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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **CELEBRATE RIVER DAY AT THE NEW CROTON LANDING PARK**

The historic *Half Moon* replica will join in the celebration of Croton's waterfront addition to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Trail system

As the spectacular River Day flotilla sails by Croton on June 7th, the historic *Half Moon* replica will anchor off Croton Landing to help the village celebrate the Hudson, Fulton, Champlain Quadricentennial—and Croton's addition to the Hudson River Valley Greenway Water Trail system.

Joining the *Half Moon*'s Captain, W.T. "Chip" Reynolds, and Croton Mayor Leo Wiegman will be Joe Martens, President of the Open Space Institute; Erik Kulleseid, Deputy Commissioner for Open Space Protection of the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (and formerly of the Trust for Public Land); and Mark Castiglione, Acting Executive Director of the Hudson River Valley Greenway; along with representatives from other organizations and individuals who worked for more than a decade to create a complete waterfront for the community—which is part of the Hudson River Valley Greenway Water Trail system and Westchester County's RiverWalk.

A ceremony will take place near the park entrance at 11 a.m., Sunday, June 7th to commemorate the *Half Moon*'s Quadricentennial visit and to celebrate the Hudson River Valley Greenway, which promotes the Hudson River Valley as a single tourism destination area, assists in the preservation of agriculture, works with local governments on smarter land-use planning and manages the Hudson Valley National Heritage Area.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony and spend the morning kayaking in, and biking and walking along, the magnificent river Henry Hudson discovered 400 years ago.

“We already have some of the best day-sailing in the metro region available right here in Croton,” said Mayor Wiegman. “With the new kayak storage racks at Croton Landing Park and the Echo Canoe Launch to the south, we now have great paddle sports opportunities as well.”

River Day at Croton Landing is the first local Quadricentennial event. A variety of events, including exhibitions and lectures sponsored by Croton Friends of History, the Croton Free Library, and the Croton Historical Society, are planned for the fall.