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## Erie Canalway MEDIA ALERT

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## 2009 Quadricentennial Legacy Voyage Kick Off

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 30, 2009, 10:00 am

**WHERE:** Matton Shipyard, Peebles Island State Park, Cohoes

**WHAT:** Kick off press event for the 500-mile Quadricentennial Legacy Voyage of the canal motorship *Day Peckinpaugh*; VIP/Press Tour of the vessel and onboard photo opportunities. The Tug Urger will also be available for tours.

**WHO:** *Invited speakers include:*  
NY State Assemblyman Jack McEneny  
NY State Assemblyman Bob Reilly  
Beth Sciumeca, Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor Executive Director  
Carmella Mantello, NYS Canal Corporation Director  
John Callaghan, *Day Peckinpaugh* Captain, NYS Museum  
Representative from Congressman Maurice Hinchey's office  
Representative from New York State Office of Parks Recreation and Historic Preservation

Invited guests include: NY State Senator Neil Breslin, NY State Assemblyman Ron Canestrari, Cohoes Mayor John McDonald, Waterford Mayor Bert Mahoney, Waterford Supervisor Jack Lawler, as well as representatives from the Hudson, Fulton, Champlain Quadricentennial Commission.

**MORE:** [www.eriecanalway.org](http://www.eriecanalway.org)

**WHY:**

The Legacy Voyage of the historic canal motorship *Day Peckinpaugh* commemorates 400 years of maritime progress in the Empire State—from early exploration to ship innovation to canal building to the continued use and enjoyment of Champlain and Hudson waterways. Beginning on August 1, 2009, the 259-foot-long vessel will travel 500 miles along the Champlain and Hudson Corridor visiting ports from Burlington, Vt, to New York Harbor. Events and free tours are planned at fourteen ports-of-call. The *Day Peckinpaugh* will be joined by other historic vessels at ports along the way.

The voyage is organized by the Erie Canalway National Heritage Corridor, in conjunction with Saratoga National Historical Park, the NYS Museum, the NYS Canal Corporation, and tour community partners.

**Public Visitation Schedule:**

**August**

8/1-2 Matton Shipyard, Cohoes  
8/5 Mechanicville  
8/8 Whitehall  
8/11-12 Plattsburgh  
8/15-16 Burlington  
8/19 Crown Point  
8/21 Whitehall  
8/23 Fort Edward  
8/29 Schuylerville

**September**

9/5-7 NYC Pier 84  
9/12-13 NYC Pier 84  
9/19-20 Kingston  
9/22 Hudson  
9/25-26 Albany  
9/27-28 Troy  
9/30 Waterford