Hudson River Maritime Museum Wish List

We are looking for slightly-used or new equipment to help us better serve the Hudson River Community. Please consider donating the following:

- Small truck with tow-hitch
- 10’x10’ blue pop-up tents
- Wheelbarrow
- Life vests
- Life rings
- Bullhorn
- Safety skiff

Save the date!

Wednesday, April 24, 2019 | 7PM

Wooden Boat School Classroom

"50 Years Later: A History of the Building of the Sloop Clearwater" with Betsy Garthwraite, former captain of Clearwater

Museum Purchases 100% Solar Powered Tour Boat

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce the purchase of the 100% solar powered 44 foot tour boat formerly known as the Solar Sal. Built by the museum’s restoration crew under the direction of Jim Kricker, this vessel is the only solar powered boat in operation on the Hudson River and does not require fossil fuels to operate.

Designed by marine architect Dave Gerr from a concept developed by David Borton, owner of Sustainable Energy, the tour boat is commercial in design, meeting all U.S. Coast Guard regulations for commercial passenger-carrying vessels. In late 2018, the vessel passed her speed/range endurance test under the watchful eye of Coast Guard inspectors, using only reserve battery power. This unique vessel can travel up to fifty miles at night without the use of her solar panels. Even on cloudy days, the solar panels are so efficient that they continue to power the batteries.

We can now accommodate up to 25 passengers. This new boat will allow the Hudson River Maritime Museum to expand water-based tour offerings in 2019, including lighthouse tours, school field trips, and charters. We will be announcing a community-based naming campaign in March. Those interested in scheduling a school field trip or other private tours can contact us at 845-338-0071 ext. 16.

Support for this vessel comes from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Scenic Hudson, and Sustainable Energy Corp. If you have questions, or wish to support this unique vessel and its programming, please contact Executive Director Lisa Cline at 845-338-0071 ext. 20.
Friends— As is customary in a new year, I have been doing a lot of reflection, taking stock of the important things in life. This year marks the museum’s 40th anniversary; another occasion that inspires a sense of introspection and prompts us to ask ourselves questions like, “where have we come from and where are we going?” Last week, some of the archival volunteers at the museum unearthed a very early newsletter, written in year three of the HRMM’s existence. The newsletter had the usual articles of exhibits and accomplishments, as well as an impressive roster of nine Officers, twenty-six Directors, and ten Honorary Directors. This group of no less than forty-five people are the originators of this Museum. Some of them are gone now, but it was their collective vision that set us on this path and their names will be remembered.

There was also a short list of four goals in the newsletter which I will summarize:

1) Renovate waterfront property to house the Museum offices and exhibits.
2) Create exhibits both indoors and outdoors, a library, and a Museum Store.
3) Create educational experiences that include boatbuilding and maritime crafts.
4) Utilize a tour boat to provide education ‘voyages’ for all ages.

The first thing that I noticed was that these 40-year old goals have been largely accomplished, but also that we have not strayed from the original vision set four decades ago. Yes, there is still a lot of work to be done, but it made me feel good that, not only is the path set by our founders was still so relevant.

Lastly...in the old newsletter there was a photo of the lovely tour boat, the William O. Benson, above. It was this boat that they spoke of in goal #4. I was struck with an eerie sense of déjà vu when I saw the resemblance of the WO Benson to our new tour boat, the Solar Sal 44, which is featured on the cover of this newsletter. It seems that, without conscious intention, we have recreated the vision of our founders, even down to our sense of déjà vu. Yes, there is still a lot of work to be done, but it made me feel good that, not only is the path set by our founders was still so relevant.

Help us tell your Hudson River story! We are all connected to the rich heritage of the Hudson River in different, yet intertwined ways. Please share your special connection to the past by donating an artifact or sharing an oral history. We are looking for stories about how your family was changed, or changed the river and its community. Please email clesh@hrmm.org for more information.

RIVERPORT WOODEN BOAT SCHOOL

YouthBoat Begins

The Wooden Boat School is excited to be expanding their offerings in 2019. Foundations of Woodworking, our most popular series, will be returning this Spring with instructor, Michael Puryear. This year we are proud to announce a new course within the series, Foundations of Woodworking: Advanced Joinery. This is the first advanced course we will be offering in the year, we will also be offering Advanced Shaker Boxes in May and Advanced Timber Framing in the fall. As we continue to grow our goal is to offer more sequential courses, allowing students to continue to build their skills.

The boat school is also continuing their restoration program, led by Shipwright Wayne Ford. If you have a boat that needs to be restored or just needs minor repairs, contact Stephanie Fischer at the boat school for more information.

Sailing & Rowing School to Expand — Again!

The Sailing School of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, the only US Sailing Certified School in Hudson Valley, is growing! This year we are offering six weeks of youth sailing courses for students age nine through seventeen. Our programs run 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, July 8 through August 16. We are also offering new progressive curriculum, where students can master beginner, intermediate and advanced tracks at their own pace. During each of the six weeks, students may opt to learn sailing skills at the most basic or advanced levels as they are ready to move through the sequence. Students may register for one or more of the six weeks; courses do not need to be taken consecutively.

For adults, we are offering multiple sections of a new two-hour course, First Sail, which will introduce individuals to sailing aboard the classic Catboat Tidbit. We will continue to offer three-hour custom sailing lessons as well as US Sailing Basic Keelboat with optional US Sailing Certification. This year, we will be offering Basic Keelboat II—Skipper and Basic Keelboat II—Spinnaker for those who have already completed US Sailing Basic Keelboat, but who would like to build their skills and acquire more sea time.

Finally, we are offering a pilot Community Sailing program for adults who have completed Basic Keelboat. Participants will need to pass a safety screening as well as pay an annual membership fee, and volunteer at least ten hours in return for weekly access to one of our sailing school boats throughout the season.

We have rowing workshops too!

This summer we will be offering two-week long youth rowing workshops with renowned coach Scott Johnson in partnership with the YMCA. Stay tuned and registration information! We are also thrilled to offer opportunities to row the historic Whitehall rowboat in June with instructor Nelsie Aybar-Grall! Registration at www.hrmm.org.
 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Have Model—Will Travel!

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to be a part of the Hudson Valley and Catskills I Love New York Welcome Center Display at Woodbury Commons. The Museum loaned its model of the Steamboat Ida. The Ida was a passenger and freight steamer that ran as a nightboat from Saugerties to New York City and back from 1904 to 1931. Ida carried wood pulp for paper mills at Saugerties and milk going north and paper, as well as hay for the many horses in New York City, going south. Ida was one of many similar steamboats in the late 19th and early 20th centuries on the Hudson. Stay tuned for images of our traveling exhibit at the Albany International Airport!

New Partnership with DEC and City of Kingston

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announced that we have received a $40,000 grant from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation’s Hudson River Estuary Program. This grant funding will be used over two years to integrate information about climate change into the museum’s existing exhibits, upgrade the “Changing River” exhibit in the East Gallery to reflect updated climate information, and add outdoor signage regarding climate change to the walking classroom and elsewhere on the campus, with audio tour capabilities.

The projected will be spearheaded by volunteers Russell Lange and Meg Clark in coordination with the Education Department. Additional support will be provided by the museum’s Climate Change Education Committee, which was formed over a year ago to assess the possibility of integrating climate information into exhibitions and to coordinate and share information with other area groups on climate change information. Participants include representatives from the City of Kingston, Clearwater, Cornell Cooperative Extension, and Sea Grant, along with museum staff and volunteers.

The change exhibit project is part of a larger ‘Green Museum’ program which includes the existing solar panels on the museum building, the Hudson River Stewards program for fourth grade, and forthcoming projects to add additional solar capabilities, the purchase of the solar powered tour boat, and plans to add permeable pavers to the museum property. The museum has also been coordinating with the City of Kingston for future plans to revamp the Rondout Creek bulkhead to ensure it is better able to withstand flooding and sea level rise. According to the DEC, water levels on the Hudson River have risen by ten inches in the last one hundred years.

Located as it is on the waterfront, the Hudson River Maritime Museum looks forward to sharing more information about the science of climate change and possible solutions with the general public over the next two years.

COMING SOON

Women’s Sailing Conference & More

We are proud to announce the Hudson River Maritime Museum will host the third annual Riverport Women’s Sailing Conference on Saturday, March 30 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Highly experienced women in the maritime industry will offer information and inspiration for all sailors, beginners to advanced, in an array of twelve daytime workshops and optional evening programming. For more information and to register, please visit www.hrmm.org.

We will continue to offer Women on the Water, a women-only sailing group, open to all levels of experience, in cooperation with the Kingston Sailing Club this summer – stay tuned!

Embattled River Lecture & Book Signing

Join us on Saturday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the Boat School Classroom for a special lecture and book signing. In his book, Embattled River, David Schuyler describes the efforts to reverse the pollution and bleak future of the Hudson River that became evident in the 1950s. Through his investigative narrative, Schuyler uncovers the critical role of this iconic American waterway in the emergence of modern environmentalism in the United States. Writing fifty-five years after Consolidated Edison announced plans to construct a pumped storage power plant at Storm King Mountain, Schuyler recounts how a loose coalition of activists took on corporate capitalism and defended the river. Led by Scenic Hudson, later joined by groups such as Riverkeeper, Clearwater, the Hudson River Valley Greenway, and the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, the coalition won the first of many legal and publicity battles that would halt pollution of the river, slowly reverse the damage of years of discharge into the river, and protect hundreds of thousands of acres of undeveloped land in the river valley. Members are free; $5 general admission.

February Museum Mates

Join us on Saturday, February 17 at 1 p.m. in the Wooden Boat School for Museum Mates. As part of Black History Month Kingston, the Hudson River Maritime Museum will provide children's activities for this special Museum Mates. Children will learn about African American History in the Hudson Valley and have the opportunity to create replica abolitionist medallions, unity cups, and learn about games related to their heritage. Registration is required. For more information and to register, please visit www.hrmm.org. Members are free; $5 general admission.
The Hudson River Maritime Museum is proud to announce it has been awarded $430,000 from the State of New York to improve visitor experiences and access to the museum’s campus.

The New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation will provide funding through an Environmental Protection Grant. These competitive matching grants provide funding for the development of heritage areas in the state of New York. The Hudson River Maritime Museum will use these funds to improve visitor experience by making walkway improvements, improving energy efficiency, adding solar capacity, improving the museum façade, grounds, and streetscape, and integrating connections to the Kingston Greenway and the Empire State Trail.

“The Hudson River Maritime Museum is both a key part of the Rondout and an unrivaled resource for all Hudson River communities. This grant will assure their continued presence in the Rondout and give them the tools needed to develop robust climate change hardening while establishing a 21st century presence. This award is a tribute to the hard work and commitment of both staff and volunteers,” says New York State Assemblyman Kevin Cahill.

To learn more about how you can help match these funds, please contact Lisa Cline at lcline@hrmm.org.

In Memorial Gifts

The staff and Board of Trustees would like to thank the families of Marc Phelan and Hartwell “Topper” Moore for thinking of the museum in their difficult time of loss. Donations made in memory of these members of our community will be used to support our Youth Sailing Programs and our YouthBoat Boating Building Program.

Marc Phelan
Frank Almquist | David Andrew
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Craig Rider | Megan Rock
Donna Selby | Joan Sommer | Samantha Schwacher
Brian Thomas | Janice Wright

Lighthouse Book Publication Date Announced

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce we have received a publication date from Arcadia Press for Hudson River Lighthouses. The book will be available on June 17, 2019.

Arcadia Press will have the book available for pre-order. Please join us on Saturday, March 23 at 2:00 PM in the Wooden Boat School classroom for a special lecture titled “Lost Lighthouses of the Hudson River” by Sarah Wassberg Johnson. The lecture will feature research from the new book. We will announce pre-sale opportunities at this event, as well as local bookstores that will carry the book.
CURATORIAL CORNER

New Collection Received

On January 7, 2019, a team from the Hudson River Maritime Museum drove to Belmar, NJ to pick up a significant steamboat collection generously donated by Steven Davis. The Franklin B. Roberts, Jr. Estate Collection has over 200 boat models, a large maritime library and an excellent representation documents, photographs, brochures of New York and Hudson River area steamboats. Frank Roberts authored the book The Boats We Rode and was a Wilson Steamboat Line scholar. The museum is very pleased to have been selected to receive this collection.

Some of the models received in January have already been incorporated into our Charles Niles Model Room. A team of volunteers are working on properly storing these models so that they may be enjoyed for many years to come.

If you would like to make a donation of a collection or artifact to the Hudson River Maritime Museum, please contact Carla Lesh at clesh@hrmm.org. When you make a donation to the museum, we ensure the security of the object while giving donors a digital record of the object.

Albany Airport Exhibit Complete

Volunteers from our Collections & Exhibits Committee traveled north to deliver items to the Albany International Airport for a temporary exhibit featuring the Hudson River Maritime Museum. Ron Searl, Mark Peckham, and Russell Lange met with Kathy Greenwood (shown left) from the airport to install interpretive panels and place artifacts. Albany Airport has several exhibits from museums throughout the State of New York, such as the Natural History Museum. This exhibit will be available to travelers for the next three years but may become a permanent fixture at the airport. The Hudson River Maritime Museum is proud to bring maritime history to travelers from across the world through this new partnership with the Albany International Airport.

Join Our Focus Group! HRMM is pleased to invite you to join our new Focus Group!

Members of the focus group will receive periodic emails with online surveys asking for input on everything from exhibit topics to new items for the museum store. Surveys are anonymous, fewer than 10 questions long, and often take less than 10 minutes to complete.

To sign up, email swassberg@hrmm.org or visit www.hrmm.org, scroll to the bottom of the page, and fill out the “Join Our Focus Group” form. You may unsubscribe from survey emails at any time.

DONATIONS

Museum Membership Appreciation

This year the Hudson River Maritime Museum is focused on members in celebration of its 40th anniversary! Throughout the month of February, the museum will be offering special discounts on memberships as part of “Show the Museum Some Love”. Join us on Friday, March 15 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a special evening of wine and chocolate tasting with a special presentation of the history of Dutch chocolate in the Hudson Valley. Learn how best to maximize your membership benefits throughout the entire year!! Admission is $10 per member; $20 general admission per person.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is also expanding its membership program to include discounts for those at the Individual Membership level for Wooden Boat School Classes and Sailing and Rowing School Classes as a part of this year of membership appreciation.

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE BUSINESSES WHO SUPPORT HRMM

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Kingston Sailing Club
Kingston Wine Company
Kingston Times
Kingston Kiwanis Foundation
Kingston Waterfront Business Assoc
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Shandaken Museum & Historical Society
Ship To Shore
Smitty’s Deli
Stone Soup
Sunflower Natural Foods Market
Tires Plus
Tomelia Sall & Canvas
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Ulster County Clerk
Ulster County Department of Tourism
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Volunteer Fireman’s Hall & Museum
Williams Lumber & Home Center
Wine Hut
Woodland Library
Woodstock Library
Woodstock Moats
**EDUCATION UPDATE**

**Learn About School Field Trip Opportunities**

School field-trip dates are filling up quickly for the end of the school year. The Hudson River Maritime Museum can accommodate up to 4 classes or groups per day, with a maximum of 30 students in each class. Programs may start as early as 9 am and end as late as 5 pm and prices are very affordable with programs ranging from $7-10 per student. This spring, HRMM is excited to offer a new program, “Transporting the Hudson Valley” which includes a guided tour of the museum as well as a round-trip trolley ride to Kingston Point Park with an option to include lunch. The program focuses on shipping industries in the Hudson Valley including tugboats, steamboats, barges and trolleys. Schools interested in field trips to HRMM should inquire about tours of the Rondout Lighthouse. This program includes a round-trip boat ride to the lighthouse and a guide-led tour of the premises including a panoramic view from the top. Visit hrmm.org/education for a full listing of the field-trip programs. HRMM will accommodate adjustments to existing programs and will work with teachers/group leaders to create a unique program specific to a group’s interest too. Please contact Paul Daley at education@hrmm.org or by phone at 845-338-0071 ext. 11 to schedule a field trip to the Hudson River Maritime Museum.

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**Volunteer Corner**

**Learn All About NeonCRM**

Our next Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast will be Friday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. Enjoy coffee and light refreshments while we unveil our new tracking tool to capture your volunteer hours correctly and accurately! Bring your laptops or tablets to follow along. Our next breakfast will be April 24 and will include a tour of our new exhibit. It’s the perfect opportunity to learn about upcoming events, make new friends and let your voice be heard. Not a volunteer? Sign up today at www.hrmm.org/volunteer or email volunteer@hrmm.org!

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A volunteer orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, January 30 at 10:30 am in the Wooden Boat School adjacent the museum. We will discuss Tour Guide opportunities, provide a tour of the museum, and distribute training materials. Please RSVP to education@hrmm.org by January 28. We will have additional training sessions throughout the year.

The ideal volunteer has past experience working with children, an interest in regional and local history, is comfortable speaking in front of the public, and has a flexible, open schedule. A teaching degree and/or prior teaching experience is a plus, but not required. Volunteers should be able to work alone or together with other educators as needed. Full training is provided by the museum’s professional staff and a comprehensive training manual is available.

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**Curriculum Creation**

HRMM is developing new in-class and field-trip programs for school aged students in an effort to provide educational lesson plans connected to the museum’s mission. Our goal is to expand science-based educational programs via a curriculum creation team. The group will brainstorm hypothetical programs, develop lesson plans connected to state learning standards, and strategize program implementation. Topics we hope to explore include but are not limited to; the science of sailing, polluted ice harvesting, and buoyancy in boat-building. If you are interested in joining, please contact the Education Department at education@hrmm.org or call 845-338-0071. The first meeting will take place in February 2019 with meetings scheduled on a monthly basis thereafter.

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