

THE U'CAN'TS & THE YES BUT'S ARE AT IT AGAIN!!

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(A spoof and a diatribe all in one writing)

I travel the Hudson River Valley almost every day, all day, seven days a week!

This gives me an extraordinary perspective on everything Hudson River Valley as I have lived in the same town, (almost) and still have enough of my mind, (some would question that) to see the differences in life style that we live in today as compared to say the 50's, 60's, 70's.

Sadly, so very sadly, young folks just coming into the work force, and trying to enjoy the wonderful resources that are offered by our area, will never realize the freedoms that we all enjoyed during these past generations.

Actually most of you reading this are new to the area, or are leaving for better climates!

So that brings me to the most important part of this diatribe, the U'CAN'TS AND THE YES BUT'S. As the years went by our society has changed in many ways. Certainly it has improved in better health care, communications, digital technologies and other ways that will take me away from the gist of this article.

The U'CAN'TS are those that have created laws that have essentially stopped us from doing harm to ourselves and others. This includes seat belts, gun control, condoms, and law enforcement EVERYWHERE.

The U'CAN'T'S are so prevalent that young people today have no idea what it was like to have enjoyed walking down the road with a shotgun after school to see what damage can be done to a chirpy bird, squirrel, or a tin can. (As a matter of fact technology has taken us so far down this path that just thinking along these lines will elicit a raised eyebrow from some law enforcement official or beauracrat that knows a law enforcement official who will soon enter your name in the "other" database.) this was only 40 years ago, what happened?

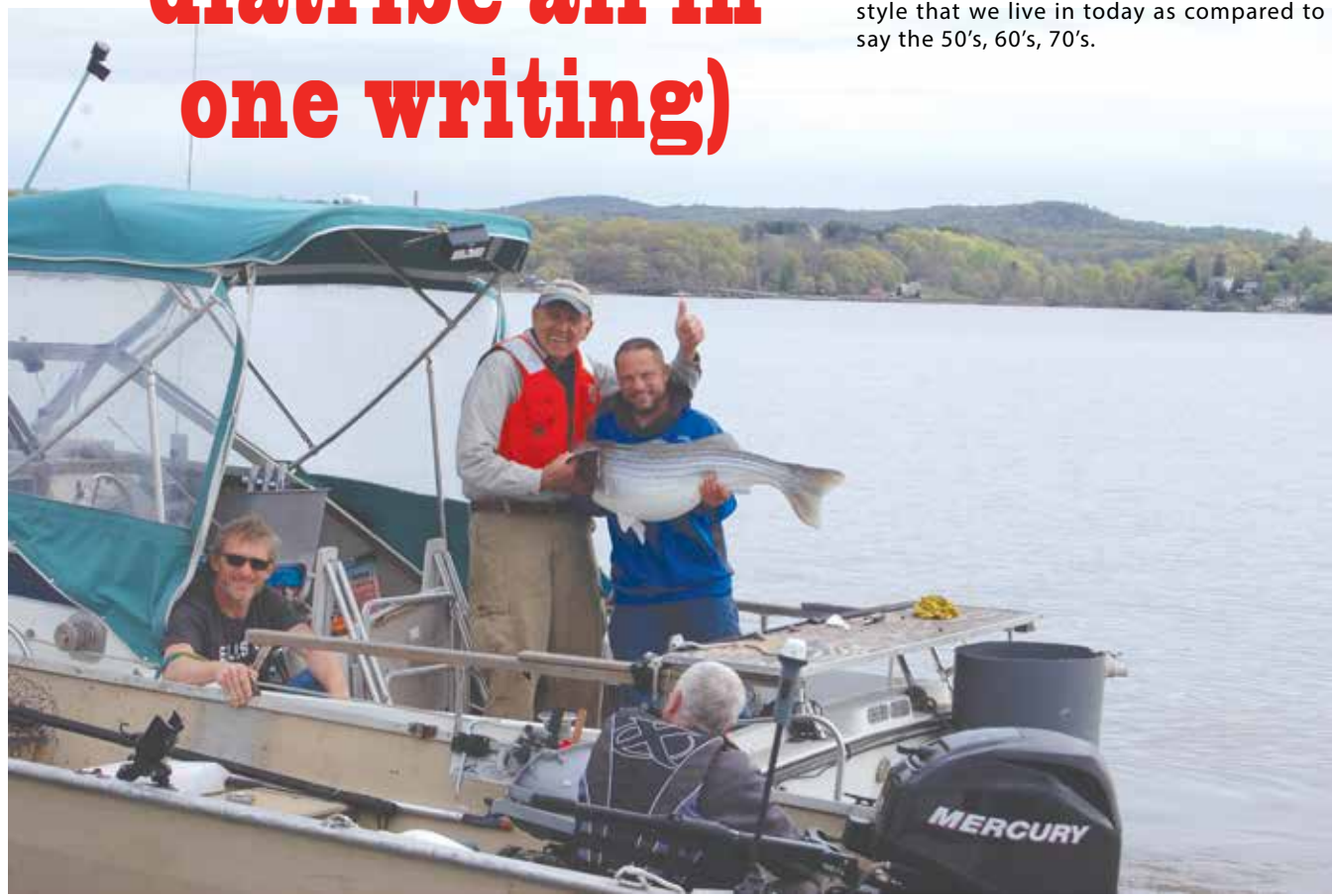
Monday morning quarterbacking from the countless number of meetings by law enforcement, politicians, and all sorts of beauracrats have taken us to a point in our lives where we live to work, listen to what the latest nonsense is on television or what officialdom has led us to believe is the "word".

The YES BUT'S are those that recognize the improvements that have taken place in our lives but always have something to say in addition to the "good news".

No question about it the largest group of YES BUT'S are the environmental organizations and the federal and state beauracracies that support the YES BUT'S in their efforts to control slightly acknowledge, (unofficially) that the Hudson River has improved, our air quality is better, (no more weekly dump fires to put out) and that the "River" is much better today than it was say 60 years ago.

However the "Yes but's" and the You Can'ts" have such a mind set and their basic concept is so ingrained in their business plan that nothing regarding positive affects on the Hudson River means anything, just find a negative and then say, "Yes But the river is cleaner but we have a long way to go to make it better!" Entire industries have been created, modified and specialized to the point that beauracracies are tripping over themselves in "improving their rule making"!

Now I said, and I am glad I did. John H. Vargo, Publisher



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