

# FIREWORKS

## FOR THE FOURTH OF JULY

From Lake George and Lake Champlain to New York Harbor  
there are Fourth of July Fireworks.... Everywhere!

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### Freedom Park, Along the Mohawk River, Scotia NY Friday, June 30, At Dusk.

Waterski show at 7PM. Bring low chairs or a blanket to use within the outdoor amphitheatre to see Bluz House Rockers, from 8PM followed by a fireworks show over the Mohawk River at dusk, sponsored by the Town of Glenville. Boaters can see the fireworks from an excellent vantage point along the River near Jumpin' Jack's Drive-in. Free admission. For more information call (518) 370-0662.

### Clifton Park July 4th Celebration

Tuesday, July 4  
12Noon-10PM (Fireworks at 9:30PM)  
at Clifton Common off  
Vischer Ferry Rd

Come see the largest locally-sponsored fireworks display in the Capital Region! At Clifton Common, preceded by a huge 4th of July parade and festival with rides, games and craft vendors. Live music by New York Players. Free admission. For more information call (518) 371-6667.



### New York State's 4th of July Celebration Tuesday, July 4

3PM to 10PM (Fireworks at dusk)  
Empire State Plaza, 240 State Street, Albany

Price Chopper and Market 32 have presented this Albany tradition since our country's bicentennial celebration in 1976. The annual event features live music and fun for the whole family, including the best fireworks show in

the region. This year will feature the United States Air Force Heritage of America Band with special guest Tonic. More than 20,000 people will gather to enjoy the day at the Plaza, which includes a naturalization ceremony, dozens of food and craft vendors, activities for kids, and an evening of live entertainment leading up to the big pyrotechnics show. Free admission. More information is available on Albany.com .

### Saratoga's All-American Celebration 2016

Monday/Tuesday, July 3 and 4

All day long – Fireworks 9:30PM on Tuesday, July 4  
Downtown Saratoga Springs

A downtown party along Spring, Putnam and Henry Streets in downtown Saratoga Springs! Featuring food, live music, a car show, a parade, BBQ and Dessert festivals, and more. Fireworks in Congress Park behind the carousel. For more information about this volunteer-run event including a list of sponsors and daily schedule visit saratogajuly4th.com .

### Waterford Steamboat Meet

Saturday, July 1 (farmers market on July 2)

10AM- Dusk – Fireworks at Dusk  
at the Waterford Harbor Visitors Center

Steamboats from across the region converge on the harbor for this annual tribute to these old-time vessels and their dedicated caretakers and captains. Food, vendors, live music and fireworks. Also, meet boaters from all over the country as they traverse America's Great Loop! On Sunday, July 2 the weekly Waterford Harbor Farmers Market will hold Steamboat Sunday from 9 to 1, with fresh farm products, "Harbor Joe" coffee, and live music, also at the waterfront. More information on Steamboat Meet is available at town.waterford.ny.us, and for the Market visit southern.saratoga.org or call (518) 371-3763.

### July 4th Fest at the Great Escape

89 Six Flags Drive  
Queensbury, NY 12804  
(Exit 20 off the I-87 Northway)  
Sunday through Tuesday, July 2-4

It wouldn't be July 4 without fireworks! Join us July 2, 3 and 4 for Coca-Cola® July 4th Fest – the most exciting Independence Day celebration in town. This three-day party features your favorite all-American traditions and has everything you need to celebrate the country in the best way possible! All active and retired military will get in the part for free with valid military ID from July 2-4. For more information call (518) 824-6000 or visit sixflags.com/greatescape

Macy's 4th of July Fireworks, the nation's largest Independence Day display, will return to the East River this year for its 41st Anniversary.

From Macy's...

"A pyrotechnic anthem for the ages will ignite New York City's famed skyline on Tuesday, July 4, as the 41st Annual Macy's 4th of July Fireworks® launch an unrivaled barrage of color, shape, light and sound to celebrate Independence Day. The nation's largest pyrotechnic display will come to life over the East River, captivating more than 3 million spectators lining the shorelines, waterways, streets and rooftops of the Big Apple and millions more on television coast-to-coast as together they marvel at the nation's largest and most exciting party. Beginning at approximately 9:25 p.m., the first shells will launch the celebration along the shores of Manhattan, Queens and Brooklyn with more than 60,000 effects rumbling toward the grand finale. The 41st edition of the festivities will showcase a 25-minute display featuring never-before-seen shells and effects. Pyro Spectaculars by Souza is once again at the helm of the pyrotechnics that will feature multiple new shells including color changing chrysanthemums, purple crackling ghost peonies, orange bees, and pulsing happy faces in 23 electrifying colors including fuchsia, lemon and aqua. Revelers enjoying the show are encouraged to experience the full explosive display by tuning in to radio station 1010 WINS-AM to hear the musical score to which the show is choreographed."

Independence Day spectators from coast-to-coast can catch all the action in the sky by tuning to NBC's two-hour national broadcast of "Macy's 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular" beginning at 8 p.m. ET (check local listings). In addition to the pyrotechnic splendor, the 4th of July's most popular entertainment special will feature performances from the nation's hottest musical acts. Stay tuned for more exciting details about this year's display. BEST VIEWING LOCATIONS WILL BE THE ELEVATED PORTIONS OF THE FDR DRIVE FROM THE FOLLOWING ENTRY POINTS.

FROM HOUSTON TO MIDTOWN:

- Houston Street
- 23rd Street
- 34th Street
- 42nd Street

FROM LOWER MANHATTAN

- Broad Street ground level
- Old Slip upper level
- Pearl & Frankfort

BEST VIEWING OF FIREWORKS FROM BROOKLYN

- Brooklyn Bridge Park
- The Brooklyn Promenade

GETTING THERE BY SUBWAY (Each requires some walking)

MANHATTAN

- East Broadway (F)
- Grand Street (B,D)
- Chambers St (J,Z)
- City Hall (R)
- Brooklyn Bridge (6)
- Wall Street (2,3)
- Fulton Street (A,J,J,Z,2,3,4,5)

BROOKLYN

- Clark St (2,3)
- High St (A,J)
- Court St (R)
- Jay Street MetroTech (R) For more information on the 41st annual Macy's 4th of July Fireworks, please visit [www.macys.com/fireworks](http://www.macys.com/fireworks) or call the Macy's Fireworks Hotline at (212) 494-4495

**City of Poughkeepsie Waryas Park,** The Walkway will be open to ticket holders to watch the City of Poughkeepsie's 4th of July fireworks display on Tuesday, July 4, 2017. Walkway Over the Hudson, a nonprofit organization, is a proud lead sponsor of the City of Poughkeepsie's fireworks display, along with other local businesses. Ticket sales fund fireworks, emergency services, and Walkway programs.

The Walkway will close at 5:30 pm to the general public and reopen for the 4th of July Fireworks Spectacular at 7:00p.m. Fireworks are scheduled to begin between 9/9:30 pm.

The Walkway gates will close 60 minutes after the fireworks show is completed. No refunds for this event will be issued. Rain date is scheduled for Friday, July 7, 2017. **West Point Fireworks, July 2, 2016 7:30 pm.** It's only fitting to celebrate America's independence with the Army's oldest band. Ask any one of the thousands who regularly attend this event why it's a must-see. World-class music and a stunning fireworks display make this concert one you won't want to miss! The easy way is by boat!

**Walkway over the Hudson Bridge.** Walkway will be offering a premier view of the City of Poughkeepsie's incredible July 4th Fireworks from high above the majestic Hudson River! The Walkway will open at 6:30 p.m. Pack a picnic and enjoy the sunset. Before the fireworks begin around 9:30 p.m. be sure to bring your chairs and flashlight. No pets, bikes, or skateboards allowed due to the nature of the event. The Walkway is a smoke and alcohol-free park. Tickets are \$10 each (kids 5 & under are FREE). Go online at [www.walkway.org](http://www.walkway.org) to purchase tickets for this event.

**The Regional Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce Balloon Rally** is always an early morning event. Depending on the weather, boaters have the opportunity to be right under the balloons as they leave the Poughkeepsie shoreline. It is an unforgettable site, especially for children. The fact that it takes place during early morning limits the number of boaters and spectators that participate. Go to [www.dccoc.org/balloonfestival](http://www.dccoc.org/balloonfestival) to view multiple locations and times of lift off.

**Riverfront Marina, Newburgh, NY Fourth of July Fireworks**

Call Jamie the dockmaster at Riverfront Marina for reservations at their transient docks well in advance - 845-661-4914. This location is gateway to 7 restaurants including Billy Joe's Rib Works, Capt. Jakes Seafood and five others. It is a rocking, busy place to enjoy the barge load of fireworks anchored out in front at dusk on the Fourth of July or any other evening during the summer.

**Bear Mountain State Park,** The date of these fireworks is still not listed however, it is usually around June 24m 2017, Saturday night, if this occurs, check the media, then it will be a perfect boating event if you anchor on the south side of the Bear Mountain Bridge in the Iona Island Coves. The water depth varies from 5 feet to ten feet, however the channel is close by and the water depth is 65 feet or more. Fireworks are at dusk.

**Peekskill, NY** Tuesday evening July 4th at dusk. Shot from a barge. The fireworks are arranged by the Peekskill Fire Department. You can count on at least 200 or more boats anchored here.

**The Town of Ossining** Monday, July 3rd, Concert begins at 7.30 PM Fireworks at 9:15 PM. You can anchor right near the Ossining Railroad Station and watch and hear from your boat.

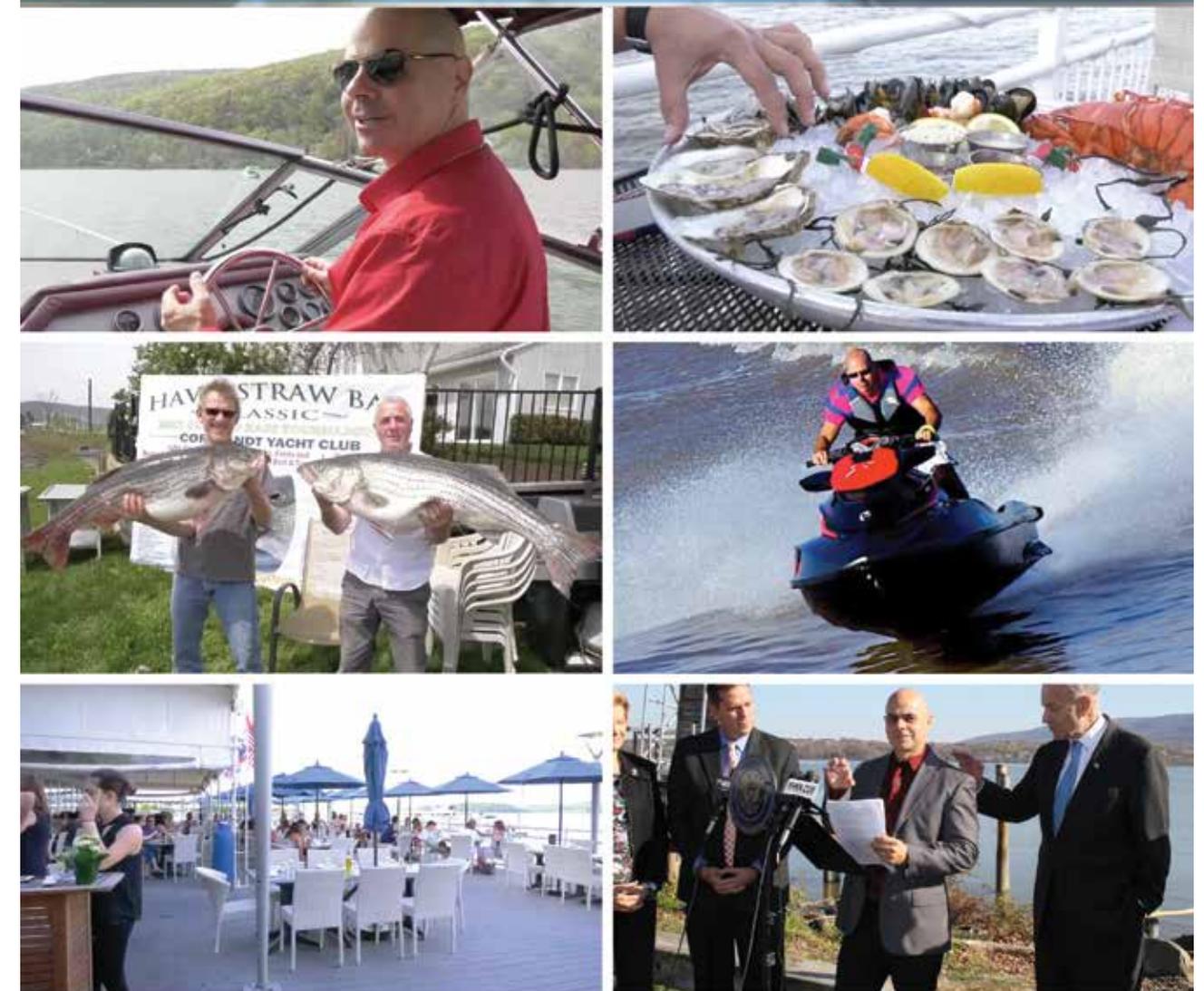
**The Village of Sleepy Hollow** will be shooting off fireworks on the fourth of July at Dusk in the General Motors area Tuesday July fourth. Due to construction at the Tappan Zee Bridge I do not recommend you traveling in this area by boat.



**Town of Haverstraw Fireworks, July 2, 2017**

This is one of the most spectacular fireworks displays on the Hudson River.

Look for the huge power plant smoke stack, the park where the fireworks are shot off and the concert takes place is right behind it. Further there is a "pond" that can be access, VERY CAREFULLY, nearby. Getting in the pond allows you to be directly under the fireworks. I strongly suggest ear muffs or plugs for those with sensitive ears. Entering the pond is very dangerous as there is a large pile of bricks inside the entrance. Please enter the area with you engine out of gear, following someone with experience in doing so. Then just touch you forward motion in gear and out so that if you do hit the bricks you will not damage anything. if you're a smart and a cautious boater you will have all children wearing life jackets and anchor on the outside of the huge pile of boats that will be there and then, leave early so you do not get involved in the madhouse leaving the area.



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