

# Fo'c'sle News

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The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to announce *Kalmar Nyckel* will be at the historic Rondout Waterfront from August 2 through August 12. The 141-foot reproduction of the 17th century Swedish explorer's ship will be making her only stop in New York in Kingston from August 3 - 12. While in port, she will be providing deck tours, public sails, and special 'pirate sails'. Deck tours are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under the age of 17. Children under the age of 5 are free. Pirate Sails are \$55 for adults and \$35 for children under the age of 17. Day Sails are \$60 for adults and \$40 for children under the age of 17. For a full schedule, please visit www.kalmarnyckel.org/bookasail.

The original *Kalmar Nyckel* served as Governor Peter Minuit's flagship for the 1638 expedition that founded the colony of New Sweden, establishing the first permanent European settlement in the Delaware. The original ship was a new type of gun-armed merchant vessel called a Dutch Pinnace was built by the Dutch in Amsterdam in about the year 1625.

The present-day *Kalmar Nyckel* is an authentic and fully functioning replica of the original vessel and serves as Delaware's official tall-ship. The ship is owned and operated by the Kalmar Nyckel Foundation, a non-profit organization that offers a broad array of sea- and land-based learning and recreational experiences.

The Kalmar Nyckel will be offering the unique opportunity for guests to sail on board while she is in Kingston. Guests are invited to haul lines, set sails, and enjoy tales of the original *Kalmar Nyckel*, or become a "pirate" with the crew on special pirate sails.

For more information, please visit WWW.HRMM.ORG/ KALMAR or WWW.KALMARNYCKEL.ORG.



## **Museum Hours**

Open 7 days a week, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Come explore our new exhibit "The Hudson River and Its Canals: Building the Empire State." Please check www.hrmm.org before planning your visit.

# WHY WE GIVE

#### **STAFF**

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I have volunteered almost all of my adult life at a variety of organizations. Almost all of the exhibit work has been in partnership with my wife, Allynne Lange. I have also served as volunteer Executive Director for approximately six or seven years.

The people I want to know and be friends with are involved in non-profits, most of which would not exist without volunteers.



Russell and Allynne Lange at the 2017 Pilot Club Gala

Allynne has worked for this museum almost since it was created and much of our volunteering has been as a couple. She knows the history, and I know how to use a screw gun and a graphics computer – it turns out to be a natural partnership. Getting to work with her has been a great opportunity for me to learn the story of our valley. In my mind it has always been her museum. It and the history of steamboats on the Hudson has been her life's work. She has played almost every role possible in her many years here. Volunteer, educator, dock hand, board member, acting director, collecting the recycling, keeper of the museum's story, and of course, curator. Our lives have all been enriched by her work and her quiet passion for the river's story. In fact, it's possible that without her efforts, this museum would have passed into history.

I have long believed that cultural institutions can be a driving force for enriching community life and revitalizing their neighborhoods. HRMM has certainly played a central role in the re-emergence of the Rondout. However, it's the people you get to work with that are the core of the HRMM volunteer experience. Many of the great friendships of my life have been formed while volunteering at HRMM.

I think there is something special about a maritime museum. Of course, we tell the story of Hudson River shipping and industry and its role in the developing New York economy. That is an important story. The Hudson River and its boats have driven commerce and pleasure for over four centuries. Boats have been vital to discovery, peopling the world, trade, conflict, and leisure. But that does not get to the heart of this museum and its Riverport.

There is nothing quite so beautiful and moving as a group of people working together to create something of true value in this world. This museum and our Riverport is a work of community created art; it is our contribution to society.— *Russell Lange* 

If you would like to contribute to the Fall 2018 newsletter, please contact Ellie Burhans at eburhans@hrmm.org. We are looking for short essays on volunteering, philanthropy and why the Hudson River Maritime Museum is special to you.

# **COMING SOON**

# Heroes' Day



Join the Hudson River Maritime Museum in celebrating Heroes' Day on Sunday, September 9 from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. This is a special event that allows us to come together to honor and celebrate the emergency services personnel who served on September 11 and who keep us safe today. Come and learn about different service personnel from around the Kingston area! Each will have a booth and a family-friendly demonstration to share with the public. This event is free and open to all!

We will also be offering free family activities and deck tours on board the fire boats John J. Harvey and McKean, both of whom

were present in the New York Harbor on September 11. The Trolley Museum of New York will also showcase their Port Authority Trans Hudson PA-1 car 143, which served the September 11 attacks.

# Pilot Gala At Hutton Brickyard



Join us in awarding the Roger Mabie Award on Sunday, September 23 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Hutton Brickyard in Kingston, New York! Roger W. Mabie , a founding father, and former president of the Hudson River Maritime Museum, exemplified selfless public service to the Hudson River Valley, its people and its history. It is because of his selfless and generous spirit, his commitment to the Hudson Valley and its history, and his ability to touch so many lives in a meaningful way, that The Hudson River Maritime Museum has created a special honor in his name to be awarded annually to individuals who exemplify service to our Hudson Valley and its history.

# **American Dunkirk**

HRMM is pleased to host authors James M. Kendra and Tricia Wachtendorf for a lecture and signing of their book *American Dunkirk: The Waterborne Evacuation of Manhattan on 9/11* on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Riverport Wooden Boat School classroom. *American Dunkirk* charts the decisions of ordinary people that helped evacuate those who were trapped in lower Manhattan after the terror attack on the Twin Towers. As emergency management experts, Kendra and Wachtendorf interviewed dozens of participants to better understand how ordinary people can not only survive but thrive in the face of calamity.

# **Lighthouse Tours Return**

Still fully operational as a navigational light, the Rondout Lighthouse is one of only seven remaining on the Hudson River. Guided tours of Rondout Lighthouse are offered Saturdays and Sundays, beginning Saturday, June 16, 2018 and running until mid-October. Tours are weather-dependent. Each tour lasts 30-40 minutes and includes boat ride to and from the lighthouse. Tours depart at 12 p.m., 12:45 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:15 p.m., 3:00 p.m., and 3:45 p.m. Cost of the tour is \$20 for adults (\$17 for HRMM members) and \$12 for kids (\$11 for HRMM members). Price of tour includes admission to the museum. Tour size is limited to six people. Tickets are available first come, first served.

# **GRANTS & AWARDS**

## From the Executive Director

**Friends**—Today I sat in a crowded ballroom with dozens of other folks to hear Governor Andrew Cuomo, County Executive Mike Hein and Mayor Steve Noble talk about Kingston's amazing award of \$10M Downtown Revitalization Initiative. What a vote of confidence for this city and what an exciting time for the Hudson Valley! There is so much going on up and down the River and HRMM is doing our part here on the Rondout. As I write this, we just wrapped up one of our largest events of the season, Brightwork Makers Festival featuring the National Boat Building Challenge. We have five solid months of interesting offerings and programs ahead. From lighthouse tours, to fascinating lectures, visiting vessels, new exhibits, wood-working classes, sailing lessons and walking tours - there is something here every week. Thank you for your support and patronage and I hope to see you soon on the Rondout!.—**Lisa Cline** 

# Thanks to Hudson Valley Greenway for Grant Support

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is grateful for the support from the Hudson Valley Greenway's Hudson River Valley Heritage Area program. We received a Heritage Development Grant of \$5,400 from the program to support the revival of the Hudson River Lighthouse Coalition. We were also awarded a sponsorship of \$1,000 for the Conference on Black History in the Hudson Valley, held on July 14. We would also like to thank Humanities New York for a Vision Grant of \$1,500 to help with planning our 2019 exhibit on the history of environmentalism in the Hudson Valley.



# Thank You to Our Brightwork Sponsors!

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Photo of Caudeas team member Jack Weeks taken by Mark Pepper

## **WHY WE GIVE**

# **Sponsor Spotlight**



Thanks to the Mid-Hudson Valley Federal Credit Union for becoming a Maker Sponsor of Brightwork: A Makers' Festival Featuring the National Boat Building Challenge! MHVFCU is a not-for-profit, member-owned, financial cooperative offering a full array of financial services to meet the needs of our members. MHV is a strong advocate of the credit union philosophy of "People Helping People". In 2002 MHVFCU became a community credit union allowing us to extend membership to anyone who lives, works, worships, volunteers or attends school - and businesses and other legal entities - in Ulster, Dutchess or Orange County, New York.

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# **EDUCATION UPDATE**

# **Hudson River Stewards Strong in Fourth Year**

Hudson River Stewards is an annual program that began in 2015. In its first year, the program served approximately 500 fourth grade students from the Kingston City School District and was funded by Boices Dairy with support from Raleigh Green. This year, Kingston City School District, Kingston Catholic School, and Saugerties Central School District all participated in Hudson River Stewards. Thanks to the help of museum partners Hudson River Sloop *Clearwater*, *Onrust*, Sing Like You Mean It (S.M.Y.M.I.), and HRMM staff and volunteers, the program now serves 800 fourth grade students.

Hudson River Stewards is a two part program—an inclass document analysis workshop and an interactive field trip to the Hudson River Maritime Museum. This eight-station field trip allows for students to learn more about the Hudson River, its industries and ecology, experience a tour of the replica Dutch sloop *Onrust*, and sing maritime songs. Thanks to Clearwater, this year's

programming included a new station focused on climate change. Students were introduced to gases that affect the environment and learned about ecological conservation.

The Hudson River Maritime Museum and its partners look forward to the 2019 season after the success this year! If your school district might be interested in this program, or other educational offerings, please contact our Education Department at education@hrmm.org.



# **Bon Voyage to Tashae**

It is with bittersweet emotions that we announce the departure of Education Coordinator Tashae Smith in August, 2018. Tashae began her HRMM career in September, 2017 and dove right into managing youth education programs and field trips. She recruited an amazing crop of education volunteers and created the fun and successful Escape Room and Lost Ticket scavenger hunt programs as well as managing the Hudson River Stewards program this spring, which serves over 800 fourth graders each year. She will be attending the Cooperstown Graduate Program this fall in their Museum Studies graduate degree program.

Before she goes, she will have the opportunity to train her replacement, Paul Daley, who started work at HRMM at the end of June. Paul graduated with a Master's in Public History from LaSalle University in Philadelphia in the spring of 2018. Originally from Schenectady, Paul has experience in giving guided tours and creating school programs.



# **VOLUNTEER CORNER**

# Why I Volunteer

Having grown up spending a great deal of time at a family house on the Hudson River south of Port Ewen, I had heard and read about the history of the Hudson, and seen many boats and ships traveling up and down the river from an early age. I loved being there, seeing all the boat traffic, and learning about the history of the river, especially about the steamboats of earlier times. In that house were 19th century lithographs of the old Hudson River steamboats, and they were beautiful.

In the early 1980s a maritime center and museum was being founded by long-time steamboat and tugboat men and enthusiasts in Kingston on the Rondout waterfront. This group included Capt. William O. Benson, Roger Mabie,



Arthur Adams, and Todd Galyon. In 1980 the Maritime Center was founded in a storefront on lower Broadway in Rondout (where Skillypot Antiques was later.) Todd Galyon, a Kingston physician, was a friend of my family that had the house on the river, and he knew of my interest in the maritime history of the Hudson. He suggested that I might want to volunteer at the new maritime center, given my background and interest in the subject.

So I began to volunteer at the Maritime Center, as it was then, driving up from Wappingers Falls where we lived then. I gave tours of the gallery, and in time became the first education director. I was elsewhere for a few years, but came back in the mid-'90s and have been here ever since. In time I became curator as that was my real interest.

As curator I was paid staff, and I enjoyed the work. My work involved caring for the collection and working on exhibits. My husband Russell became the exhibits guy, and still does that work with others, especially Ron Searl. Currently, after twenty years as curator, and still commuting, now from Newburgh, I am semi-retired, working part-time, and a volunteer again. — *Allynne Lange* 

## **Welcome New Staff & Interns**

The Hudson River Maritime Museum is pleased to welcome Paul Daley as our new Education Coordinator and Stephanie Fischer as our Membership Coordinator. We also welcome Connor Brady, HRMM Dock Assistant. The Education Department also welcomes two new interns this summer. Jade Mitchell is a student at SUNY New Paltz majoring in history and Lucia O'Corozine is a student at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA with a passion for history. We also welcome John Kelly, who is this summer's Development and Communications Intern.



Paul Daley & Jade Mitchell

## **CURATORIAL CORNER**

# **Hudson River Train Tour App Now Available**



Passengers on board Metro-North and Amtrak trains from New York City to Albany can enjoy an app on their smartphones using the new Hudson River Train Tour App, developed by the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, in partnership with the National Park Service.

Travelers can click on "themes" such as: What's Out the Window, which showcases sites seen from the train; Freedom & Dignity, highlighting the American Revolution, Underground Railroad, FDR and other major historical eras; Nature & Culture, focused on natural landscapes, artists, writers and architects; Corridor of Commerce, featuring early settlement and economic development; and the Voices of the Hudson, which contains historic audio stories.

Hudson River Maritime Museum staff worked in partnership with Hudson Valley Greenway, Metro-North, and the National Park Service gathering information used in the Hudson River Train Tour app.

The free mobile app is available to download from the Apple App Store and Google Play, or via Hudsonrivervalley.com/app. #HudsonRiverTrainTour

## **New Collection Additions**

Some of the new collections donated to the Hudson River Maritime Museum this spring include two industrial history collections. The Rodie Coal Company Collection was generously given to the museum by Barbara Shultz Redfield whose family operated the Rodie Coal Company business. This donation expands the Hudson River Maritime Museum's growing local industrial history collections. The Rodie Coal Company dates back to the days when coal was a major economic force in Kingston in the early 20th century. The collection includes business records, correspondence, and photograph albums of Rodie Coal Company employees and of the work sites on Island Dock. The employees in the photos are all identified, which is particularly valuable for researchers.

The William and George V. Hutton Collection features photographs and documents from the Hutton Brick Company. In 1865 the Hutton Brick Company was one of the first in the line of brickyards that eventually extended along the Hudson River from Kingston north to Saugerties. The Hutton Company operated Kingston Coal Company Chevrolet truck with for 115 years, and was a major producer of bricks for the New York City and Hudson Valley markets.



Leroy Hamilton loading truck from sheds on Cornell Street side of Main Yard. Taken in 1951.

Hudson River Maritime Museum staff digitized the donated Hutton collection materials and shared the digital images with the Hutton family. The collection includes images of the brick-making process from the clay pits to New York City buildings built with Hutton bricks.

## **LOCAL HISTORY**

# **Artifacts Loaned to NY Historical Society**

Members of the New-York Historical Society exhibits staff came for a research visit to the Hudson River Maritime Museum archives and exhibits in March, 2018. Pictured are some of the items the New-York Historical Society is borrowing from HRMM for their upcoming exhibit Hudson Rising: 1825-2025, on view at the New-York Historical Society from March 1 - August 4, 2019. Hudson Rising explores the cultural and environmental history of the Hudson River landscape. The coal piece, part of the newly acquired Rodie Coal Collection, illustrates coal brought from the Pennsylvania mines by railroad in the late 19th through mid-20th centuries. The six-brick brick mold is from Richard Morrissey Brick Company, Haverstraw, Rockland County. Brickyards were pervasive along the length of the Hudson River shoreline in the late 19th through the mid-20th century. Hudson Valley brick was used extensively in New York City buildings. HRMM is pleased to participate in the *Hudson Rising* exhibit.



Items from HRMM collections loaned to New Yotk Historical Society.

## **Dutch Consulate Visits**

On Tuesday, June 26, 2018 HRMM was pleased to host a delegation from the Dutch Consulate, New York State Preservation Office, NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and the Hudson Valley Greenway on a tour of the Hudson Valley to meet with groups interpreting and promoting Dutch Heritage in the region. HRMM staff and volunteers discussed our interpretation of Henry Hudson's voyage and early Dutch settlement, as well as the Dutch roots of Hudson River sloops, ice boating, place names, and more. The group also discussed options for cross-promotion and partnerships around the valley and across the Atlantic, with HRMM expressing particular interest in working with the Dutch National Maritime Museum, Het Scheepvaartmuseum.

## **Multi-Cultural Festival**



HRMM volunteers representing the museum at the Kingston Multicultural Festival on Sunday, June 3.

# **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

# Kingston Sailing Club Gets Kids on the Water

Jody Sterling first learned to sail as a child with her family in Long Island, and was very active in racing sailboats on Long Island Sound as a young person. But, over the years, life, work, and family obligations intervened, and she wasn't able to sail as much as she would have liked for a number of years. Jody became more involved in local Hudson River sailing when she joined the Kingston Sailing Club about ten years ago.

Many times after a race, when chatting over a cool beverage, Kingston Sailing Club sailors would talk about how they'd love to get local kids out sailing on the Hudson.

One day at a party, over a glass of wine, Deb Medenbach, MJ Reiss, and Jody talked about how they could get more women on the water. They created "Women on the Water," a woman-run sailing experience, which debuted in May of 2017, as a complement to a conference, which was held on land. The Riverport Women's Sailing Conference, held in March 2017, offered eight workshops taught by amazing women mariners and sold out, with sixty women attending, and participants asking for more.

More and more excitement began to build in 2017 about the possibility of teaching sailing to local youth. Working together they created a pilot youth sailing program that took place over two weeks in August 2017. HRMM board members and KSC members John Stephenson and





Dale Wolfson were instrumental in getting our programs off the ground. Generous donors gave or lent boats to HRMM, including three nineteen-foot Lightning sailboats, one sixteen-foot Merit, and one sunfish, which were used for our pilot program.

In June 2017, the Riverport Sailing and Rowing School was officially started and hosted a US Sailing training course for instructors to be certified to teach on small boats such as our fleet. Wayne Ford, RWBS YouthBoat Instructor, led his adult volunteers and students in building a fleet of four beautiful Optimist Pram sailboats. In addition, Bill Sterling, one of the Riverport Wooden Boat School Instructors, volunteered to lead other adults in building two more Optis. Ralph Perecca, Tiffany Runge, John Van Buren, Kevin McHugh, Tom Macom, and others have worked so hard to create these boats. Our 2018 homemade fleet will consist of six boats built by the RWBS!

With the help of all these folks, we have developed the 2018 Riverport Sailing and Rowing School Youth Sailing Program, which will be offered for four weeks, with each week able to host twenty-two students, who will sail on Lightning and Optimist Pram sailboats.

# RIVERPORT WOODEN BOAT SCHOOL

## **Solar Sal Launches**



On Friday, June 8, Riverport Wooden Boat Restoration staff and volunteers worked with Costanzi Crane to launch the Solar Sal 44. Over the past year, RWBS shipwrights and volunteers have worked under the guidance of Jim Kricker and John O'Donovan to build this 100% solar powered wooden boat under the commission of David Borton. For Mr. Borton's third solar-powered vessel, he contracted Dave Gerr, a New York City-based naval architect and author of Propeller Handbook, The Elements of Boat Strength, The Nature of Boats, and Boat Mechanical Systems Handbook. As a 31- passenger tour boat, she will be certified to U.S. Coast Guard regulations - a first! Work on Solar Sal's interior and brightwork will continue this summer.

# **National Boat Build Challenge Delights Crowds**

Brightwork: A Makers' Festival featuring the National Veteran's Wooden Boat Workshop. Boat Building Challenge, held on June 23 & 24, was a success despite the threat of storms and rain! The Hudson River Maritime Museum hosted approximately 25 Hudson Valley makers and artisans in our courtyard, offered free activities for kids and families, and 12 teams that competed in the Boat Building Challenge.

Local favorites included: The Warrior Princesses, daughters of competitors from the Veteran's Wooden Boat Workshop, Builders of the Lonely Mountain, students from our YouthBoat after school program, returning favorites Rifton Rascals and Caduceus, and teams from the

The Rifton Rascals took third place this year and new competitors Rob Hare and Bill Otis of Team Iza Trapini won second place. Current world champions of K Construction, Brian and Cody, from Belfast, Maine, won first place positioning them as favorites for the Championship Competition August 18-19 in Belfast, Maine.

Teams who did not place in the top three still wowed crowds with Viking oars for their boats, excellent rowing skills, and the drama of boats taking on water. Thanks to all who competed and attended!









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When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say,

# "Look for **the helpers.**You will always find people who are helping."

To this day, especially in times of disaster, I remember my mother's words, and I am always comforted by realizing that

There are still so many helpers; so many caring people in this world.

- Fred Rogers



# Save the Date

Sunday, September 9, 2018 Heroes' Day Noon to 5 PM

# 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
- Vacuum cleaner
- 10'x10' blue pop-up tents
- Wheelbarrow
- Life vests
- Life rings
- Bullhorn