



Working Harbor Committee, Inc

Devoted to the heritage and future of New York Harbor

Working Watercraft Committee - Fall 2005 Member Newsletter

Working Harbor Day 05

Our fourth annual Working Harbor Day, on 21 May 2005, was again a big success with over 2,500 Hidden Harbor rides, entertainment by the East River Blues Band and singers Bibi Farber and Jessica Starr, as well as a great venue at Pier 63 Maritime. Generous publicity from Channel 13 helped drive the crowds. The weather was great. Again everyone asked “when are you going to do this again?” and the answer, of course, is next May. But this year we were able to start something that we’ve tried to do for two years now – additional trips during the summer. (see next story). This year’s event was again made possible by the generous support of a large body of donors who are listed on the 2nd page.

Summer Hidden Harbor Tours®

This summer we were able to sponsor three additional Hidden Harbor Tours on Circle Line boats, with a fourth free tour for over 350 low-income kids from around the city. Many thanks to Circle Line 42nd Street and American Stevedoring for their generous support of this program.

Hidden Harbor Tours®, Registered

It took a year, but now the name “Hidden harbor Tours®” is officially registered to us – no one else can use this name!

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In addition, 2005 is the year that the Working Harbor Committee (having survived two name changes) is now a bone fide non-for-profit corporation. Up to now we have operated as a project of the North River Historic Ship Society, and we wish to thank them for their support these past 3 years. You may have noticed that, in the past, your membership checks were made out to North River Historic Ship Society – beginning now all checks can be written directly to the Working Harbor Committee. We now have a new Board of Directors (see last page) which we expect will grow to about 15 in time. This is an exciting new development for the Working Harbor Committee. See 2nd page for an announcement about our first “Annual Meeting” coming up in October.

Visit our new website: www.WorkingHarbor.Org

New York Boat Show 06

Again in `06, we’ll have a booth at the New York Boat Show, from 1-9 January. As we did last year, we’ll have a large exhibit, shared with the North River Historic Ship Society, MWA and the new National Lighthouse Museum. If you’re in the area or are planning to attend the boat show again, please drop by - we don’t have the booth number yet but we’ll be in the show directory under Working Harbor Committee.

A special opportunity for members: If you’d like to volunteer at the booth for a morning or afternoon, you’ll be able to visit the show free for the other half of the day (by virtue of your exhibitor’s pass.) This extends to actual booth staffers only - the passes are limited and need to be shared by all staff throughout the nine days - so this offer can’t be extended beyond actual exhibit volunteers. If you’re interested, call us at 212 757 1600 or indicate so on the attached reply form.

Fall “Usual Suspects” Reception

On Wednesday 16 November we’ll once again host our annual “Usual Suspects” reception at the New York Yacht Club. The ticket price is \$100. Our guest speakers will be Kate Ascher, Executive Vice President of NYC EDC, Joan Davidson, former Commissioner of NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation and Richard Larrabee, Director of Port Commerce for PANYNJ. If you’re interested in receiving an invitation, call John or Meg at 212 757 1600 – or go to www.WorkingHarbor.Org

New Staff

Meg who? Meg Black. She came on board to help with the May event and has now been hired as Program and Development Director.

Tugboat Races Off/On Again

Thanks to efforts of Jerry Roberts, Executive Director of the National Lighthouse Museum on Staten Island and WHC Steering Committee member, the 13th annual tugboat races, formerly held at the Intrepid Sea*Air*Space Museum, were held this year off the shoreline of Staten Island, ending at Pier One near the ferry terminal. It was an exciting race with over 15 tugs steaming at full speed – plus nose-to-nose pushing and line-throwing contests. The winner was

Lincoln Sea, followed by *Stacy McAllister* and *Bruce A. McAllister*. *JoAnne Reinauer* won the “best looking tug” category. Next year we’ll let you know about this event in advance and, if there’s interest, perhaps arrange for a special tour boat for spectators.

Mission

The Mission of the Working Harbor Committee is to strengthen awareness of the working harbor’s history and vitality today, and its opportunities for the future.

About Us

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A great photograph by WHC Steering Committee member Bernard Ente © 2005. It was shot during one of our May Working Harbor Day tours. Bernie is one of our more active volunteers and has taken hundreds of photographs for us. Please visit his website at www.entephoto.com/

Membership Cards

We will soon acquire software that will allow us to automate membership record-keeping, generate membership cards and keep track of when people joined. Right now, we depend on your honesty. If you believe it’s time to renew, please use the form at the right. Thanks

Annual Meeting

Beginning this year we will hold an annual meeting of our Board of Directors, Steering Committee, Advisory Council and General Membership. This year’s meeting will be at **6 PM on Thursday 20 October** at the **Hartley House - 413 West 46th Street, New York, NY 10036**. That’s between 9th and 10th Avenues. We will elect our new Board of Directors and talk about plans for next year. This is your opportunity to meet fellow members and take part in discussion. Please call 212 757 1600 if you plan to attend.

Visit our new website: www.WorkingHarbor.Org

Response

 Corrections/changes (name/address/etc)

Name _____

Address _____

City ST Zip _____

Phone(s) _____

Email _____

I’m interested in:

- Volunteering for the boat show (1-9 Jan 05)
- Volunteering for May event

- Renew Individual membership \$10
- Renew family membership \$25
- I’d like to donate an additional \$ _____

(Please make check payable to Working Harbor Committee)