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CARBON-NEUTRAL SCHOONER USES THE HUDSON RIVER 'SUPERHIGHWAY' TO SHIP LOCAL



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Over the last year or so it seems like all we have heard about is how you can get anything you want delivered to your door. Online shopping items, food from a national chain or a local restaurant and of course don't forget about your groceries. UPS, FedEx, the USPS and Amazon all making sure we get what we need. All that deliverability may be why I found the story of the **Schooner Apollonia** so intriguing. I think you will too.

The Schooner Apollonia is a 64-foot steel-hulled schooner (sailboat) that is running shipments up and down the Hudson River from Hudson to New York City and back. They announced this week that they are on their first voyage of 2021 which left from Hudson New York this week (May 16, 2021) and will be making stops in Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Ossining and Brooklyn to drop a variety of products that local business people have chosen to ship via wind power.

Why ship by Schooner?

As they explain in the video below the Hudson River was the original superhighway for the Hudson Valley. The Apollonia isn't trying to go back in time, instead, they state that they are actually going forward into a more carbon neutral and locally focused method of sending products produced in the Hudson Valley to other parts of the Valley up and down the Hudson River.



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What's being shipped on the First Voyage of 2021?

According to the photos shared on Facebook which we have for you below and the statement on [Apollonia's official website](#), the first voyage will be running 12,000 pounds of grain from [Hudson Valley Malt](#), a local malt house in Germantown, New York, who believes in malting the old fashion way, on the floor. They will also carry products from Stone House Grain. The destination is partner brewers and distillers in Poughkeepsie, Beacon, Ossining and Brooklyn.

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Next time you are on the waterfront make sure you look for the Apollonia making deliveries up and down the Hudson River. If you are interested in more information on how you can support this growing shipping method or if you are a Hudson Valley business looking to possibly use this method to ship your products you can find out more at schoonerapollonia.com.

SCHOONER APOLLONIA'S FIRST VOYAGE OF 2021

The Schooner Apollonia is a 64 foot steel hulled sail boat that is capable of shipping Hudson Valley products up and down the Hudson River with wind power. Many local business from as far north as Hudson and as far south as New York City are using the Apollonia as a way to ship their products from place to place along the banks of the Hudson River.

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Hudson Valley Malt - Floor Malting

Dennis Nesel from Hudson Valley Malt states that "we as maltsters connect Hudson Valley Farms to Hudson Valley Brewers. The grains have to stop at our malthouse after they have been grown. It is here where we coax the sugars out of the grains in the malting process. Jeanette and I make our malt in a non industrial fashion. We do it the old school heritage way. It's called floor malting.



The Grain Malted

Hudson Valley Malt prepares the grain from local farmers then gets it out to the local brewers for them to turn into our Hudson Valley Craft Beers. Because they use the old school malting method they like the idea of using the old school shipping method to get their products to their customers. Turn out the customers like it too.



The Shipper

The Schooner Apollonia makes stops all along the shores of the Hudson River dropping of and picking up shipments. They are turning back time they are actually looking forward to a more sustainable method of shipping in the Hudson Valley by using the wind and the Hudson River.



Loading Up on the Dock

Loading for the first voyage of the 2021 season on the River that runs May to October. It may take extra time and be more work but everyone involved loves the labor. The process is rewarding.



The Loot

This is a picture from inside the cargo area on the Apollonia as they get ready for the first voyage of 2021



Step one in the Supply Chain

The Apollonia and crew making a delivery on the banks of the Hudson River, first stop Poughkeepsie.



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Poughkeepsie Delivery

Delivery made this morning in Poughkeepsie. Next stop Beacon.
