

Cruising Through the Past: An Exploration of Greenwich History from the Water

Cos Cob, CT, July 18, 2016--When did Steamboat Road morph from gritty, working waterfront to prime Greenwich real estate? Why did seamen who were fleeing from a burning wreck swim *away* from Greenwich Point when they were only yards from safety? What drew New York City's infamous Boss Tweed to the Greenwich shore? Hear some of these stories--and more--when you take a cruise back in time led by Captain Henry E. Marx, owner and president of Landfall Navigation. The two-hour excursion, hosted by the Greenwich Historical Society, will focus on the important role that Greenwich's shoreline played in shaping its development. From the decks of the Island Beach ferry, you'll gain a whole new perspective on Greenwich history, and, although no hoisting of heavy sails will be involved, snacks and "grog" (otherwise known as a cash bar) will be available to fortify cruisers throughout the evening courtesy of Randy's Wines of Cos Cob.

Tour narrator Henry Marx's long career on the water has included service as a seaman on a Norwegian flagged oil tanker and military service in the US Naval Reserve in diesel submarines. An accomplished marine educator, Marx holds copyrights on one marine safety and two navigation courses, which he teaches regularly. He is an experienced blue-water sailor, a member of the Storm Trysail Club, and has sailed and raced for over 40 years on the east and west coasts of the US, the southern coast of Norway, and throughout the Caribbean. From 1992-94, Captain Marx also served on the Committee on Nautical Charting of the Marine Board division of the National Academy of Science reviewing NOAA chart making. Captain Marx is currently chairman of the Stamford Sailing Foundation.

The cruise is offered in conjunction with the Greenwich Historical Society's exhibition, *Close to the Wind: Our Maritime History*, currently on view at the Storehouse Gallery, 39 Strickland Road, Cos Cob, CT, Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 4:00 pm.

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Thursday, August 11, 2016, 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Advance reservations required. \$15 for members; \$20 for nonmembers

To sign up, visit www.greenwichhistory.org or call 203-869-6899, Ext. 10.

Guests will meet at the Island Beach Ferry Dock, Arch Street, Greenwich, at 5:15 pm.

A Greenwich Parks Pass is not required for this event.

Photo captions: *Steamboat Road Docks, 1920 and View across Indian Harbor today*