



## Working Harbor Committee

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

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## Women at Sea - Film & Conference



America's Women Seafarers Tell  
Their Stories

Wednesday, 30 March at 6:00 pm  
Community Church of New York  
40 East 35th Street  
Manhattan

**Buy Tickets Now for only \$20**

This special Women at Sea program features a screening of the documentary "Shipping Out – The Story of America's Seafaring Women" followed by a conversation with seven women mariners who work as mates aboard cargo ships, tug captains, marine engineers, pilots, port officials and more.

In honor of Women's History Month, the Working Harbor Committee, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating the public about the history and present-day

importance of the Port of New York and New Jersey, will host "Women at Sea," a special program created to highlight the important contributions women make to the maritime industry.

The evening will begin with *Shipping Out: The Story of America's Seafaring Women*, a 60-minute documentary by filmmaker Maria Brooks that appeared on many PBS stations. This unusual documentary tells the history of seafaring women in America. We meet modern women working on container ships, tankers, tugs and other vessels, as pilots, engineers, mates and ordinary 'seamen'. "Shipping Out" explores the history, mythologies and attitudes which limited women's participation in seafaring roles until recent times.

Immediately following the film, seven women mariners will describe their experiences working at sea and answer questions from the audience. A reception with food, wine, beer and soft drinks will follow.

The event will begin promptly at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, at the Community Church of New York, 40 East 35th Street, Manhattan. Tickets are \$20 and are fully tax deductible. They can be purchased at [www.workingharbor.org](http://www.workingharbor.org) or [CLICK HERE](#) for direct sale.

Advance purchase strongly recommended. For additional information or telephone purchases, contact 212-757-1600.

### Participants in 30 March Women at Sea Program



**Jessica DuLong**, Chief Engineer. DuLong is chief engineer aboard the retired fireboat John J. Harvey. She is the author of the critically acclaimed *My River Chronicles: Rediscovering the Work that Built America; A Personal and Historical Journey*.

**Captain Linda A. Fagan**, U.S. Coast Guard Captain. A 1985 graduate of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Captain Fagan's career has taken her to all seven continents. She is now in charge of Coast Guard operations in the busy Port of New York and New Jersey.

**Captain Ann Loeding**, Tugboat Captain. Loeding began working as a deckhand on tugs in New York and near coastal waters and eventually "came up through the hawse-pipe" to work in the wheelhouse on tugs in New York, the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes, the Atlantic Ocean and Alaska.

**Captain Coleen Quinn**, Sandy Hook Pilot. Before joining the Pilots' intense 5-year Apprenticeship Program in 2003, Captain Quinn sailed as second mate on ocean-going ships for three years after her 2000 graduation from the United States Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point.

**Commander Linda A. Sturois** U.S. Coast Guard Commander. Sturois joined the Coast

Guard in 1993 and served as a Deck Watch Officer on the Coast Guard Cutter Mellon, which was homeported in Seattle and conducted missions in Alaska, the Caribbean and the South Pacific. She is now head of the Prevention Department at Coast Guard Sector New York.

**Marissa Strawbridge**, a 2006 graduate of the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy at Kings Point. She has sailed aboard tankers and is currently second mate aboard MV SBX-1, a Dynamic Positioning vessel, for the Missile Defense Agency.

**Debra Tischler**, Commercial Operator. A 2002 graduate of SUNY Maritime College, Tischler sailed with Overseas Shipholding Group (OSG) on tankers, car carriers and bulk carriers for 4.1/2 years as second and third mate.

#### **Moderator**

**Betsy Frawley Haggerty**, Maritime journalist. Haggerty is the former editor in chief of Offshore Magazine and a freelance writer, whose articles have appeared in many maritime periodicals, including Workboat, Professional Mariner and Soundings. She is a columnist for Boating on the Hudson, a lifelong sailor, president of the North River Historic, and a member of the board of directors of the Working Harbor Committee.

#### **WHC 2011 Gala Honoring Beverly Fedorko**



Beverly Fedorko (l) Roberta Weisbrod (r) (Image by Mitch Waxman)

THE SIXTH ANNUAL GALA AWARDS RECEPTION of the WORKING HARBOR COMMITTEE OF NEW YORK AND NEW JERSEY on Thursday Evening, 24 February 2011 was a great success. We

honored **Beverly Fedorko**, Director of External Affairs for New York Shipping Association, Inc.

Beverly was honored for her leadership in communicating the value of the working harbors of NY/NJ to the public, her dedicated work toward expanding business for our ports and the region, and for her commitment to educating future generations on the importance of our maritime industry.

The award was presented by **Dr. Roberta Weisbrod**, Chair of the Working Harbor Committee and Director of Sustainable Ports.

## Raffle Winners

The winners of the raffle were Kelly Kocinski, Law Office of Kelly Kocinski and Josiah Trager, Hughes Hubbard and Reed LLP.

The prize was the winner's choice of up to 30 guests for a private brunch on Schooner Adirondack or 15 Guests on any Sunset or City Lights cruise on the luxury yacht Manhattan. Many thanks to Rick Scarano, Classic Harbor Line for donating the prize. [www.sail-nyc.com](http://www.sail-nyc.com)

In addition, the winners received a copy of Harbor Voices by WHC's Vice-chair Terry Walton.



Image by Mitch Waxman

## Hidden Harbor Tours



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Look for ticketing soon for our summer series of tours including Sunset Hidden Harbor Tours, Tugboat Tours, a special tour on MV Manhattan, a lighthouse tour and other special tours.

## WHC at Shipping 2011

**Look for the Working Harbor Committee at Booth A113 at the Connecticut Maritime Association's annual conference, Shipping 2011 on 21-23 March 2011 in Stamford CT.**



**In addition we will be presenting an overview about the Working Harbor Committee in the Alder Room at 13:00 on Wednesday 23 March including a virtual Hidden Harbor Tour(r)**

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

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