



Working Harbor Committee

For the heritage and future of the harbor of New York and New Jersey

ON THE HIP*

E-Newsletter of the Working Harbor Committee

7 Jun 2011

Contents

Special Guest Speaker - 15 June Hidden Harbor Tour

Special Guest Speaker -28 June Hidden Harbor Tour

Light House Tours

openhousenewyork Tour

Hidden Harbor Tour Season Schedule

Background History of The Working Harbor Committee

Profile: Capt. Betsy Haggerty

Harbor FAQs

Special Guest Speaker - 15 June Hidden Harbor Tour

Special Guest Speaker for 15 June Tour

Robert LaMura
Commercial
Director of Ports
America

Reserve your ticket today!!

Wednesday, 15
June - The
Newark Bay Tour
Departs from Pier
16 at 6:15pm
(at the end of Fulton
Street, South Street
Seaport)



(c) Bernard Ente

This tour includes a trip through the Kill Van Kull, the narrow and extremely busy waterway that separates Staten Island from Bayonne, NJ. The Kill is home to several tugboat yards; Caddell's drydock, the oldest and largest ship repair facility in New York; and petroleum tank farms along the Bayonne shore. The boat passes beneath the Bayonne Bridge and travels through Newark Bay to the Port Newark and Elizabeth container ports. The tour also visits Bayonne's Global and Military Ocean

Terminals, the 9/11 Teardrop Memorial and Robbin's Reef Lighthouse.

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

[Click Here for Information on all Summer Hidden Harbor Tours\(r\)](#)

28 June - North River (Hudson River) Hidden Harbor Tour



Special Guest Speaker for 28 June Tour

Bill Miller
"Mr. Ocean Liner"

Bill Miller is considered an international authority on the subject of ocean liners & cruise ships. This includes those great ships of the past, those "floating palaces," as well as the current generation of cruise ships, the "floating resorts". Called "Mr. Ocean Liner," he has written over 60 books on the subject: from early steamers, immigrant ships and liners at war to other titles on their fabulous interiors, in post card form and about the highly collectible artifacts from them. He has done specific histories of such celebrated passenger ships as the United States, Queen Mary, Rotterdam, France, Queen Elizabeth 2, Costa Victoria, Super Star Leo and Crystal Serenity.

[Click here](#) to visit his website

Reserve your ticket today!!

Tuesday, 28 June - The North River (Hudson River)

Departs from Pier 16 at 6:15pm

(at the end of Fulton Street, South Street Seaport)

*The North River (Hudson River) Tour—North River is the traditional name of the lower Hudson River. Until the 1950s, the North River piers in Manhattan and New Jersey were abuzz with cargo ship activity. Container ships put an end to that. Narrators describe the history and changes to this waterfront as the tour boat travels north beside Manhattan, passing the Battery, Castle Clinton and Hudson River Park, with its public piers, historic ships, the Intrepid*Sea*Air*Space Museum and the passenger ship terminals. Crossing over to New Jersey, the cruise continues past Hoboken (where On the Waterfront was filmed) then on to Jersey City and Bayonne, where the Global and Military Ocean Terminals are home to cruise ships, car carriers and container ships.*

[Click Here for Tickets](#)

Click Here for Information on all Summer Hidden Harbor Tours(r)

Light House Tours on board Zephyr !!



(c) Bernard Ente

Special Light House Tours!

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
onboard the *MV Zephyr*

*Departs from Pier 16 (at the
end of Fulton Street, South
Street Seaport)*

Tour 1 – Sunday, 7 Aug. –
National Lighthouse Day
Tour 2 – Sunday, 11 Sept.

Ticketing will be set up in

next edition of this newsletter

Send us an email at workingharbor@aol.com to reserve a space on this tour

*Co-sponsored with the National Lighthouse Museum
([Click Here for the Museum site](#))*

Special openhousenewyorkTour!

Save the Date!

Special 2 Hour
openhousenewyork Tour

Tuesday, 2 Aug.
at 6:15pm onboard the *MV
Zephyr*

Departs from Pier 16 (at the
end of Fulton Street, South
Street Seaport)

Ticketing will be set up in
next edition of this newsletter



(c) Bernard Ente

Send us an email at workingharbor@aol.com to reserve a space on this tour

([Click Here](#) for OHNY site)

New Tours - Hidden Harbor Tour Season Schedule Updated

MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP
All tours at 6:15 pm (except September at 5:30 pm) Tours are 2 hours on the Yacht <i>MV Zephyr</i> Pier 16 at the end of Fulton Street – South Street Seaport				
10 May NEWARK BAY TOUR	15 June NEWARK BAY TOUR	12 July NEWARK BAY TOUR	9 Aug NEWARK BAY TOUR	13 Sept NEWARK BAY TOUR
24 May BROOKLYN TOUR	28 June NORTH RIVER TOUR	26 July BROOKLYN TOUR	23 Aug NORTH RIVER TOUR	27 Sept BROOKLYN TOUR

The Working Harbor Committee and Circle Line Downtown announce an expanded series of Hidden Harbor Tours® for 2011 with twice as many tours and a new route

added. The tours will be 2 hours in length, embarking and debarking from Pier 16 on the East River, on Circle Line Downtown's luxurious large motor yacht *MV Zephyr*. Each tour includes an expert narrator as well as additional guest speakers from the maritime industry.

The tours include "hidden" maritime facilities in NY Harbor, including locations such as East and North Rivers, Upper New York Bay, Kill Van Kull, Arthur Kill, Newark Bay, Buttermilk Channel, Atlantic Basin, Erie Basin, Gowanus Bay and the waters of Upper NY Harbor.

Tour 1 - The Newark Bay Tour

Tour 2 - The Brooklyn Tour

Tour 3- North River Tour (new for 2011)

For more information, visit www.Workingharbor.Org or www.circlelinedowntown.com

How Working Harbor Committee Started by Capt. Betsy Frawley Haggerty



Working Harbor Day 2004 (c) Bernard Ente

Back in May 2002 I got a call from my friend Peter Stanford, the silver-haired, silver-tongued septuagenarian who had founded South Street Seaport and served as president of the National Maritime Historical Society. He phoned to tell me about this "marvelous new idea" he and a

couple of others had come up with to teach people about New York's working harbor. The port that made New York the great city it is today was being forgotten, he explained, and the waterfront was being seen as a place for parks, condos and box stores. He and Huntley Gill, co-owner of the historic fireboat John J. Harvey, and Pamela Hepburn, head of the Tug Pegasus Preservation Project, met one evening and conjured up a plan. It was simple: They would offer boat tours of New York's "Hidden Harbor." "The best way to get people to care about something is to show it to them," Stanford explained.

They arranged for a couple of New York Waterway ferries to offer a series of tours departing from Pier 63 Maritime at 23rd Street and the Hudson River on a Saturday close to National Maritime Day (May 22). That year the weather could not have been worse—heavy rain, wind, with the temperature in the low 50s. A total of seven people came to take the tours. Most people would have called the day a dismal failure and dropped the whole idea. Not Peter Stanford. He immediately started planning for the following year. That year, 2,500 people took 90-minute "Hidden Harbor" tours to places along the Brooklyn, Staten Island and New Jersey shores that many of them didn't know existed.

Since then the grassroots team Stanford pulled together to run the tours has become the not-for-profit Working Harbor Committee of New York and New Jersey. Stanford is chairman of the board and I am now a member of its board of directors. The tours have been expanded by popular demand to a series of evening tours. The organization also runs tours for seniors and students. To date, according to Captain John Doswell, who is executive director of the Working Harbor Committee and the principal narrator on all of the tours, more than 24,000 people have taken Hidden Harbor Tours®.

This article is adapted from Capt. Haggerty's column in the June issue of Boating on the Hudson.

[Click here](#) to read the full article

Profile: Capt. Betsy Frawley Haggerty Working Harbor Committee Board & Steering Committee member



Capt. Betsy Frawley Haggerty is the former editor of Offshore Magazine and now works as a freelance maritime writer, editor and photographer. She writes a monthly column for Boating on the Hudson Magazine called Haggerty at Large and is working as a freelance book editor for International Marine/McGraw Hill. She was one of the founders of the North River Historic Ship Society and currently serves as its executive director. She has done extensive cruising along the Atlantic Coast, Hudson River and Erie Canal, and she is a professional sailing instructor. You can visit her new blog at www.sailscribe.wordpress.com

Harbor FAQ*

What's the difference between a lighthouse and a lightship?



(Left) Robbin's Reef lighthouse near Bayonne, NJ (Right) Lightship *Frying Pan* at Pier 66
Maritime NYC, NY
(c) Bernard Ente

A light house is a structure with a tower to house a light used as an aid to navigation. Before electricity, and even for some time after, lighthouses required a crew to operate the light, and thus, a lighthouse included living quarters. Today all lighthouses are automated.

A light ship is a floating light house, used to mark a shoal or bar where it was impractical to build a conventional lighthouse. Light ships required large crews and were expensive to maintain. In New York, *Frying Pan*, at Pier 63 Maritime, and *Ambrose* at the South Street Seaport, are light ships. None are in service today and only about 15 former lightships remain afloat, having all been replaced with automated lights on towers.

*For more definitions (including *On the Hip*) and harbor FAQs [click here](#)

Visit us on Facebook & Twitter

We are now on [facebook](#) (become a fan) & [twitter](#) (follow us)

www.WorkingHarbor.Org

We are now using PatronMail to manage our email list and communications.

If you wish to be removed or change your email preferences, click below (at the bottom). On the other hand, if you wish to forward this to others, feel free to add new recipients (also at the bottom)

Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on a Hidden Harbor Tour® soon!

Capt. John Doswell - Executive Director - Working Harbor Committee -
John@WorkingHarbor.Org

