



Hudson River Park **News** Fall 2009

It takes all kinds of skills to build, manage and run the programs and facilities you find in Hudson River Park. Here's an inside look at the workdays of some of our diverse Trust staff..

a day in the life of...



Angel Rosado
Events Supervisor

July 30
Join the events crew as they prepare for the 7pm boxing match at Pier 84 - *Rumble on the River*.

Lauren Donnelly
Environmental Educator

Aug 11
Two lucky girls catch a fish at Pier 64! This is par for the course at Lauren's daily *Big City Fishing* programs on Pier 46, Pier 64 and Pier 84.

Sean Wahl
Operations & Maintenance

Aug 7
Sean stripes the athletic fields before dawn. Join him behind the scenes as he makes early morning safety and maintenance rounds.

Lawrence Dodd
Motorpool Specialist

Nov 2
Lawrence and mechanic, Anderson Ramlackhansingh, have the 2-ton Toro Number 58 up on the lift for repairs.

We hope you enjoy our new digital newsletter.
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With a BS from Syracuse University in hand, Angel will be starting full time in October at a New York City financial services company. "I feel lucky I have a job. A lot of my friends don't."



Noon The start of a long day. The temperature will be rising steadily to a scorching 92 degrees this afternoon.



The cargo van is full of chairs loaded yesterday for tonight's Rumble on the River event at 7pm. 400 chairs will be driven to Pier 84, unloaded and set up.



12:10pm Angel meets the assembled crew in the "dungeon" at Pier 40 - the makeshift storage and loading location for events equipment and materials.



Lauren Sciortino has loaded several movable signs with posters that have been designed and printed in-house. They'll be posted at strategic locations around the park to promote tonight's event.



12:20pm Angel and Edward Stewart, another supervisor, drive the cargo vans north on West Street to W.44th St, where they enter the Pier 84 plaza area.

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Christian Ramos and Angel receive last-minute instructions from Ian Kaley, Director of Marketing & Events. Rumble on the River is a unique, once-a-summer event; tonight's set-up requires adjustments to the standard event plan.



12:45pm Edward arrives at Pier 84 with the rest of the crew transporting chairs, tents, tables, ballasts, signs, and promotional materials in multiple vehicles.



A glitch in the boxing ring assembly! The ring is six feet off the mark and must be moved.



The Church Street Boxing Gym crew gets a helping hand as Angel's crew assists in moving the 1500 lb ring inch by inch toward the desired spot.



1:30pm Katherine "Bailey" McGinty and Edward Donlan start the long, arduous task of unloading the equipment.



Angel carries two 15-pound buckets of water to the tent area. These are used as ballast to weigh down the tents.

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Lauren makes several trips back and forth for more ballast.



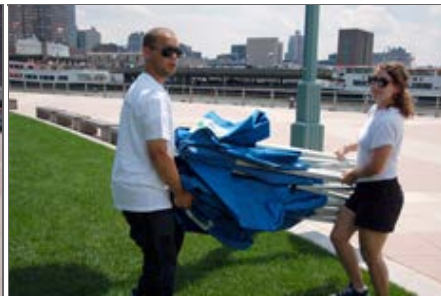
Francesca Hoffman and Edward pitch in. Hudson River Park piers can bear the brunt of some very strong winds.



Tents have to be weighed down to prevent them from flying into the river! Mike Maurer carries another load behind Edward.



During the event, park patrons can stop by the information tent and learn about the park and this event, as well as other upcoming events.



2:30pm Angel and Francesca carry a tent to the lawn. The Public Programs Department stocks about 15 tents for 40 to 50 events per summer.



Directly south of the Intrepid, Mike, Bailey, Francesca and Angel set up a tent that will be used for concessions.

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3:30pm Tim Condon, Christian, Angel and Zach Brass, as well as the rest of the crew, take a much deserved water break. Hudson River Park Trust uses a variety of small electric vehicles for traveling and hauling equipment up and down the 5-mile stretch of park.



4pm Ian and Angel meet with a *Church Street Boxing Gym* supervisor. Church Street Boxing Gym co-produces *Rumble on the River*.

Ian goes over the pier's site plan with Angel.

Church Street Boxing Gym utilizes a professional boxing ring company to set up the equipment. Work continues with the raising of the lights.

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Angel and Edward's crew and the Church Street crew unload and set up 300 chairs around the boxing ring.



5pm The crew moves toward the western end of the pier where they will set up an area for the boxers and their trainers. Mike and Angel unload a Toro full of chairs.



Bailey, Edward S. and Edward D. start hauling tents down the stairs toward the decked area.



Mike and Angel bring 10 chairs to stack near each of the fighters' tents.



Angel and Baily erect a tent according to the pier site-plan.



5:30pm Angel, Francesca, Edward D. and Mike begin to assemble barricades to section-off the boxers' warm-up area from the public.

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6:45pm Angel meets with a *Church Street Boxing Gym* employee to clarify arrangements for checking IDs, distribution of wristbands and selling beer.



After placing security barricades at the entrance to the event, Angel and his crew post regulatory, instructional & directional signs throughout the pier.



6:50pm Edward D. readies a clicker to keep track of attendance at the entrance to Pier 84.



Park visitors are happy to add their names to Hudson River Park's mailing list at the information tent.



7pm Rumble on the River draws boxing fans from all over the city as well as those who love just being outdoors on the Hudson River on a hot summer night.



The crew will assemble again around 10:30pm, at the close of the event, to break everything down, pack all of the equipment into the vehicles, and bring it all back to the "dungeon" at Pier 40 to store it away and be ready for the next event in Hudson River Park.

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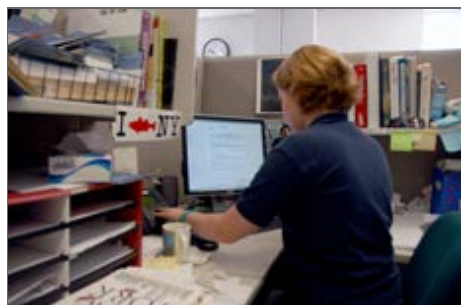
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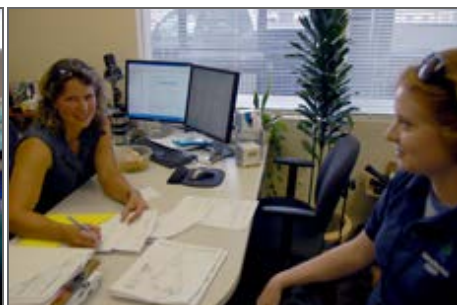
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9:30am Lauren is one of three full-time environmental educators at Hudson River Park. She begins the day with administrative work. A camp has called to reschedule a program.



9:45am She follows up with colleague Debra Kutska in Operations and Maintenance about exterior signs needed for the Big City Fishing locations.



Lauren grabs a key to a club car from the electronic key box in the garage at Pier 40.



9:50am The Environment & Education Department uses several electric vehicles to transport poles, bait, tents and other equipment to the three piers where programs take place.



10am First stop: Pier 46. The crew has already set up a Big City Fishing program and is ready for visitors. Lauren updates Supervisor Jennifer Filip.



10:20am At Pier 84, Lauren makes a few last-minute schedule changes with the Pier 84 education crew.

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Today, Lauren will teach the 11am camp group along with the Pier 64 crew.



10:30pm Irean Nhan, Pier 64 supervisor, and Jack Fleming double check that there are no barbs on the hooks. Big City Fishing is catch-and-release only.



Victor Chiapaikoo cuts bait for hooks. The park's education program goes through about 50 lbs of frozen squid per season.



Irean skillfully baits the hook. She's a pro— this is her 6th season on the Trust's seasonal staff!



Anna Serra catches the first fish of the day. (The crew tries to catch a fish to use as a teaching tool when camp groups arrive.) It's a Perch!



Lauren un-hooks the fish and places it in an aerated tub. Each catch is recorded in the fish log.

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11am A local camp group arrives for their scheduled program. The grass is cool.



The crew approaches the group and introduces themselves.



Lauren introduces the group to the Hudson River estuary and its unique ecology. "Where does the water come from?"



"Is the water fresh or salty?"



"What kinds of wildlife live in such a unique environment?"



Students are quick to respond.

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11:30am The second camp group from Pier 64 and is enjoying educational activities on the lawn.



"Do you recognize any of these fish?" students are surprised by the seahorse.



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11:30am The second camp group has arrived at Pier 64 and is enjoying educational games on the lawn.



Irean is next in line to teach, providing an overview of the fish in the river.



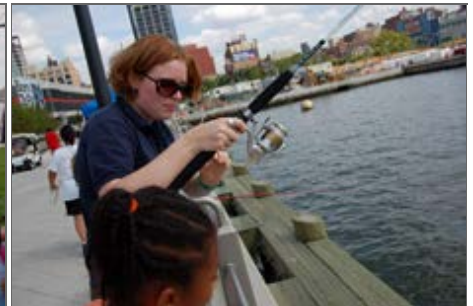
"Why is that fish flat?"



"Do you recognize any of these fish?" Most students are surprised by the seahorse.



Next, Julia Rasamny demonstrates the use of the fishing rod and reel. "Safety first!"



Students pair up and are assigned a fishing rod.

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Park visitors are encouraged to drop by and try their luck. A couple requests a rod and reel for their grandson.

12:10pm A fish is caught! The fish is un-hooked and placed into the aerated tank for observation. It will be released later in the day.

The girls identify the fish from the poster. Their fish is logged into the book and each girl is given a certificate to take home.

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