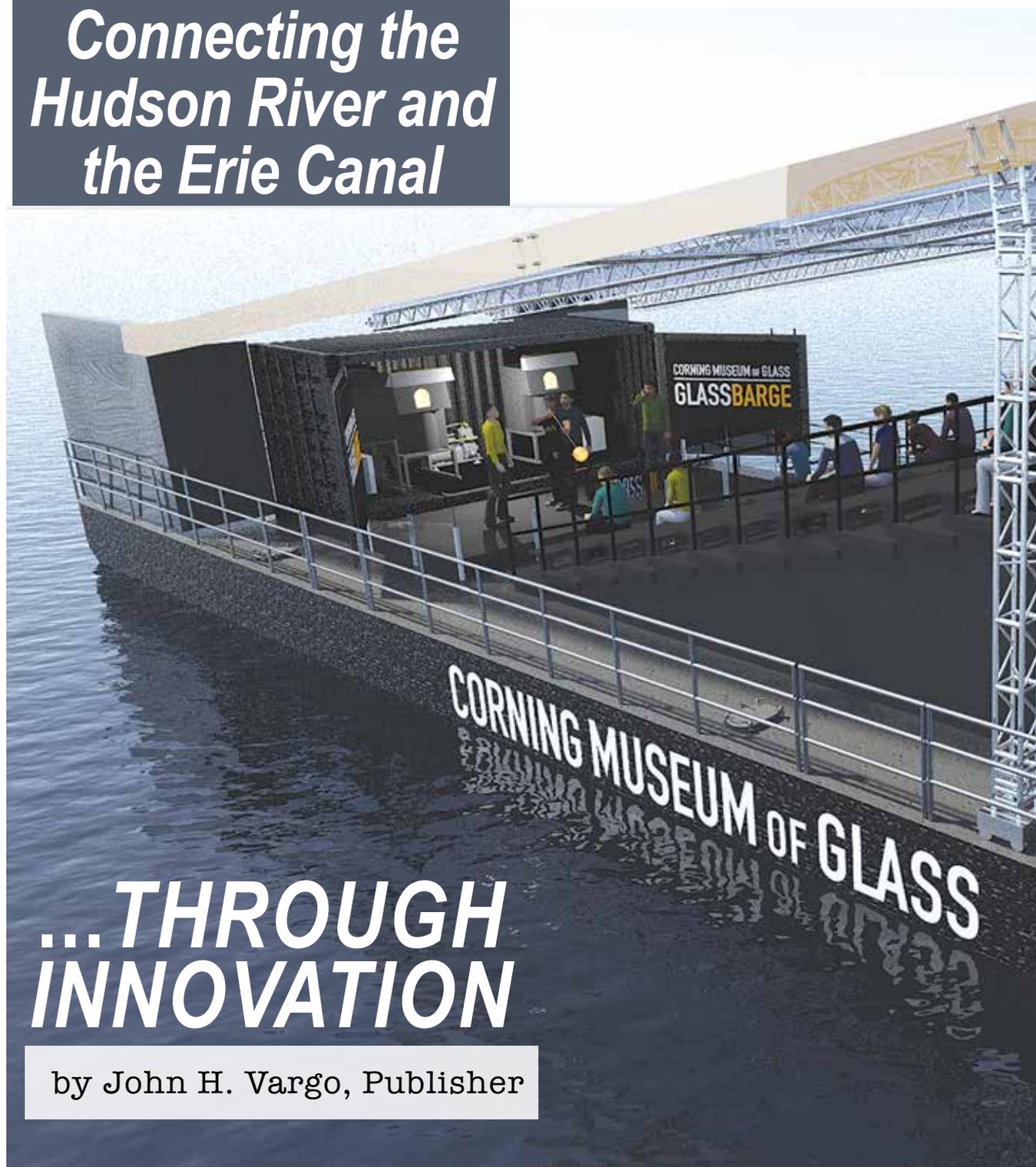


Connecting the Hudson River and the Erie Canal



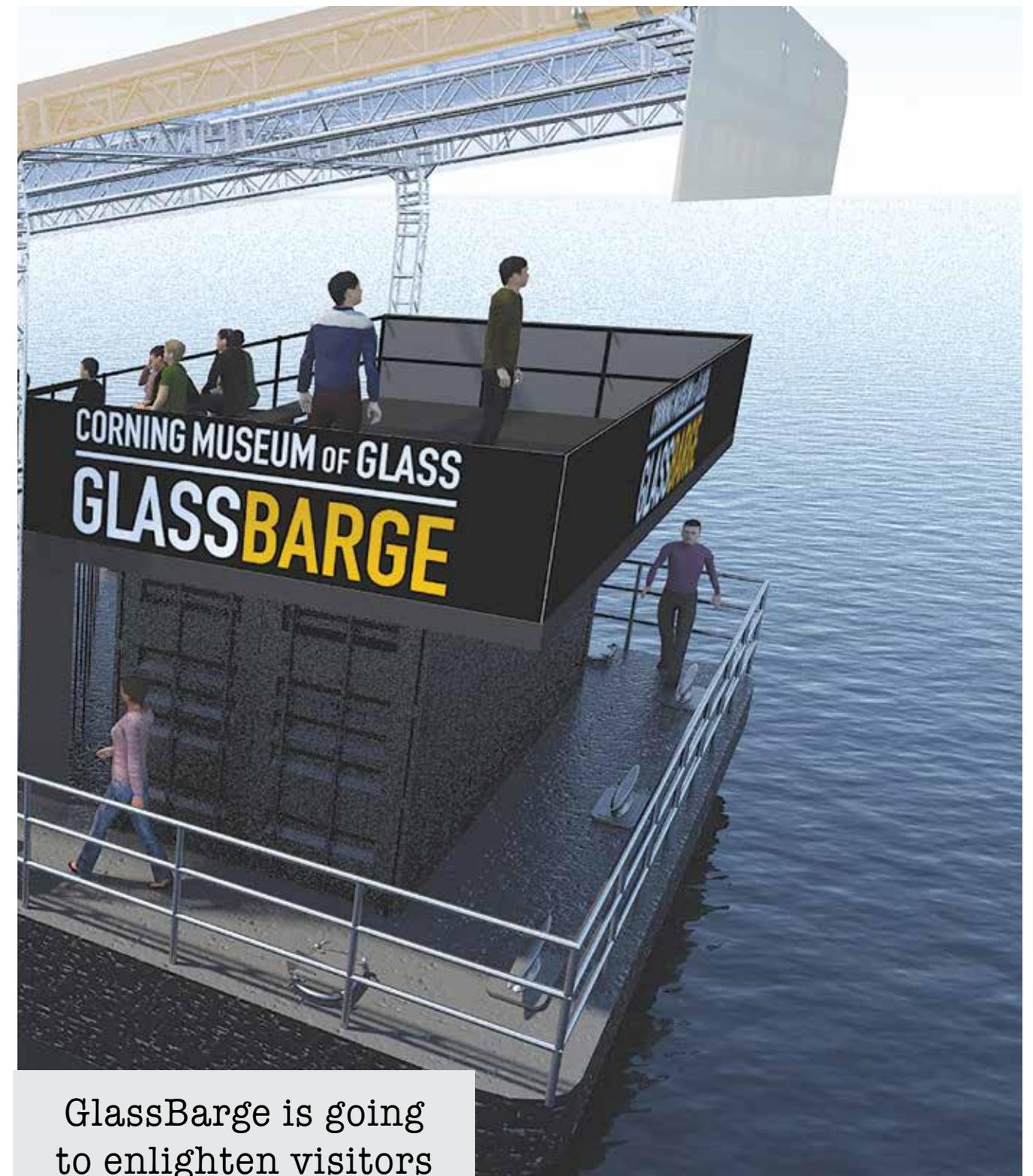
...THROUGH INNOVATION

by John H. Vargo, Publisher

Beginning in May the Corning GlassBarge will be anchored near the site of the original Corning factory, called the Flint Glass Company on Brooklyn's Waterfront explaining the original adventure of the Corning Glass Company's move from

Brooklyn, NY to what would become Corning's home for the next 150 years in Corning, NY.

The event that made this singular move happen was the opening of the Erie Canal in 1825. By 1868, when this move was made, the Erie Canal had become a true sensation supported by all who understood what it meant.



GlassBarge is going to enlighten visitors throughout the Hudson River and the Erie Canal in 2018.

It should be noted that the all new Corning GlassBarge will have spuds at each corner so that ease of "anchoring" will be facilitated. Also this new ninety foot long Corning GlassBarge will be equipped with bleachers so that each show given will be comfortable for the audience.



2018 Statewide Tour

- 4 Months - May to September
- May - NY Harbor
- June - Hudson River
- July, August - Erie Canal
- September - Finger Lakes and Corning, NY Celebration

It is hard to imagine industry in Brooklyn, NY and the problems that existed in the mid 1850s not only manufacturing glass but also receiving the basic ingredients that were needed to develop the glass manufacturing process. Roads were muddy or dusty depending on weather, or, in some cases corduroy, (made by placing logs one after another side by side.) This made for the worst of conditions in both receiving goods to manufacture and shipping finished glass to distant locations.

The opening of the Erie Canal changed all that. Water and the use of it for shipping as well as transportation of people was the equivalent of the life changing Internet experiences of today. The smooth surface of water, its ability to lift great weight, and the

GlassBarge will be anchored near the original site of the Brooklyn Flint Glass Company, now Corning Incorporated.



Corning Museum of Glass, Corning, NY



comfortable environment to travel on, as compared to the dirty, dusty, muddy, noisy offering of roads of that time, made the Erie Canal the "wonder of the day"!

It would not be until after World War Two and the development of the High Speed highway system, that the Erie Canal would become surpassed in an efficient method of moving supplies, people and goods more directly than the Erie Canal.

The Corning GlassBarge is much more than an entity on its own. It sets an example for others to emulate, educate and enjoy the Erie Canal in all its interesting aspects.

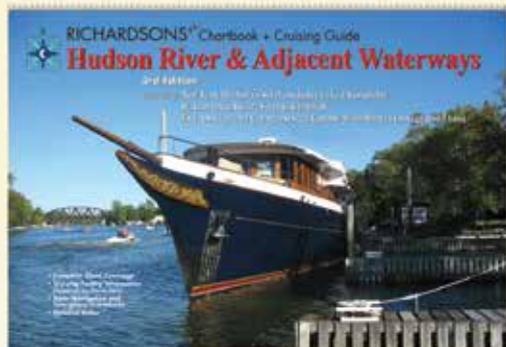
The Corning Museum of Glass will spend four months along New York State waterways with GlassBarge, stopping in ports on the Hudson River in May and June, the Erie Canal in July and August, and the Finger Lakes in September

In 2017, GlassBarge was tested on the Erie Canal in Fairport, Seneca Falls, and Syracuse Inner Harbor. Now it is ready with a complete presentation for every stop it makes on the Hudson River and the Erie Canal in 2018.

There is an advance team that develops the relationship at each stop along the way. This assures all that are involved that each stop will be a success.

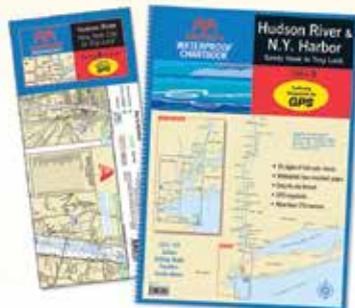
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From the Publisher:

The Lois McClure and its Helper Tug

The Spring/Summer tour of the Coming GlassBarge is a combined effort of the Coming Glass Museum and the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum.

As such the boats on the tour are the 90' Coming GlassBarge, the tug to pull it, the W. O. Decker, the Lois McClure, a 85' historic vessel that travels with a helper tug.

The "McClure" has no engine and needs the helper tug to move in and out of tight places, as well as a fully staffed Coming Glass highly skilled technicians that will demonstrate the creation of Coming Glass objects right in front of the crowds of spectators.

The tour begins in May in Brooklyn and then, on schedule will stop at various locations from New York Harbor all the way up to Albany, and then in July, August and September travel the Erie Canal.

Because of the size of the vessels it may be difficult for all the vessels to stop at locations where the shore-based communities wish them.

Where the Coming GlassBarge does stop it is important that the schools in the area are aware of the demonstrations and bring their children to see the event. The tour is free to all and should be taken advantage of by everyone wherever possible.

Tour locations can most certainly be found in each monthly issue of Boating On The Hudson & Beyond Magazine as well as at www.cmog.org/glassbarge It will be a privilege of this magazine to provide information on each stop preceding the visit of the Coming GlassBarge to each location. Both our Facebook and main page will have this information on the first page.

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"Tivoli" Party Cruise a Big Success

Hello to Both of You, Looking back over 2017, I must share that my bachelor party trip aboard the *Tivoli*

was really a highlight. Our experience was beyond expectation. We were treated with such attention/ understanding of our wants as a group of guys. Jumping off the ship

and watching my friends cannonball into the Hudson was amazing. Thank you for helping us get on and enjoy this amazing river by sail. Best ---- Zach



ABOUT THE COVER:

Mrs. Tina Baxter of Clifton Park, NY was one of the winners of the New York State Canal System photo contest in 2017. The unique balance of water, canal and sky gives a pastoral touch to what would be a normal photo. What makes this so terrific is the fact that Tina use a Yuneec Drone to take the photo from approximately 250 overhead. It was taken along Flight Lock Road, Lock Four.

Tina Baxter is married with one son. She has been a free lance artist for many years.