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Dutch Historical Sailing Vessels cross the ocean to honor Henry Hudson in New York

This September we celebrate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's legendary voyage from Amsterdam to New York. In 1609, a Dutch ship called the Half Moon sailed to the shores of what is now New York City with Captain Henry Hudson at the helm. This led to the establishment of New Amsterdam and the New Netherland colony.

Today 20 historic boats left the Dutch port of Harlingen to cross the Atlantic aboard a Dutch freighter. Early on September 1st, this fleet of distinctive Dutch flat bottom boats will sail into New York Harbor to honor Captain Hudson.

The historical vessels – low-slung skutsjes, fishing boats, barges – are direct descendants of the sailing ships that plied Dutch coastlines in the 17th century, immortalized by the country's painters, and are closely related to the first ships built in New York.

The fleet will remain in new York for three magical weeks, bright sails flapping in the harbor breezes, taking part in sailing races on the city's waterways and offering educational information to visitors. A great place to see them up close will be at the New Island Festival on Governors Island. (www.newislandfestival.com)

On September 13th the Dutch barges will join a sailing parade as part of New York's first Harbor Day. All participating boats

will salute the Dutch Crown Prince Willem Alexander van Oranje and his wife Maxima as thousands of people gather along the riverbanks.

On September 14th the fleet will sail upstream to visit several historic ports. On September 20th the ships will arrive in Albany before being returned to the port of Amsterdam.

Do not miss the opportunity to see them!

More information on their arrival and their participation in the commemoration of Henry Hudson's voyage will be sent out on September 8th and September 14th. This will also include an updated schedule and new pictures. For details, please contact: Press Information HH400 Dutch Barges, s.zuiderveld@live.nl (USA), Kiekvandenbiesen@hotmail.com (NL)

Sailing schedule (subject to change!)

Arrival in Brooklyn between August 30th and September 1st

17 historic sailing vessels, a punter ship and a music boat will arrive at Brooklyn Navy Yard, New York. After discharging, the boats will tie up in Atlantic Basin, Brooklyn, New York. Due to strict safety protocol, all media interested to witness the arrival and discharging need to be announced. For details, please contact Patricia van der Lint via email: board@flinter.nl

Long Island Sound week

- **September 1st - September 5th** Sailing on the waters around New York City and Long Island Sound.
- **September 6th** Moor at the American Yacht club in Rye at the end of the day.
- **September 7th and 8th** To be announced.

New York 400 week

- **September 9th** Sail from Hempstead Harbor to New York, arrive as one flotilla around 4PM for official cutting of the delicious Dutch cheese "Old Amsterdam" (location to be announced)
- **September 10th – 12th** New Island Festival on Governors Island. During the day, ships will be navigating the Hudson. The New Island Festival opens at noon and 4 to 5 ships will always be on shore at Yankee Pier on display for the public. At the end of the day more ships will moor for the night.
- **September 11th** Vessels with a mast that can be let down make a tour around Manhattan (counter clock wise). The other vessels will sail up the Hudson to where the Hudson meets the Harlem River, where they will anchor. The sailing ships will salute the anchored ships. After the salute all ships will sail back to Governors Island.
- **September 13th New York Harbor day**
10.00AM - 11:45AM Flotilla Part 1. 11:30AM Hr.Ms. Tromp positioned near the statue of Liberty. The Dutch vessels will salute the Dutch Crown Prince and his wife Maxima. Flyover of 4 Dutch F16's.
2:00PM - 4:30PM Flotilla Part 2.

Henry Hudson week

- September 14th New York – Nyack (scheduled arrival 5pm)
- September 15th Nyack – Peekskill
- September 16th Peekskill – Cold Spring
- September 17th Cold Spring - Kingston
- September 18th Kingston - Catskill (scheduled arrival 2pm)
- September 19th Catskill - Coxsackie (scheduled arrival 1pm)
- September 20th Coxsackie – Albany (scheduled arrival 3.30pm)

Henry Hudson 400

Henry Hudson 400 is a foundation created in 2006 to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Henry Hudson's legendary voyage for the Dutch to the Hudson River and New York. The unique character of New York City, originally New Amsterdam, has been shaped by the legacy of the multiethnic and tolerant culture of the 17th century Amsterdam.

Besides celebrating the historic event, the foundation also likes to explore future ties between these two great cities, linked by their shared belief in the values of open, diverse, outward-reaching societies.

Henry Hudson 400 coordinates a series of special events to celebrate the spirit of freedom, enterprise and diversity shared by Amsterdam en New York.

This event has been made possible with sponsorship of the Dutch government's NY400 project and is organized in partnership with the Dutch S.P.T.S. (Stichting ter Promotie van het Traditionele Schip), which stands for Foundation to Promote Traditional Ships. This foundation was established in 1988 by a small group of owners of Dutch traditional yachts with a shared passion: to show the beauty of these yachts outside The Netherlands. For more information about the ships and the foundation of owners, see www.spts.nl.

On www.henryhudson400.com you will find more information on the Dutch Barges on the Hudson, on Henry Hudson's trip 400 years ago and other events that are part of this celebration.

For related events visit www.ny400.com, the website of the Dutch Government.



About the Ships

	Name	Type	Year	Length (meters)	Captain
1	Groene Vecht	Lemsteraak	1999	18.50 x 5.85	Mr. Van Zadelhoff
2	Ommeswaaij	Lemsteraak	1995	12.76 X 3.90	Mr. Van Swaaij.
3	Fugel Frij	Lemsteraak	2000	16.25 x 5.50	Mr. Grijpstra
4	Sydsilver	Lemsteraak	2004	17.00 x 5.60	Mr. Meijer
5	LE89	Lemsteraak	2005	13.20 x 4.00	Mr. Dom
6	Sterre	Tjalk	1887	16.20 x 3.64	Mr. Wapenaar
7	De tijd zal t leeren	Tjalk	1912	16.54 x 3.54	Mr. Te Siepe
8	Vrouwe Cornelia	Tjalk	1888	21.00 x 4.10	Mr. Van Monchou
9	Hoop en Vertrouwen	Tjalk	1913	17.00 x 3.85	Mr. Heerschop / Mr Van der Veer
10	Wylde Wytse	Tjalk	1902	20.20 x 4.00	Mr. Heerschop
11	De Goede hoop	Staverse Jol	n/a	7.00 x 3.00	Mr. Franken
12	Groenling	Lemsteraak	2003	10.75 x 4.20	Mr. Van den Berg
13	Windroos	Hoogaars	1925	14.10 x 4.33	Mr. Platschorre
15	HZ108 Janus Kok	Botter	1934	13.40 x 4.00	Mr. Schaap
16	Pieterneel	Zeeuwse Poon	1890	15.00 x 4.00	Mr. Van der Hurk
17	Henry Hudson	Giethoornse Punter	1996	7.10 x 1.50	Mr Bronts
18	Notendop	Musicboat	2007	2.50 x 0.90	Mr Sijkens
19	Vliegende Hollander	Rowing boat	2009	9.9 x 1.70	Rowing Club Scheveningen

All of these ships have very interesting backgrounds. Please contact s.zuiderveld@live.nl for more details and pictures of the ships and the special transport.

