

Cargo sailboat heads to Brooklyn with mushroom log cargo — arrives July 30

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Apollonia
HUDSON, NY

HUDSON RIVER SAIL CARGO

The **Schooner Apollonia**, a sailboat that transports cargo sustainably on the Hudson River with wind power, returns to Red Hook, Brooklyn on July 30th. Only this time, in addition to **an expanded lineup of sail freight items for individual pre-order**, it arrives with a cargo of several tons of red oak logs for growing mushrooms!

More on the unique mushroom growing partnership – which includes a variety of organizations, including Red Hook Farms and Red Hook’s RETI Center – **available here**.

Individuals can **pre-order a mushroom log growing kit here** for sail freight delivery to Brooklyn. A demo with Steve Gabriel from the Cornell Small Farms Program on how to grow shiitake mushrooms using the kit will take place at the RETI Center’s Cool School Barge in the early evening on July 30th. The Apollonia docks at the barge courtesy of Gowanus Bay Terminal (GBX).

Orders for the grow kits and other Hudson Valley sail freight items including cider, honey, hot sauce, maple syrup, yarn, condiments, and **must be placed by the end of the day on July 20th** before the ship loads cargo upstate for its voyage. This July run is the second of five voyages envisioned for 2021.

SCHOONER APOLLONIA SHINDIG DETAILS

At the RETI Center Blue City Barge — at Gowanus Bay Terminal (GBX), Red Hook.

Morning — 10 – 11 am – offloading of over 10,000 pounds of red oak logs for growing shiitake mushrooms – will be delivered via electric cargo bike and trailer (solar powered) from the ship to

Red Hook Farms in conjunction with Cornell Small Farms program.

Afternoon — ship's crew goes out with the e-bike and trailer to pick up cargos bound for ports upriver:

- Bulk coffee from Gotham Roasters in Red Hook (bound for Kingston's Half Moon Rondout Cafe)
- Individual coffee from Stone Street Coffee in Gowanus (bound upriver)
- Tea boxes from Mirror Tea House in Gowanus (bound for various ports upriver)

Late afternoon — ship's crew available if people want to stop by to pick up pre-ordered sail freight goods from upriver producers (honey, hot sauce, cider, maple syrup, rolling papers, soap, etc.)

*****MAIN EVENT: 5-7 pm** Schooner Apollonia Shindig hosted by **RETI Center Blue City Barge** courtesy of **Gowanus Bay Terminal (GBX)**

- Individual pre-order sail freight cargo orders for in-person pickup at the barge
- General sail freight goods from upriver producers for sale



- Mushroom Growing Demo, **Cornell Small Farms** Team – 5:15-5:45 pm
- Music by Red Hook favorite **Jackson Lynch** – 6-7 pm
- Sandwiches for sale by **Court Street Grocers**
- Beer made with sail freight malt and shipped downriver by sail freight from **Hudson Valley Brewery** in Beacon
- Specialty postcards from **Squid Bath** to send to friends via SAIL MAIL in upriver ports along the Hudson

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