

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Divers in the Hudson

Some of the bulkhead and marine structures along the Hudson River were constructed over one hundred years ago. Time, water and aquatic organisms can cause deterioration. Before construction can begin in a section of the park, we must first survey the condition of the bulkhead and marine structures to ensure that they are stable, in good condition and capable of sustaining the weight of any

construction work. This task falls to the divers who inspect the bulkhead and marine structures. The inspection is a slow process because there is little visibility under the water. The divers can only see approximately six inches in front of them. They rely on the light attached to their 25 pound helmets and their sense of touch. The divers relay their findings via radio to a team member on the



Diver entering the Hudson at Pier 81

shore and take pictures when possible. The inspection process is also slow because of the confined spaces under the bulkhead and marine structures. The divers have to receive air through a tube instead of a tank because

of the confined spaces. The diving inspections will take place along the entire length of the Hudson River Park through the end of 2001.

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Hudson River Park Happenings

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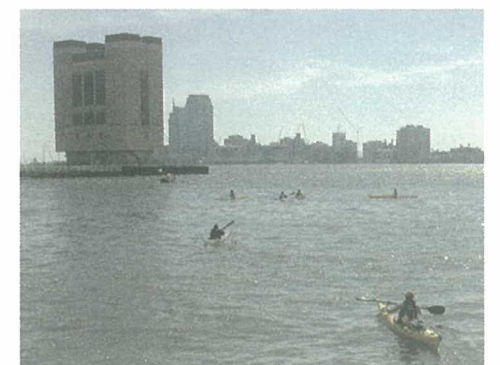


Robert Balachandran introducing a band at River Rocks

The Third Annual Hudson River Park Day was an unqualified success. Record numbers of people flocked to the piers to enjoy the activities, food and music, despite the inclement weather! Many people took advantage of the opportunity to see the park and Manhattan from a vantage that most New Yorkers and visitors never have – from a boat in the Hudson River. I'd like to thank our many partners for making the day so successful. If this day is any indication of the success of future park events then I think

we'll have a bang up of a summer. Inside this newsletter we list the August and September events, including new events and a complete line up for our Blues, Barbeques and Fireworks event. Be sure to visit our web site to see a listing of summer long, daily or weekly events.

Not everyone in the park is on a picnic – construction continues in the park throughout the year. Read more about diving activities inside this newsletter. In addition, Richard Dattner & Partners Architects / Miceli Kulik Williams & Associates have been selected as the architects for the Chelsea, Clinton and Hell's Kitchen portions of the Hudson River Park.



Kayaking on the Hudson River

I look forward to seeing you all in the park.

Sincerely,

Robert P. Balachandran, President & CEO
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President's Letter:
SUMMER EXCITEMENT