

Tug Auction & Tugboat Trail

Esopus, NY

The Tugfest Committee for the Town of Esopus is preparing for another Tug Auction and Tugboat Trail. This year our committee is excited to announce the addition of 10 Esopus Meadows Lighthouses and 15 Tugs to our fleet .It was a pleasure to meet friends from Boating on the Hudson at our last event. This year's auction will be Saturday, September 24th with a rain date of the 25th. Our event will begin at 10:00am and the auction at 3pm at Headless Horseman – Hayrides and Haunted Houses (# 1 Tourist Attraction in U.S. for a Halloween Event).

The Tale of the Tugboat Trail

To commemorate it's pride of being a 200 year old Hudson River port town, The Town of Esopus launched it's Tugboat Trail in 2011. Artists ,families ,and businesses banded together to create 12 uniquely decorated model tugboats that were displayed throughout the summer in the Hamlet of Port Ewen. That summer "anchoring" along route 9W and the ultimate "set sail" of those model tugs proved so popular, the Tugboat Trail was continued. The Tugboat Trail and Tugfest Auction has become a much anticipated tradition for the Town of Esopus. Each year new "tug artists" design and decorate a new fleet of tugs for the upcoming summer long roadside display until they are mustered in for the auction. Funds from that first, and subsequent Tugboat Trail auctions, go back into supplying unadorned sculptures to artists for the next years trail, and for continuing beautification projects along Route 9W in the Esopus hamlet of Port Ewen.

From fire tugs to flower tugs, Mickey Mouse to Matilda...each year the Tugboat Trail puts smiles on the faces of passers –by until they ultimately put Hudson River heritage and whimsy in the gardens, front yards, or business entrances of the lucky auction winners.

For more information : www.esopustugfest.com or www.facebook.com/tugboattrail

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