

# FIREWORKS FROM YOUR BOAT

The Hudson River from Croton Point south has a number of wonderful fireworks displays that can be seen by boat. Actually, the roads are blocked in the Ossining area and you must walk down to the Waterfront to see the displays up front and personal. A better idea is to go by boat, arrive early.

Even better is to make a reservation at the **Boat House Restaurant**, in Ossining, tie up early and watch from there. Call 914 923 6466

**In Tarrytown the Striped Bass Restaurant** butts on a spectacular party for \$64.90 per person that is usually a sellout long before the patio opens. It is highly recommended that you purchase your tickets early as there are no tickets sold at the door for this event. Call 914 366-4455 for reservations.

**The New York Harbor, Hudson River**, Monday, at 9 PM featuring the Macy Fireworks celebrating the 125th anniversary of the Statue of Liberty.

**The restaurants at Liberty Landing Marina** are a terrific location to view the spectacular Macy's Fireworks or just sitting on your boat within the protected waters of the Liberty Landing Marina can be a soul satisfying experience.

Call Liberty Landing Marina at 201 433-3009 they will give you the telephone numbers of the two restaurants on site.

**Shows by  
Fireworks Extraganza  
All Shows start at Dark.**

**Town of Haverstraw July 3rd**  
**Peekskill Fire Dept. July 4th**  
**Kingston Waterfront July 4th**  
**Village of Sleepy Hollow July 4th**

by John H. Vargo

## Lincoln Harbor Marina,

Weehawken, NJ, This popular marina directly opposite Mid NYCity, has spectacular views on any day, however the Fourth of July gives special meaning to boating and all its joys. There are four restaurants nearby, easy access to NY City by ferry, and every convenience a boater could ask for with easy reach. Call Lincoln Harbor at 201 319 5100 for reservations.

## Newport Yacht Club and Marina

and Michael Anthony's Waterfront Restaurant on site. If you can get a reservation, call 201 798 1798 an try. Also, call the IGY Newport Marina office at 201 626 5550 to assure a boat slip. This is a unique, wonderful experience you will enjoy and never forget.

## Peekskill Bay, Peekskill, NY

Charles Point Marina, Peekskill, NY has a huge restaurant and deck, which is directly out in front of the fireworks barge located in Peekskill Bay. The Cove Restaurant located within the marina can be reached at 914 739 0337 and the marinas office number is 914 736 6942 There is transient slips available.

## Newburgh, NY.

With two marinas, 8 restaurants and a "boater friendly" atmosphere, watching the fireworks from the marinas on your boat, or the decks of any of the restaurants can be a memorable experience indeed. The newest restaurant, Billy Joe's Rib Works located at the southerly end of restaurant row has one of the largest decks on the Hudson River. Call Riverfront Marina at 845 661 4914 or 845 562 4922 for reservations. This marina has the deepest water of any marina on the Hudson River.

## Poughkeepsie, NY

**Shadows Marina**, located in Poughkeepsie, NY is a complete marina centrally located in the mid Hudson River Valley. **From this marina the Walkway Over the Hudson can be easily reached by Shadows Trolley**, if you wish you can reserve a room at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel located nearby, play golf at the Dutchess "Rolling Greens Country Club and Golf Course" or just sit on your boat and watch the fireworks to the north. For reservations call 845 486 9500

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## Our Name in Lights! About The Cover

When Mike Illissyn, of Fireworks Extraganza suggested that he shoot off a fireworks sign that displayed Boating On the Hudson in actual fireworks I thought he was kidding. This was in January 2012.

He kept up the pressure. By April Mike said he was going to do it. He had all the necessary permits to do so at the Orange County Speedway Fairgrounds in Middletown, NY.

Paul and I arrived early, so early that we had time for a terrific restaurant that has been around for 60 years, Tony Boffa's Restaurant, on the corner of Railroad Av an East Main Street is fantastic. Before you are through with your meal at least one of the family will come to your table to greet you. I have not seen this kind of attitude anywhere in years. The food is terrific!

Finally, we arrived at the fairgrounds. As large as it is, with few people around, it was not long before someone drove up and escorted to a section of the grounds that was going to be set up for the display.

To my amazement three trucks arrived

with at least eight people to set up the "shoot". Wow this was something. First a frame had to be built, set up and expertly wired so that the fireworks went off almost simultaneously. Not only that but Paul had only 60 seconds to get the shot. He kept saying, "no problem, no problem, but I surely had my doubts as I have never been able to get good shots of fireworks.

Since it was still light Paul had time to set up his camera the proper distance, take some reference shots and was ready when it got dark enough. What we did not consider was the huge full moon that was raising as darkness fell. Luckily there were some trees behind the fireworks frame that helped shield the light of the full moon.

As this was going on the owner of the property, Mr. Gurda, his wife and children and friends arrived as well. What a terrific family.

It got dark enough and Paul gave the work to light it off. Everything worked perfectly. He got the shot or "shots" as he continuously keep clicking hoping he would have at least one that was good.

What I did not realize until it started

was that Mike and his team were there to test fire some huge areal bombs as well. We were treated to a fireworks show that must have had the surrounding area buzzing. As a matter of fact, as we were leaving, cars were driving into the fairgrounds to watch the unannounced show.

All and all we pulled it off. A terrific evening with experts in both photography and fireworks. All for 60 seconds to capture a moment in time.

