



Washington Irving Boat Club

Programs That Serve Our Community

Washington Irving Boat Club is an integral part of Tarrytown's Maritime History and Culture and a longtime local business and community asset

Founded in 1951, WIBC is home for smaller boats (24 ft. average boat length), providing affordable dockage, and is a river town destination offering waterfront and river connectivity for the local community

WIBC is a not-for-profit organization; 501 C7

WIBC Constitution

The objective of this Club shall be to encourage the sport of boating, seamanship and navigation and to provide and maintain a suitable Club and dockage for the recreation and use of its members, to preserve the scenic beauty and natural advantages of the Hudson River, to render all possible civic service to Tarrytown, ...

Then (1950s) ...

Just a pile of dirt



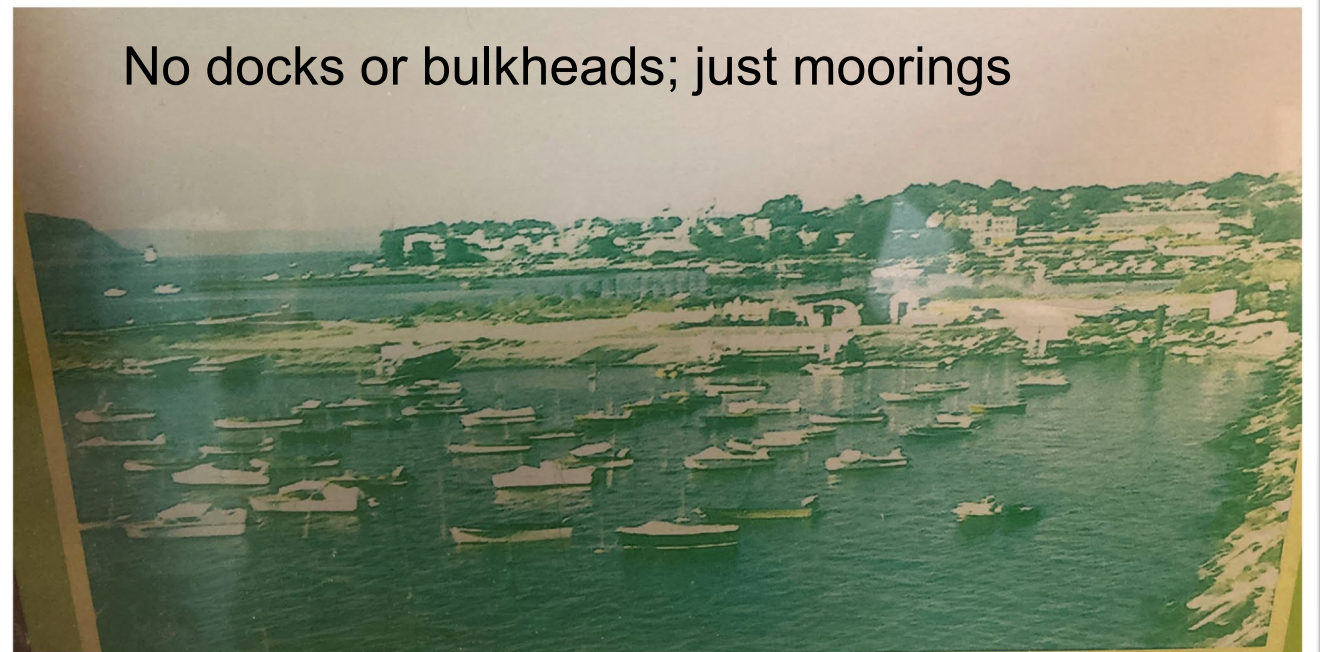
View looking Southwest

View
looking
Northeast

Just a pile of dirt



No docks or bulkheads; just moorings



View
looking
North

Present...

100% developed & funded by WIBC. No Village funds.



BULKHEAD

PATIO

RESTAURANT

DOCKAGE

**TIKI BAR
AND GRILL**

TRAVEL LIFT

**SANITARY
PS**

**BOAT LAUNCH
RAMP**

**MARINA OFFICE
& REPAIR SHOP
& CLUBHOUSE**

**KAYAK
AREA**

**MEMBER'S TENT
& BBQ GRILLS**



Community-centric Programs

Our vision includes expanding our connectivity to the community by offering programs that take advantage of WIBC facilities to enhance access to the river;

- for people that generally do not have the opportunity to do so
- to encourage people to take an interest in boating
- to enhance the educational opportunities of the marine environment

Community-Centric Programs

1. Hudson River Preservation & Climate Change: A Program for Sleepy Hollow High School Students
2. Veterans on the Hudson
3. USCG Captains License Course
4. Neurodiversity on the Hudson River
5. WIBC Food Bank Drive
6. Chartering Experiences on the Hudson River
7. Chartering Experiences for Tarrytown Hotel Guests
8. Supporting Tarrytown Boy and Girl Scout Troops

Hudson River Preservation & Climate Change: A Program for Sleepy Hollow High School Students

- A partnership between:
 - Sleepy Hollow High School science faculty
 - Cary Institute of Ecosystem Studies
 - Baruch College, CUNY, Department of Natural Sciences
- Program objectives include providing students with:
- Educational and research experiences addressing the preservation of river habitats, climate change, fragmentation of aquatic environments, and restoration projects. This includes:
 - Exceptional (and much needed) opportunities for students to be mentored by outside researchers in developing, conducting, and authoring their own studies
 - Lectures by leading scientist in the field
 - Support for student submissions to science competitions
 - Support for college applications
- Provide avenues for grant funding
- First meeting with High School sophomores, science faculty & researchers is on December 3rd.



Veterans on the Hudson

A partnership between:

- WIBC
 - Vet Center of Westchester County
 - USCG Auxiliary which operates out of WIBC
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- Program objectives include providing veterans with post deployment stress (e.g., PTSD, readjustment difficulties, etc.) with:
 - An opportunity to engage in outdoor activities to get in touch with nature which is one of the primary goals of the national Veterans Administration. To meet this goal WIBC is offering courses where veterans can:
 - Earn their NYS boating license and experience a graduation cruise on the water
 - Learn psycho-educational strategies approved by the Vet Center to help manage their post deployment stress
 - The first graduating class was summer (2023) and as a result:
 - The Vet Center wants to expand the program and apply for funding through the Veterans Administration Shark Tank competition
 - Future courses will include: 1) veterans with family members (including children) as an activity to increase shared experiences, and 2) kayak training classes to further support the mission of the Vet Center and the VA.



Recent OEF, OIF & Vietnam Veteran Graduates



USCG Captains License Course

A partnership between:

- WIBC
- Captain Jack's Boating School
 - The largest provider of USCG training in the Northeast
- WIBC has been designated as an approved USCG facility to offer training for Merchant Mariner Credentials including but not limited to Captain's Licenses
- Provides Tarrytown residents with increased opportunities to charter tour and fishing boats





Neurodiversity on the Hudson River

- Neurodiversity refers to the different ways a person's brain processes information thus they often think about and see the world differently.
- The most common types of neurodiversity are Autism, ADHD, and learning disabilities, etc.
- Estimated that 15 to 20 percent of the population is neurodiverse.
- WIBC is in the process of partnering with Tarrytown/Sleepy Hollow organizations that offer neurodiverse programs (e.g., YAI - an organization serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities).



Food Bank Drive

- WIBC instituted an on-premises bottle and can collection program that has resulted in over \$1,100 being donated to the Tarrytown Community Food Pantry
- The food bank helps approximately 450 families in need who live in Sleepy Hollow and Tarrytown communities.



Chartering Experiences on the Hudson River for General Public

- WIBC has partnered with Nyack Boat Charter to provide Tarrytown residents and those from surrounding communities with premier sailing and powerboat excursions.
- Passengers can embark from WIBC and enjoy the river, learn about the Tarrytown waterfront, enjoy dining at the Sailhouse restaurant, and visit the village.



Chartering Experiences on the Hudson River for Tarrytown Hotel Guests

In 2024, WIBC will be offering charters to guests at our local hotels.

Guests are always looking for opportunities and adventures and boating excursions are an exceptional way to add to their fun and enjoyment. This will also increase hotel visibility and brand to retain and attract future guest. Excursions include trips to:

West Point



Statue of Liberty



Let's Go Mets



Croton Bay Fun



Supporting Tarrytown Boy and Girl Scout Troops

- In 2024, WIBC will be offering boating merit badges to boy and girl scouts. Troop 22 of Tarrytown has indicated that they have a group of scouts ready for they need to learn the parts of a boat to earn their badge.





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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – Helen Keller

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Other Civic Service

Coast Guard Auxiliary Meetings and Safe Boating Classes in WIBC club house



USCG Aux. Safe Boating Course Class for the public at WIBC's Quonset Hut



USCG Aux. Safety Inspections and Safety Education at WIBC's marina

First Responder access



Making ready
Tarrytown Fire
Boat
at WIBC



Launching
Tarrytown
Fire Boat at
WIBC



Westchester County Police Boat
prep and launch at WIBC

Safe harbor for disabled boats or boats in distress

Over the years numerous boats with engine failures or were taking on water have been taken to, and/or have been rescued by WIBC members, SeaTow or first responders, to be safely secured to a dock or lifted onto land using our Travel lift or launch ramp

WIBC provides access for waterborne search and rescues by first responders

One Dead and Two Missing After Tugboat Hits Barge Near Tappan Zee Bridge; March 12, 2016
Sunken Tugboat leaking diesel fuel into river



WIBC provided 'no-cost' staging area for the Environmental Clean-up Response Team for the Tugboat fuel leak and for the TZ Bridge Explosive Demolition Environmental Response Team



WIBC is a member of the Hudson River Boat & Yacht Club Association

PURPOSE

Maintaining a constant study of all things pertinent to the sport of boating and other recreational use of the Hudson River and improving conditions thereon

Representing

33 member boat clubs and 5,000 boating families

WIBC is a long-time supporter the HRBYCA and member boat clubs

- **During the dredging of the Philips Manor Marina, WIBC provided our site for the launching of the dredging equipment utilized at Philips Manor Marina**
- **WIBC is one of the venues for HRBYCA General Meetings**
- **WIBC participates in a reciprocal “first night no charge” policy for overnight transient slips for members of HRBYCA to encourage boater access to Tarrytown**



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