudson River Maritime Museum at an unexpected place! The Hull Property Group, the new owners of the Hudson Valley Mall, invited the Hudson River Maritime Museum to provide historic and current images for the large scale full color murals that cover the vacant storefronts while the property is under renovation. HRMM joined with other community organizations to provide 10-foot-tall photos of Ulster County Landmarks such as the Kingston Lighthouse, SUNY New Paltz, the Shawangunk Ridge and the Ashokan Reservoir. These murals highlight the rich heritage and beauty of our region and its cultural sites.

As the museum grows and expands its reach and mission, we are excited to develop new partnerships within the Hudson River Valley community and beyond!

Special thanks goes to Ron Searl of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, Rachel Snyder of Rachel's Hudson Valley Lenz and Nate Horowitz for images of the Kingston High School Crew team for generously providing images that highlight the museum's presence in the community. The first of the murals are going up. Keep an eye out for more coming soon!

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is also featured in an Ulster County Tourism display at the Ulster County Office Building in Uptown Kingston. The display opens on February 15 and will focus on new exhibits here at the museum.

### **Museum Hours**

Open Thursdays - Sundays, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

In late April 2018, the Museum will resume a 7 days/week, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. schedule.

Please check [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org) before planning your visit.

# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**Dear Friends,**

The heart of our mission has always been to interpret and preserve the heritage of the Hudson River. In the last two years, we have taken our mission to a whole new level, with a dramatic expansion of our Riverport Wooden Boat School adult classes and YouthBoat, the founding of the Riverport Sailing & Rowing School, and increasing partnerships with other area heritage organizations with joint programs. We have truly made education our central mission. As we make our way into the school field trip season, our education team will be going into local fourth grade classrooms in Kingston and Saugerties and hosting nearly 1,000 children for field trips this spring.

In order to make these educational programs happen, we need you. So thank you for being a member and supporter of the museum. This February is “Show the Museum Some Love” month, and I encourage you to do just that, whether you volunteer, increase your membership level, make a donation to one of our scholarship programs, take a class, go on a tour, or talk to us about planned giving. HRMM would not be where it is today without you, and we can’t continue to expand our education mission without your help.

We have worked hard to get our 2018 events planned and confirmed in advance so that we can print an events brochure. This events brochure will be making its way to your mailbox in February or March, so keep your eyes peeled! In the meantime, please visit our newly revamped website, which is easier to navigate and contains all sorts of new and useful information. Visit us at [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org).

– Lisa Cline



## 2018 Visiting Vessels

**May 26 :** Replica Dutch yacht *Onrust* and a Hudson River Sloop will be at the docks for a special program on the Dutch heritage of Hudson River sloops. In conjunction with The Conference on Black History in the Hudson Valley, July 14.

**June 7 - 12:** Corning Museum of Glass *GlassBarge* towed by the tug *W.O. Decker*, and the *Lois McClure* replica 1862 Champlain Canal schooner towed by the tug *C.L. Churchill*. Open for deck tours with special glassblowing performances aboard the *GlassBarge*.

**July 13 - 15:** *Shantyboat*, part of the “A Secret History of American River Peoples” project. Open for deck tours & oral history recording. In



**August 2 - 7:** Replica 17th century Swedish ship *Kalmar Nyckel*. Open for deck tours with special public sails.

**September 8 - 12:** Fireboats *McKean* (arriving Sept. 8) and *John J. Harvey* (arriving Sept. 9), open for deck tours. In conjunction with “Heroes’ Day” September 9, which remembers 9/11 and celebrates emergency personnel.

For more information, visit [www.hrmm.org/visiting-vessels](http://www.hrmm.org/visiting-vessels)

# DEVELOPMENT DISPATCH

## Show the Museum Some Love - Tie the Knot with HRMM

February is the Hudson River Maritime Museum's annual Show the Museum Some Love membership drive and fundraising month.

This month, HRMM has launched new and improved membership benefits for individual and corporate donors. For more information about these new and exciting benefits, please visit [www.hrmm.org/join](http://www.hrmm.org/join).

On Saturday, February 17 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., the museum will be hosting "Tie the Knot with HRMM", an afternoon of adult crafting. Participants will learn various nautical knots, and leave with a made by their own hand necklace, bracelet or keychain. Cost of admission is \$35.00 and includes complimentary wine and beer, chili and mac & cheese, and a complimentary individual membership to the museum. If you are a current member, we encourage you to gift their membership to a friend. Children are



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welcome, and kids under 12 years old are free. Tickets available at [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org).

Throughout this month-long membership drive, the museum will offer guided tours at 2 p.m. each Friday and Saturday in February. Tours are approximately 60 minutes and included in general admission. They are free to members of HRMM - just another one of the new and improved membership benefits!

All proceeds from HRMM's membership drive will support the museum's education programs, including the YouthBoat afterschool workshop. Additional donations to support education programs are appreciated.

For more information, please contact Development & Membership Associate Ellie Burhans at 845-338-0071 ext. 19 or email [eburhans@hrmm.org](mailto:eburhans@hrmm.org)

## Donate Your Old Boat

HRMM's donation program provides an opportunity for boat owners who want assurance of a meaningful future for their vessel. Boat donations are hassle-free, provide new and continued life to beloved vessels, and are tax deductible! HRMM staff will even arrange to pick up!

All donations significantly contribute to HRMM's programs in a number of ways. Depending on vessels make and condition, it may be used by the Riverport Wooden Boat School to teach youth and adult students traditional woodworking skills. Or, boats will be sold and 100% of the proceeds will go towards funding HRMM's educational programs.

If interested in donating a boat, trailer, sails, tools, motors, and/or anything else maritime themed, please call [845-706-8881](tel:845-706-8881).



# EDUCATION UPDATE

## Family Activity: Sailor Valentines

February is a perfect time to give some love to family and friends. Join us on Saturday, February 10 at 1 p.m., for a Sailor Valentine workshop class in the Riverport Wooden Boat School. During the workshop participants will learn about the history of Sailor Valentines. Snack and story time is included. Each child will get to make their own valentine by using seashells, paper plates, paper, and markers. This program is free for HRMM members (household level and higher), and \$5 for the general public. To register for Museum Mates, call Tashae Smith at 845-338-0071, ext. 11 or visit [www.hrmm.org/museum-mates.html](http://www.hrmm.org/museum-mates.html).

The name invokes the idea that these special gifts were made by the sailors themselves. In actuality, these intricate works of art were usually purchased from a shop that made or sold the valentines. Many of the valentines were purchased on the island of Barbados. Once purchased, the valentine would be held on to by the sailor until he saw his loved one again.

These shell crafts have an octagon shape wooden box. Inside the box is a romantic design made from small seashells with a glass cover over the seashell design. A message would sometime be incorporated into the seashell design, such as “think of me when faraway”. Sailor Valentines were meant to be taken on the go. They were designed with a hinge and clasp to close the octagonal box and keep the beauty of the design protected. Today, original Sailor Valentine are collectables, but brand new and custom made Sailor Valentines can be purchased online.



## Family Activity: Help Celebrate St. Patrick's Day



*Make a sea monster mask like this one!*

Join the Hudson River Maritime Museum as we participate in the 31st Annual Kingston St. Patrick's Day Parade, Sunday, March 11 at 1 p.m. We want you and your family to be part of our float!

This special two-day Museum Mates will take place on March 10 at 1 p.m. at HRMM **and** March 11 at 1 p.m. On March 10 those who participate will be able to create sea monster masks, tricorn hats and a water banner for the parade in the Riverport Wooden Boat School. Families who participate in this Museum Mates can ride on the float and march in the parade on the Museum's float.

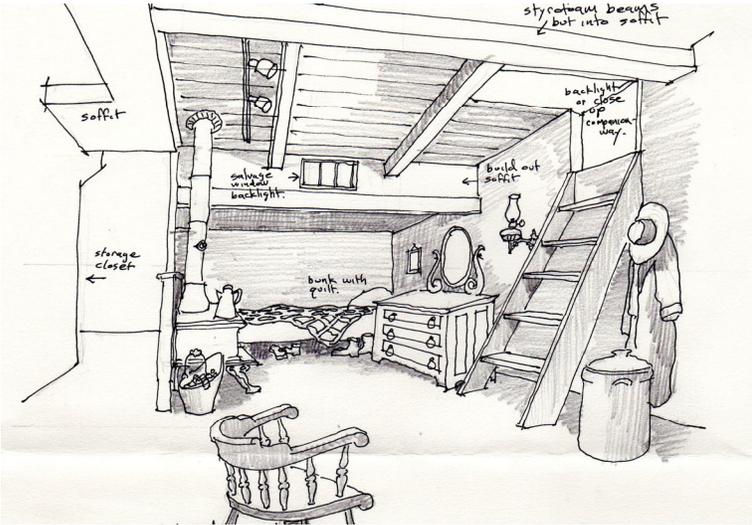
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# CURATORIAL CORNER

## 2018 Exhibit - "The Hudson River and Its Canals"

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce its new 2018 exhibit, "The Hudson River and Its Canals - New York State Waterways that Built Our

Nation." This exhibit replaces the 2015 temporary exhibit "Lighthouse of the Hudson River" in the Green Room of the museum.



Sketch design of a portion of the exhibit interpreting cabin life for barge families.

"The Hudson River and Its Canals" will focus primarily on the Champlain Canal (1823), Erie Canal (1825), and Delaware & Hudson Canal (1828), the people who built them, the people who worked on the canals, and the economic impact of these canals on New York State and the nation.

The exhibit will feature a number of interactive elements, including a 3D topographical map of New York State, model canal play area, and reconstruction of the interior living quarters of a family's canal barge. Historic photographs, documents, maps, video, journals and letters, and audio excerpts from oral histories will be integrated into the exhibit.

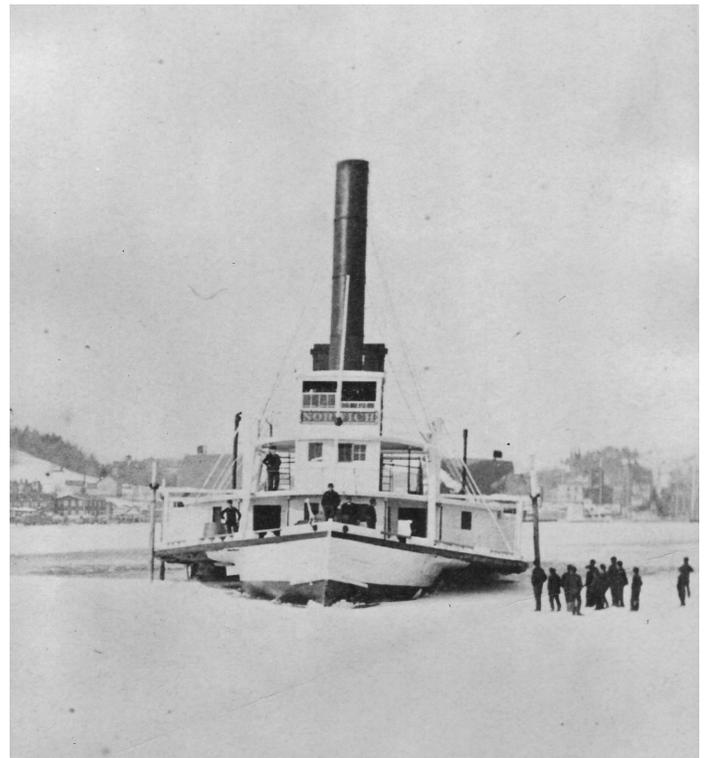
## HRMM's First Online Exhibit

*Tugboats: Workhorses of the Hudson River* debuts as the Hudson River Maritime Museum's first online exhibit with images and descriptions of one hundred years of Hudson River tugboats! The images represent a small fraction of the Hudson River Maritime Museum's tugboat-related collections, and will be updated occasionally with more content.

This new and exciting online exhibit was sponsored by grants from Arts Mid-Hudson and the Community Foundation of the Hudson Valley.

Don't forget to listen to the recording of a tugboat horn on the first page. Follow the link from our main page at [www.hrmm.org](http://www.hrmm.org) or visit directly at [www.hrvh.org](http://www.hrvh.org) and click on the "exhibits" tab at the top of the page. Our exhibit is mobile friendly for easy viewing on phones and tablets as well as computers.

Keep your eyes peeled for more online exhibits in 2018 and beyond. Another way to share the Hudson River Maritime Museum experience with folks around the world!



The Cornell towboat "Norwich" breaks ice in the Rondout Creek, c. 1890. The "Norwich" was known as the "Ice King". Donald C. Ringwald Collection, HRMM

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## Riverport Sailing & Rowing School Update

The Riverport Sailing & Rowing School is well underway in planning the 2018 season. This spring, RSRS is offering **Sailing 101 and 102** for new and returning adult sailing students. In addition, we have scheduled a whole host of sailing instructor training courses with U.S. Sailing. These certification classes will allow experienced sailors to learn how to become instructors for Level 1 and Basic Keelboat training courses, as well as Powerboat Safe Handling.

HRMM has also partnered with SeaTech Marine Training to offer two **U.S. Coast Guard Captains' License** courses in February and April. These four

weekend courses prepare students to take their Captains' License exams. The February course was sold out and the April course nearly so, but SeaTech has opened up a few more spots for each class. Visit [www.seatechmarinetraiding.com](http://www.seatechmarinetraiding.com) to register.

Finally, RSRS has scheduled a full six weeks of youth programs for the summer - two weeks of youth rowing workshops, and four weeks of youth sailing workshops. Registration is not yet available, but you can find out more by visiting [www.hrmm.org/sailing--rowing-school.html](http://www.hrmm.org/sailing--rowing-school.html).

## Members-Only Sip & Paint Sunday, March 25



Join us for this special members-only event with art instructor Cynthia Frary, who will guide you through step-by-step to create your own, customized painting of a sloop sailing through the Hudson Highlands. 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM, wine and snacks included.

New Riverport Wooden Boat School classes have been added for the spring and summer, including **Wooden Boat Restoration Workshop** in March, **Timber Framing, Revisited** in May, **Build Your Own Radio-Controlled Pond Yacht** in June, and **Build Your Own Skateboard** in July. **Foundations of Woodworking** series is back in March and April, with the classes building upon one another and culminating in **Build Your Own Shaker Table**. All these classes and more are now open for registration at [www.hrmm.org/all-classes](http://www.hrmm.org/all-classes).

### ***Lisa Cline Joins Advisory Council***

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce that Executive Director Lisa Cline has joined the Ulster County Tourism Advisory Council. Ms. Cline accepted this position in January of 2018 and is excited to bring her unique perspective from a cultural site to the tourism council.

### ***Volunteer at the Museum Store!***

One of HRMM's most popular attractions is our Museum Store, where visitors can purchase a variety of regional and maritime-related clothing, jewelry, accessories and books, as well as general admission to the museum. But the Museum Store's success depends on our amazing group of volunteers. Their knowledge, professionalism and friendly demeanor make visitors feel welcome and inspired. If you would like to join our Museum Store team, please email us at [volunteer@hrmm.org](mailto:volunteer@hrmm.org). It is a great way to meet people and help HRMM.

# RIVERPORT WOODEN BOAT SCHOOL

## YouthBoat Turns One!

Exciting things are happening at the Boat School this winter! Students from BOCES's Transitional Occupational Program are back again for the second year participating in the RWBS's YouthBoat Program. The class meets Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday mornings with master shipwright Wayne Ford and a crew of dedicated volunteers.

This year the students are building 8-foot long wooden skiffs called Optimist Prams, (or Opti's for short). These one-person boats can be used for rowing or sailing and will be fitted out with oars and spars that the students make. The goal is to build a small fleet of Opti's ready in time for our summer Sailing Camp.

Returning BOCES student James Schmidt admits that the first year was hard, as he was just learning to use the tools. This year he feels more confident and finds that he is able to teach and encourage his fellow classmates. James feels that the students and volunteer have a great relationship. When he is working with the volunteers he's more motivated and isn't afraid to make mistakes.

The YouthBoat afterschool program begins on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Eight high school students from Kingston High School and the Children's Home of Kingston will be building two Opti's to add to the fleet. Looking ahead to the spring and warmer weather, YouthBoat participants will get out on the water to row.

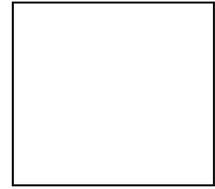
There is no cost for YouthBoat participants, but we need your support to keep our doors open. Please visit Crowdwise at <https://www.crowdrise.com/support-youthboat> to learn more about our fund raising campaign. Watch the video and share it on Facebook, Twitter or other social media sites.



*Riverport Wooden Boat School shipwrights and volunteers with YouthBoat students.*



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## HRMM Offers Two Conferences This March



### Keeping History Afloat on the Hudson River - Boatbuilding and Restorations

Saturday, March 24, 2018  
9:00 AM to 5:30 PM

Join us for this boat  
restoration symposium

featuring RWBS Director Jim Kricker, experts from Scarano's Boat Building, and the stories of restorations and builds for the *Clearwater*, sloop *Eleanor*, sloop *Woody Guthrie*, freight sloop *Apollonia*. \$45 for HRMM members (Household level & above), \$50 for non-members, includes lunch. **To register:** <http://www.hrmm.org/store/c6/Events.html>



### Riverport Women's Sailing Conference

Saturday, March 31, 2018  
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Modeled on the National Women's Sailing Conference, which has endorsed this project, beginner and advanced women sailors can

expect a full day of exploration at this women-teaching-women sailing conference, expanding this year with classes held at the Riverport Wooden Boat School, the HRMM East Gallery, and museum conference room. Hands-on workshops are paired with classroom theory, history lectures and intimate conversation circles. \$65 for HRMM members (Household level & above), \$75 for non-members, special \$35 rate for teens (13-19), includes lunch. **To register:** [www.hrmm.org/sailing-conference](http://www.hrmm.org/sailing-conference)