

Croton River Day



Saturday, September 7th

The Croton Yacht Club will be sponsoring its annual "Hudson River Day" celebration on Saturday, September 7th, from 11 AM - 4 PM at the Croton Yacht Club located at 6 Elliott Way in Croton-on-Hudson. The mission of the event is to promote interest in the history and ecology of the river, to cultivate future local environmental leaders and to promote, enhance and protect river related recreational resources.

There will be events and exhibits throughout the day targeting both children and adults, focusing on the history and ecology of the river.

Events and exhibits will include: a seining exhibition where local marine life will be captured, displayed and later released; viewing tanks where local marine life can be identified and observed; hands-on exhibits for children such as toy sailboat making, fossil making; sail boat rides, and local artist displays and sales. Also, educational seminars will be conducted by NYSDEC Fisheries Biologist, Amanda Higgs on the Hudson River Sturgeon and Riverkeeper's Nicholas Mitch who will speak about the ecological impact of the controversial proposal to build storm surge barriers at the mouth of the Hudson River.

Free sailboat rides, will be offered by Ferry Sloops aboard their 22' sloop-rigged Catboat the "Whimbrel" on a first come first served basis. The sails will depart at 11AM, 12PM, 1PM, 2PM and 3PM. Guests can sign up at the Ferry Sloops table in the tent beginning

at 10:00AM for any of the day's scheduled sail times. Limit of 4 passengers per sail. Passenger age requirement: must be at least 12 years old, under 18 years old must be accompanied by parent or adult guardian.

There will also be a youth fishing clinic and contest sponsored by the Hudson River Fisherman's Association and the Yacht Club. Volunteers will be present during the hours of 11:30 PM and 3:30 PM and provide the use of fishing equipment and bait, free of charge. Fishing rod and reel combinations will also be awarded as prizes. All youths wishing to fish at the Yacht Club must be accompanied by an adult.

The Croton Yacht Club looks forward to coordinating this event annually because it provides the membership and local exhibitors the opportunity to share their river related knowledge and expertise with the community, especially the children. The organization realizes that only through this transfer of knowledge can it safeguard the future of this great resource, the Hudson River.

Food and beverages will be available including the best fish chowder on the Hudson. Admission is free so please come and join us in a fun filled, educational and family focused event you will surely enjoy. Environmental organizations, local craft vendors and artists are welcome. For additional information please contact Dennis Kooney at dennis@kooney.net or call 914-271-6384.