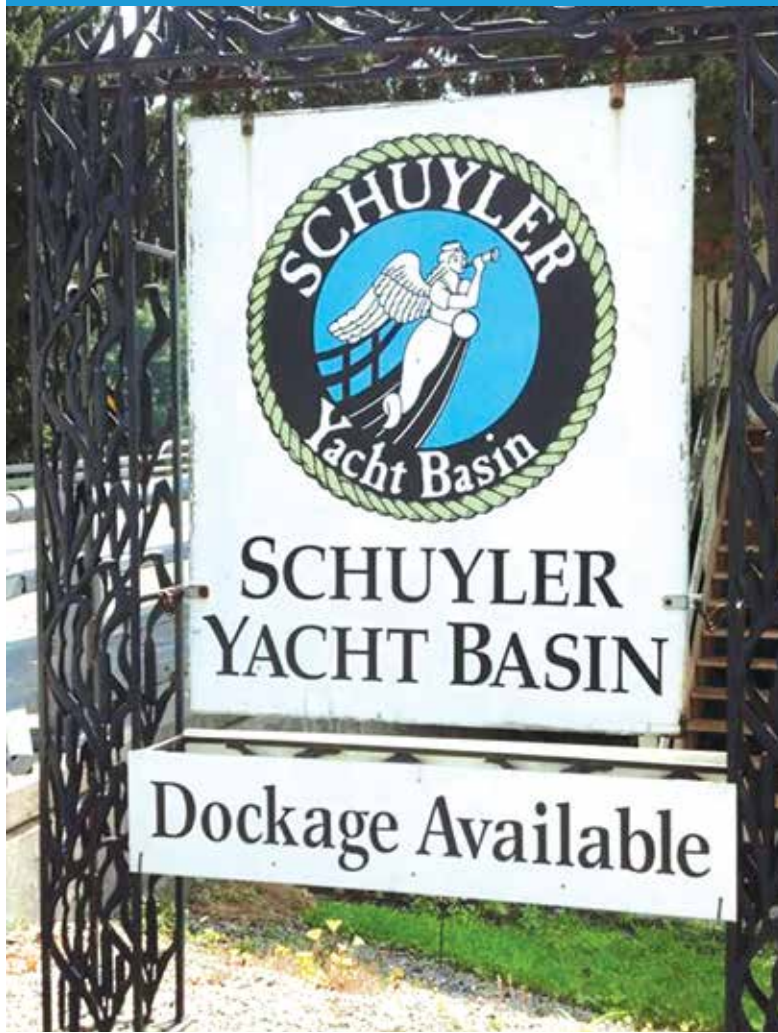


From Judy and Phil Dean, Owner Operators of Schuyler Yacht Basin, Schuylerville, NY (on the Champlain Canal)



Dear Readers,

It is bittersweet that we write you, the readers of Boating on the Hudson, this one last note.

As so many of you have heard, my husband Phil & I have sold the marina & RV park to Jason Young, owner of Clark's Steakhouse here in Schuylerville.

After 32 years we made the difficult decision to retire. Difficult as you all know how much we have loved the marina business and meeting and making friends with so many of you over the years. The marina and the entire Hudson River and NYS Canal System needs some young and new blood to take it through to the future.

Jason has some fabulous plans, the first being to bring his already successful restaurant, Clark's Steakhouse down here to the marina, housed in what was our apartment building. It will have expanded seating and a beautiful patio overlooking the river. Please go to Jason's Facebook page at either Schuyler Yacht Basin or Clark's Steakhouse and meet Jason yourself.

Phil & I will be staying right here for two years to help Jason run the marina so we'll see next summer!

From the bottom of our hearts John, we love you and Boating On The Hudson. It is the ONLY publication of its kind in the entire United States. In every issue, for so many, many years, you have educated us, kept us informed of regional issues, and yes, showed us just what fun boating can be and the endless possibilities of our great waterway. You have attracted and brought to us all the best writers and columnists along the Hudson. John, you have a knack for getting right to the bottom of those political and governmental issues that regular news outlets don't even cover but that have such an impact on our lives.

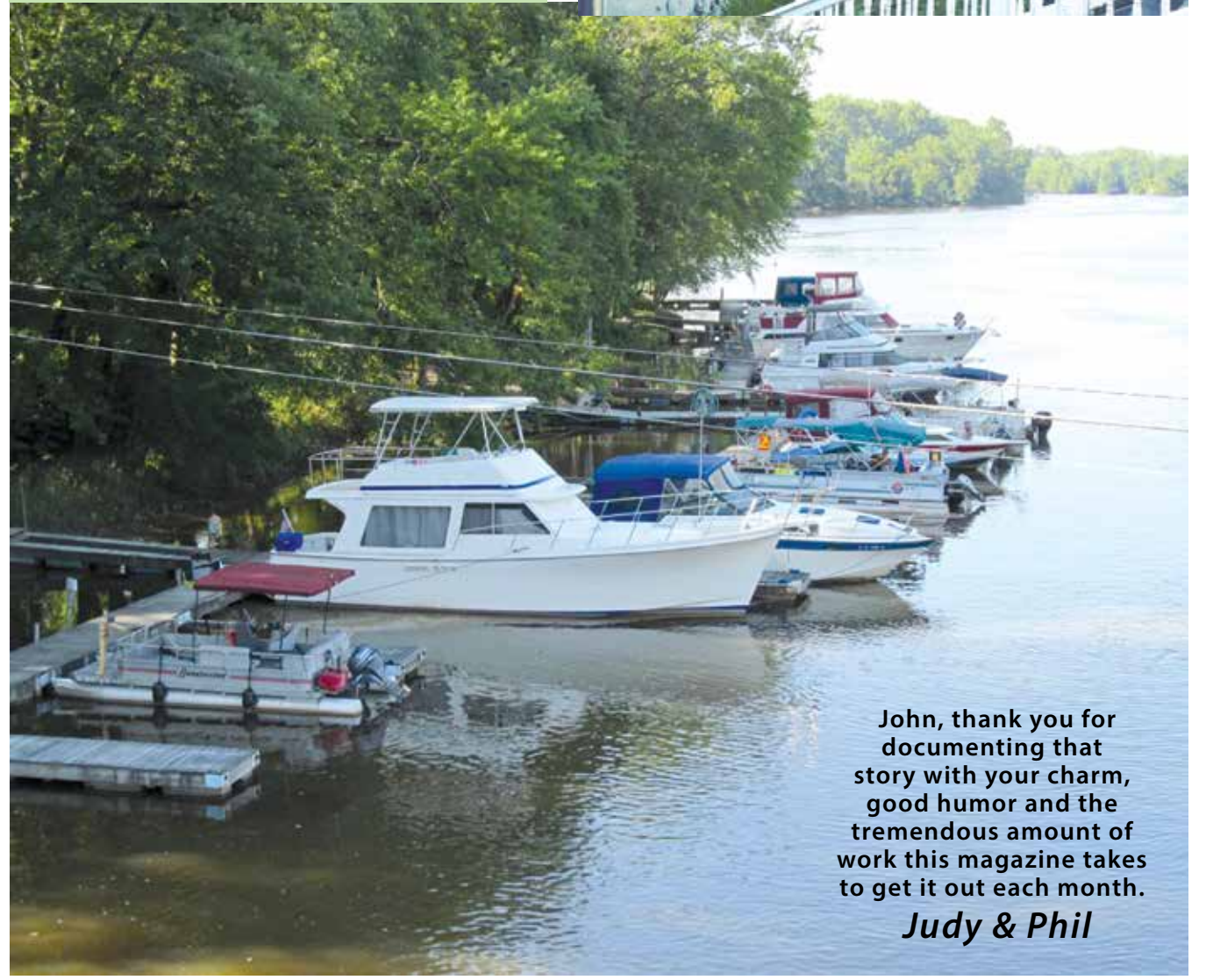
One of those writers that John brought aboard is Pete Bardunias, Pres. & CEO of the Chamber of Southern Saratoga County. Pete is a transplant up here from the mid Hudson region and knows and understands the potential that our stretch of the river and canal has to offer. Every month Pete keeps you up-to-date on happenings along both the Mohawk and Hudson Rivers and NYS Canal System. Thank you Pete, we love it!!

When we first bought the marina

Phil Dean, on left, Judy Dean, New Owner Jason Young.



32 years ago so many of the marinas were going through a transition - owners retiring and selling to the younger generation such as us. Now we see that transition happening again and we couldn't be happier. What a great reason for all of you boaters to get out on the waterway and explore these new marinas and communities. It is an exciting time and we are proud to have been a part of the story of the Hudson River and NYS Canal System.



John, thank you for documenting that story with your charm, good humor and the tremendous amount of work this magazine takes to get it out each month.

Judy & Phil