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Hudson River Park



Moorings at Pier 40

If you have your own boat but nowhere in New York Harbor to keep it, you may want to think about utilizing Hudson River Park's mooring field on a seasonal or transient basis. The Park's mooring field is located at Pier 40 and has the capacity to moor up to 40 boats measuring 40 feet or less.

The mooring field is open from May 1 through October 31st each year and is available by paid permit only. Vessels

must be registered, insured and seaworthy, and overnight occupancy of vessels is prohibited. Mooring field permits are granted on a first come - first served basis.

To obtain fee information and an application, please visit hudsonriverpark.org or call 212-627-2020.



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Manhattan is an Island

Getting onto

(on top of: to a position on; upon; fully aware of:

informed about) the River

It may come as a surprise to many of New York City's residents, but we'd like to let you in on a little secret: Manhattan is an island. Yes, an island! And perhaps more importantly, this island is surrounded by water.

Amazingly, if you were to take a poll of New Yorkers, you might be surprised to learn that many of the same people who live, work and play in our city never consider the fact that they are surrounded by one of the world's richest marine environments.

Some of those aquatic surroundings are part of Hudson River Park's 400 acres of water. Along these lines — or perhaps better put, "shorelines" — a major part of the Park's mission is reconnecting people to the water. To that end, the Park includes a number of water dependent facilities and activities within its five miles. These encompass such programs as fishing, boating and even swimming. This newsletter is focused on the many ways to actually get out to, onto, and even into the Hudson River to experience Manhattan from a different vantage point.



A Brief History

It doesn't make much sense to talk about how to get to the water in Hudson River Park without first discussing how we got cut off from it in the first place. This brief time line outlines Manhattan's connection, disconnection and, finally, reconnection with the Hudson River.



Henry Hudson, whose expedition sailed under the Dutch flag, explores the Hudson River.
1609



Robert Fulton launches the Clermont, the first steamship, from what is now Pier 45.
1809



A 60-foot section of the West Side Highway collapses at Gansevoort Street bringing attention to NYC's deteriorated West side waterfront. Through disuse, piers fall into disrepair. Westway is defeated. The Striped Bass and other marine life triumph and pave the way for Hudson River Park.
1973-1985



The first complete segment of Hudson River Park in Greenwich Village opens.
2003



1400-1600
The Lenape, the loose confederation of Algonquin tribes that populated much of latter day New York and New Jersey, establish an important trading post along the Hudson waterfront in what would become Greenwich Village.



1776
British forces seize New York and fire destroys much of the West side.



1825
The Erie Canal is completed, and New York's waterfront expands as new piers are created. Commerce begins to flourish.

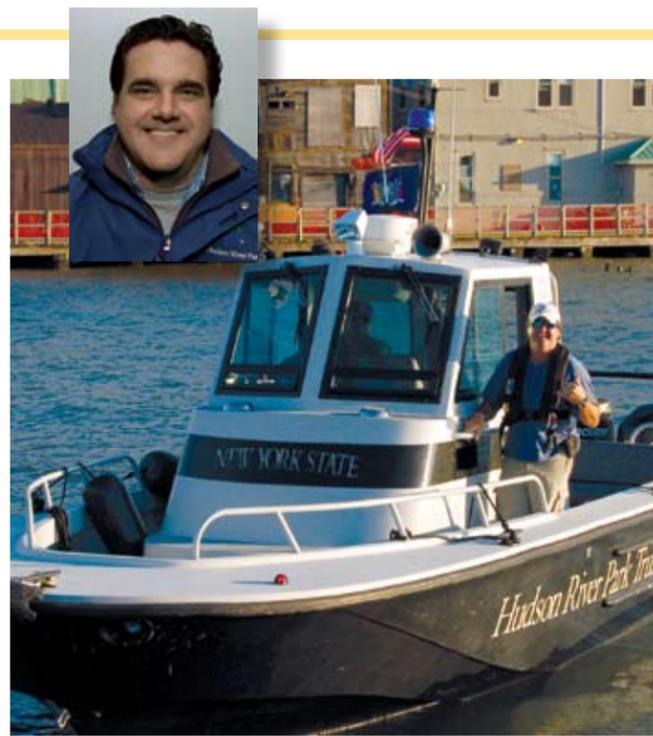


1998
Hudson River Park Act is signed into law. Hudson River Park project breaks ground a year later.



Today
40% of Hudson River Park is complete, with another 40% under construction in Chelsea and Tribeca.

Profile



Capt. James P. Gill
Director of Marine Operations

Director of Marine Operations for the Hudson River Park Trust, James P. Gill, or 'Captain Jim' as he is known to those on the waterfront, recalls becoming interested in maritime activities when he was just eight years old. It was then that Gill first went sailing with his father along the Connecticut shoreline near his home. Jim's father, a former Navy man, introduced his son to the sea, and from there on out there was no keeping him away from it.

Gill recalls that one of his first jobs as a teenager was working at a marina. That included running the marina's launch to transport boat owners to and from their yachts during boating season, followed by scraping barnacles and painting the bottoms of those same boats when they were hauled out for the winter. "During the summer I would spend tremendous amounts of time in the sun and had to use lots of sunblock to keep from getting burned," recalls Gill. "During the winter and

early spring, I spent hours and hours rebuilding docks and scraping boat hulls to get them ready for the coming season. It was really hard work and the pay wasn't the greatest, but I just loved being around the marina," Gill adds fondly.

From that first job, Gill went on to become the Dock Master for a marina that ran a launch service to Connecticut's Thimble Islands -- a group of nine islands dotted by pricey vacation homes and mansions.

After finishing college and then a brief hiatus in the corporate world, Gill found himself in the U.S. Virgin Islands where he worked for a scuba diving tour company and for a charter sailboat.

Several years later, Gill returned to New York to work as a deckhand on commercial ferries and charter boats during the day and in the food service industry at night. When he had accumulated what amounted to eight years of sea time (which in laymen's terms is approximately 23,360 hours), he went to maritime school to get his captain's license. Gill successfully completed his coursework and currently holds a "10-ton Near

Coastal Masters" Captain's License with both Sail and Tow Endorsements.

As Director of Marine Operations for the Hudson River Park Trust, Gill's responsibilities include enforcement of the Marine Rules and Regulations, inspection of Park marine facilities, managing the mooring field at Pier 40, and acting as liaison between the Trust and the Park's waterborne groups and boathouse tenants.

When asked what his biggest challenge is in performing his duties, Gill responds that educating the public about the safe use of the Park's waters and teaching respect for them as a marine sanctuary is the most daunting. "Many members of the general public are not aware of the fact that the Park's waters are a protected marine environment, or what is known as an Estuarine Sanctuary. I regularly do community outreach to various marine-related groups and organizations to help them understand how to use our waters safely and in an environmentally friendly way."

Ready, Set, Launch!

Hudson River Park offers many opportunities for park goers with all levels of skills and abilities to get out to and onto the River. Many of our tenants offer these opportunities through Park boathouses and other pier facilities.



Downtown Boathouse

Kayaking trips and classes

www.downtownboathouse.org
646-613-0375

An all-volunteer organization, the Downtown Boathouse's stated mission is to provide everyone with access to the Hudson River. During the past ten years, over 100,000 people have availed themselves of Downtown Boathouse facilities and services.

From its current facilities located at Hudson River Park's Pier 40 and the Boathouse at Pier 96, the Downtown Boathouse offers walk-up public kayaking, kayak trips on the harbor and introductory kayak classes. They also make their facilities available to the general public for the launching of small non-motorized boats.

All activities at the boathouse are completely free and are available to anyone from the general public. The Downtown Boathouse provides all the equipment, including kayak and life jacket. All participants are required to know how to swim, wear a life jacket, and sign their liability waiver.

New York Kayak Company

Kayaking tours, classes and equipment

www.nykayak.com
1-800-Kayak99

Whether you are an experienced kayaker or a beginner, the New York Kayak Company (NYKC) can provide you with all the equipment you need, along with classes and tours that are fun and informative to get you out and kayaking in Hudson River Park.

Originally conceived by veteran sea kayaker Randy Hendrickson, NYKC's main location is Hudson River Park's Pier 40. Part classroom, part retail facility, NYKC has all the equipment to get you ready for the Park's waters, they will teach you from the basics up to advanced kayaking. Their British Canoe Union certified guides and instructors teach participants to maneuver, recover from a capsize, help fellow paddlers recover from capsize, and make appropriate decisions about when and where to paddle.

All courses provide basic paddling equipment and use New York Kayak Company's fleet of high quality kayaks and equipment. Reservations and advance payment are required for all of their classes and tours.

New York River Sports

Kayaking, kayak polo, and outrigger canoeing

www.pier66nyc.org

Located at the brand new Hudson River Park Pier 66 Boathouse, New York River Sports is a group effort of the Manhattan Kayak Company, NY Kayak Polo, and NY Outrigger. All three have joined forces to create a new home for human-powered boating in the NYC area.

New York River Sports' mission is to foster development, education, and safe practices in a variety of water sports for the boating community and the general public.

Having newly entered the Boathouse last year, New York River Sports is gearing up for a busy season of sea kayaking, kayak polo, and outrigger canoeing programs. High quality lessons, tours and equipment rental are all available, as are introductory opportunities to "get your paddles wet" and learn new sports in a beautiful setting.

Starting in 2008, a sailing school and transient docking are also anticipated here.

Floating the Apple

Boatbuilding, rowing and sailing

www.floatingtheapple.org
212-564-5412

With facilities located at Hudson River Park's Pier 84 Boathouse and Pier 40, Floating the Apple not only lets you get rowing on the Hudson River, but also lets you participate in building the boats to do so.

A non-profit organization, Floating the Apple's focus is to restore universal access to the public waterways. They do this through various programs in boatbuilding and programs designed to teach people—both young and old—about the joys of rowing and sailing on urban waters.

Floating the Apple builds wooden row boats and sail boats in the design of the 25-foot Whitehall gigs that were popular in New York harbor in the early years of the city's history. Once built, the boats are maintained by Floating the Apple and used in youth and adult rowing programs or donated to other non-profit rowing organizations.

Circle Line

Since 1945, Circle Line Sightseeing Cruises has been entertaining passengers young and old with one of New York's most famous boat rides. Providing extraordinary views of Manhattan from a unique perspective, the Circle Line is located at Hudson River Park's Pier 83 and offers cruises daily.

www.circleline42.com
212-563-3200



Adirondack

Operating out of Chelsea Piers (Hudson River Park's Piers 59, 60 and 61) the Adirondack is an elegant 80-foot, 1890's-style pilot schooner and has been sailing New York City Harbor since the fall of 1999. The Adirondack offers a window into the Hudson River's sailing past with daily cruises available in the spring, summer and fall.

www.sail-nyc.com
212-627-1825

Yes you can swim in Hudson River Park

(with a Permit)

Although swimming is not permitted in the Park's waters without a permit granted by the Trust, a visitor to the Park can swim here by participating in a controlled swim. These swims are offered by and under the management of the Manhattan Island Foundation (MIF).

Founded as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, MIF has organized swimming events in the waters around Manhattan since 1993. Since its inception, the organization has attracted about 10,000 participants in nearly 70 swimming races, helping to revive a local aquatic tradition that had been abandoned for almost a century.

Besides running the Manhattan Island Marathon Swim, which is 28.5 miles and circumnavigates Manhattan, MIF runs a series of smaller swims and clinics within the Park's waters. In doing so, MIF takes extraordinary steps to assure the safety of its participants.



www.nycswim.org

Rules of the River

NON-MOTORIZED VESSELS

Kayaks, canoes, rowboats and vessels under sail are permitted in areas designated for such uses as shown on the water use map.

- Operation of non-motorized vessels is solely at the operator's risk.
- Non-motorized vessels may only be launched and used in areas designated by the Trust.
- Launch site times and dates vary throughout the year; for more information please refer to our website: hudsonriverpark.org
- All boaters must wear personal flotation devices.
- All boaters must obey all federal, state, and local maritime laws.
- The Trust strongly discourages immersion escape techniques.
- Do not disturb wildlife or natural land features.
- Limit paddling to daylight hours.
- Know your abilities and limitations.
- Know water and weather conditions before excursions.
- Familiarize yourself with Hudson River Park's Canoe and Kayak policy: hudsonriverpark.org

MOTORIZED VESSELS

Motorized vessels are permitted in areas designated for such uses as shown on the water use map.

- Vessels may not tie up, dock, anchor or moor to any dock, piling, pier etc. without a permit issued by the Trust, unless a marine emergency exists on board.
- Any vessel under duress in park waters must notify the Hudson River Park Trust operations desk at 212-242-6427 or on VHF Channel 68 stating their location, nature of emergency and assistance required.
- Vessels operating within park waters must not exceed 5 mph.
- Sailing vessels under power are considered motorized vessels as defined by federal, state, and local regulations.
- Vessels in park waters must have all equipment required by NYS Navigation laws and the US Coast Guard.

Boating in Hudson River Park

Know Your Estuarine Sanctuary

In 1998, Hudson River Park's waters were designated as a protected Estuarine Sanctuary by New York State. In order to preserve and enhance this very important resource, the Park's waters are patrolled by the Hudson River Park Trust, NYPD's Harbor Unit, U.S. Coast Guard and N.Y.S. Department of Environmental Conservation. Following guidelines and rules contained in New York State Law, Federal Law and the Park's Rules and Regulations, the goal of these entities is to facilitate the safe operation of vessels in specific areas of the Park while at the same time safeguarding the integrity of the estuarine sanctuary.

Under the Trust's Sanctuary Management Plan, there is a distinction made between non-motorized and motorized vessels. Not surprisingly, non-motorized vessels include kayaks, canoes, rowboats and sailing vessels under sail power. Motorized vessels include any boat that is powered by a motor. Whether or not a vessel is non-motorized or motorized impacts greatly where it may operate within the Park's waters.



Personal Watercraft as defined by NYS Navigation laws are not permitted to operate in any of the park's waters. Examples include, but are not limited to, Jet Skis and Wave Runners.

