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The Winds of Change

Sustainable Schooner, Carrying Comestibles, To Make Port in Lower Manhattan



The wind-powered schooner Apollonia hauls freight into New York harbor

Tomorrow (Saturday, September 25), the South Street Seaport Museum will welcome the *Apollonia*, a traditional gaff-rigged schooner, capable of carrying 20,000 pounds of cargo. The Hudson River's only carbon-neutral, wind-powered merchant freighter will dock at Pier 16 (near the corner of Fulton and South Streets, from 9:15 to 11:00 am), where she will offload a shipment of New York State cider, maple products, wool, and other sustainable goods, for sale at the Fulton Stall Market.

The *Apollonia* sails regularly between New York Harbor and Hudson Valley towns such as Yonkers, Kingston, Ossining, Newburgh, and Albany as part of an emerging, regional eco-friendly supply chain. Among other consignments, she carries malt grown on farms Upstate to three craft breweries in Long Island City, Queens, while also making stops in Red Hook, Brooklyn.



Above: The *Apollonia*'s crew relaxes in North Cove Marina. Below: The *Apollonia*'s cargo hold carries a farago of freight, including handmade oak barrels, and malt

For centuries, schooners hauled goods down the Hudson River from upstate and docked at the South Street Seaport, distributing cargo to local markets or transferring their loads onto larger, ocean-bound ships for more distant ports of call. But the *Apollonia* is not a quaint “living history” project, seeking merely to make the past come alive. Rather, it is part of growing sail-freight movement offering relevant, intelligent solutions to 21st-century problems.

The 64-foot, steel-hulled vessel was laid down in Baltimore in 1946, from a design by renowned naval architect J. Murray Watts. Starting in the summer of 2020, the *Apollonia* began hauling (in addition to malt) corn, yarn, hot sauce, handmade oak barrels, and oyster shells—along with the occasional shipment of petroleum-free pillows and CBD oil.



Much of the freight that *Apollonia* brings to Pier 16 will be available for sale at the nearby Fulton Stall Market. The vessel will be returning to the South Street Seaport on Saturday, October 30. Anyone wishing to reserve items from this passage is asked to place their order by October 21.

For more information, please browse: www.schoonerapollonia.com