

BOAT BASIN BULLETIN

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All the news that floats we'll print

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Holidays 2016 Issue

Anyone with Basin pictures? Articles? News? Corrections? E-mail them to allnycyachts@gmail.com and I'll publish them in a future issue.

This newsletter is being distributed to over 360 Basin boaters, Basin waiting list members, Basin alumni, Basin friends and Parks. The 17 past issues of this newsletter are on <http://www.iboatnyharbor.com/AOther%20Resources.htm> If you' don't want to receive these newsletters, please email me with "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.

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S/Y Prelude

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PAST

*The past cannot be changed, forgotten, edited, or erased. It can only be accepted.
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Corrections

from Delta Willis:

In Issue 2, “the rotunda fountain’s twelve bronze frogs” – should be bronze turtles.

Multiple uses of “a boat is a womb with a view” with no attribution - was coined by Maurice Rosenblatt, a Washington lobbyist, when visiting Delta’s boat.

Pre – Basin

Our Predecessors – Hooverville on the Hudson



from Municipal Archives via 7/10/12 West Side Rag

Hooverville (a Great Depression shanty town named after President Hoover) - Riverside Park at 79th Street – 1930-32

Basin

Escape from New York (or at least to Brooklyn for repairs)



Simone and Saro on Excalibur – 1988

1999 NY liveboards article

<http://www.nytimes.com/1999/05/23/nyregion/living-aboard.html?pagewanted=all>

Life After the Boat Basin

Delta Willis



Delta Willis, Doug and Karen Morey celebrating Supermoon in Africa. Delta (formerly of D, E and C Docks) on far left, Karen on far right and Doug (formerly of E Dock) in plaid shirt

From <http://deltawillis.com/> :

Her memoirs, "My Boat in the City," begun when her base camp was a houseboat moored on the edge of Manhattan, will verify E. B White's observation, "The moon affects the tide and the fit to be tied."

Deaths

Robin Hulton



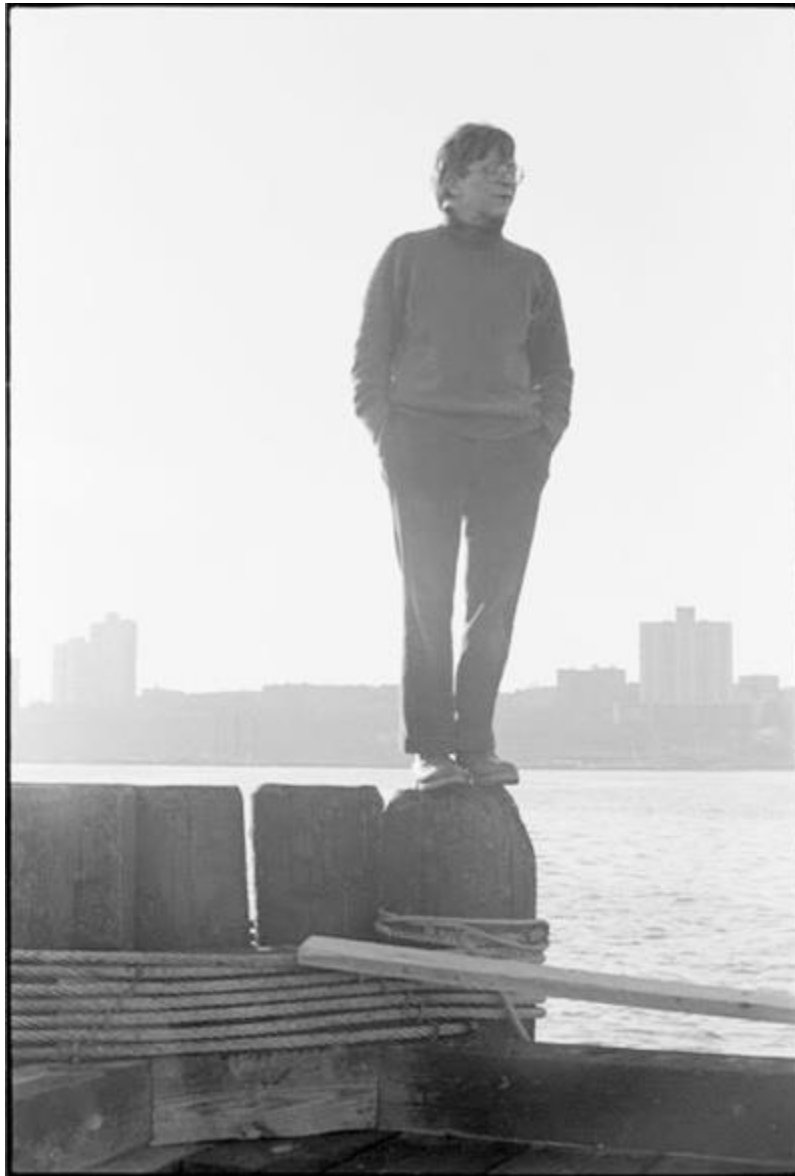
Robin Leslie Hulton died December 14 in Watertown, MA. She was 63.

Ms. Hulton was the daughter of George and Olga Hulton (deceased) of Stratford, CT. She was a graduate of Northfield Academy (now Northfield Mount Herman), and Vassar College, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree with a major in modern European history and a minor in pre-med studies.

Ms. Hulton spent her career in pharmaceutical marketing and promotion, beginning at Medcom, a New York medical education company acquired by Baxter, and then Marsteller Advertising. For more than 17 years, she was an officer of ProClinica Inc, an international medical education/promotion company of which she was a co-founder, last serving as executive vice president and general manager. Upon the 1995 merger of ProClinica staff and accounts into the former Madison Avenue firm Emmerling Post, she was a director of the acquiring agency's EP Health/Tec group. In 1997, she joined Robert A. Becker Inc. Euro RSCG as VP General Manager of that agency's Craig Group. Subsequently, she operated a consulting practice, Healthcare Consulting Group. Ms. Hulton was an enthusiastic sailor since childhood, beginning age 10 on a kit Sailfish built by her paternal grandfather and launched from Stratford's Lordship beach, near her York Street home.

Ms. Hulton is survived by daughter Rebecca Hulton Snyder, son-in-law Felipe Santander and grandson Nicolas, of Asheville, NC; son Aaron Snyder and his fiancée Melissa Klig, Boulder, CO – and cousins Jeffrey and Peter Hulton, and Susan Hulton Curtis, and Kimberly and Scott Brown. She is the former wife of Mel Snyder, Stoneham, MA.

from Mel

Charlie Kuskin

Charlie grew up in Flatbush Brooklyn, attended Erasmus Hall High School and then Juilliard where he studied Oboe. He became a critically acclaimed professional Oboe player and performed with major orchestras and conductors in NYC, he also taught Oboe at Brooklyn College. He joined the Dorian Woodwind Quintet in 1963 and, traveling the world, played with them until 1980. He was an Emmy winning composer, and wrote an opera which was performed in 2000.

from Nick Kuskin

In 1989, Charlie won his Emmy for composing the PBS “American Experience” theme:
<http://chadcomello.com/tag/charles-kuskin/>

PRESENT

Kiss the day goodbye and point me toward tomorrow.

from "What I Did For Love" with lyrics by Edward Kleban and music by Marvin Hamlisch from the musical "A Chorus Line"

A Dock Ribbon cutting



A Dock construction – December, 2015

On August 30, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held by Parks for the new A Dock after 14 months of construction. Basin boaters were not invited. Gale Brewer, Manhattan Borough President, mentioned the dearth of year round boats and liveaboards several times during her speech and finished with a statement that there should be more Basin liveaboards. [27 boats this winter out of 100+ slips – Ed]. NYS Assemblymember Linda Rosenthal said that she admired the intrepid boaters in her speech.

West Side Rag article – A Dock:

<http://www.westsiderag.com/2016/09/02/79th-street-pier-reopens-after-fema-funded-reconstruction-picnic-tables-coming-soon>

Dock Carts

When Superstorm Sandy swept away the Basin dock carts in 2012, we were told they would be replaced when FEMA funds were received. Jan and Kazumi of Alicia on C Dock stepped up and bought two dock carts. One disappeared. Sometimes one had to wander the docks to find where it was last abandoned or still being used. A request was made this summer to Parks Marinas to purchase carts and this fall three more dock carts became available. When you're finished using a cart, please return it to its normal spot and turn it upside down.

Holidays Caroling Party

Once again, the Not-Ready-For-Prime-Time Carolers will be serenading the Basin. If you'd like to carol, please be at the Dock Office at 5:30pm, Saturday, December 17. If you're not a good singer, you'll have plenty of company. Dress warm and bring a flashlight. Music will be provided. The post-caroling party will again be on Jan and Kazumi's "Alicia" on C Dock. 6pm-9pm. Bring a potluck dish and beverage. If you're coming, please RSVP to Regina at 917-940-0777.

Jan van der Lande Gift of Life Award

Jan will receive the DIFFA (Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS) Chuck Yancy Lifetime Achievement Award at the Central Park Boathouse on February 6. See <https://diffa.org/gift-for-life-honors-kikkerland/> for more information and/or to make a contribution in honor of Jan.

West Side Rag article – Boat Basin winter

<http://www.westsiderag.com/2016/01/20/docked-at-the-79th-street-boat-basin-in-the-deep-freeze-why-the-hell-do-we-live-here>

New York Times article – Jane Clegg

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/24/realestate/a-tiny-home-that-floats.html?action=click&pgtype=Homepage&clickSource=story-heading&module=real-estate-left-region®ion=real-estate-left-region&WT.nav=real-estate-left-region>

New York Times article – Whale

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/22/nyregion/humpback-whale-hudson-river-manhattan.html>

A day before the first sighting of this healthy whale, schools of menhaden or bunker were spotted from the Basin during the flood current. A few schools were over 100 yards in diameter.

What a great testament to the improved water quality. In the 70's and '80s, the Hudson was so polluted that the only fish we saw were Coney Island Whitefish.

Deaths**Glen Gari**

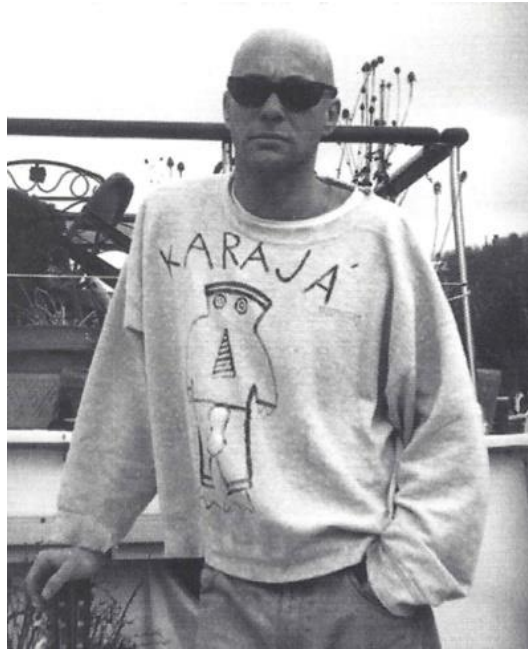
Glen with mother Gloria and brother-in-law Paul

Glen, a year round resident of the Boat Basin for over 30 years, passed away in March. He was a quiet and private neighbor but whenever there was an emergency or a problem on a boat, one could count on Glen.

Glen was an audio engineer, most recently for NEP Group, a broadcast engineering and production provider. He was also Co-Chairman and Treasurer of The Giulio Gari Foundation <http://www.giuliogari.org/> created in honor of his late father Giulio Gari, an operatic tenor at the Metropolitan Opera and New York City Opera. The foundation encourages young classical singers and holds an annual International Vocal Competition.

A memorial service was held on Friday, June 10 at the Kosciuszko Foundation.

Glen is survived by his mother Gloria and sister Gayle Gari Cohen and her husband Paul.

Phil Sherman

One of the Boat Basin's true devotees died Monday, November 21st here in New York, the city where he was born 55 years ago. Phil Sherman came to the Boat Basin in 1990 when he, his dog Benno and Jane White moved to their boat, Ecstasy, on D dock, next to Jim and Leslie, Meg and Didier and across the water from Marty Schickler and Wayne Gryk.

Immediately, Phil responded to everything the Basin offered; a community when needed and yet total independence, a place to run his dog, eat bagels on Sunday morning, sip strong coffee, play his guitar, and be rocked to sleep by Mother Nature.

Phil was a musician, songwriter, and bar owner. He opened his bar, No Malice Palace, 17 years ago in the East Village where, it still thrives today. Phil's winning smile, loud booming voice, lust for life, passionate opinions about almost everything, created a distinctive personality.

We will miss you Phil.

from Jane White

In 2008, several scenes of the Woody Allen film "Whatever Works" were shot on Phil's houseboat. Boris, played by Larry David, explains that one has to find all the enjoyment one can by finding "whatever works". Phil found a lot of his "whatever works" from his time at the Boat Basin.

There will be a memorial service for Phil at the Boat Basin in the spring.

PFUTURE

Change is the process by which the future invades our lives.
Alvin Toffler, Future Shock

Pfantasy Pfuture - Wakes

The Basin's infrastructure has sustained extensive wakes damages – broken ramps hinges, shaved pilings, detached finger dock piling collars, broken floating docks joints, dislodged dock flotation, ripped out dock cleats, unusable finger docks,

The boats have sustained wakes damages - ripped out boat cleats, broken fenders, sheared hawsepipe machine screws, frayed dock lines, parted Shockle shock absorbers, internal structural damage, gel coat damage, personal property damage,

The boaters have sustained injuries, unplanned swims, unscheduled trips across the cabin, safety crawls on the finger docks,

Many transient boaters have complained that the Basin is the worst marina for wakes. A few transients on the moorings have also complained. Some have stated that they'll never come back.

Where's the Pfantasy Pfuture?

Parks Marinas will agree to work with the Basin boaters in a joint effort to mitigate the wakes at the Boat Basin.

Parting Proverb

Avian Law: A bird in the hand is safer than one overhead [particularly with two dozen geese in the 'hood].

