



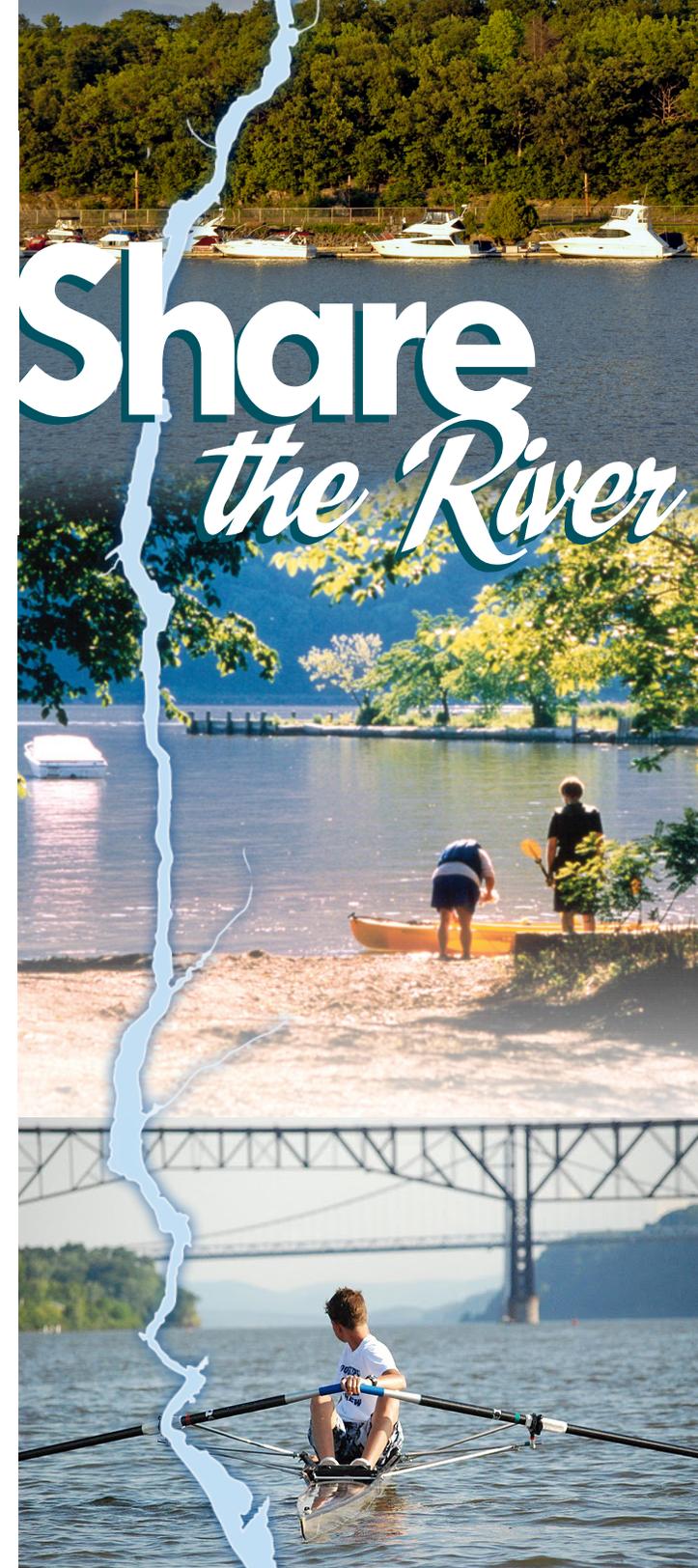
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nine women, along with their coach were returning to their boathouse after an evening's rowing practice on the Hudson in Poughkeepsie, NY, when they realized a motorboat was headed toward them a very high rate of speed. Despite their screams and efforts to row out of the way, the two-ton whaler with an 80 horsepower engine slammed broadside into their 60-foot rowing shell, ejecting one woman and coming to rest on top of a second rower's legs. The driver of the motorboat had been drinking and, according to witnesses, was looking at his passenger and not where he was going. If he had been following the rules of the river and been respectful of other boaters this near tragedy could have been avoided. How can you make boating safe for all users of the Hudson?

# Share *the River*

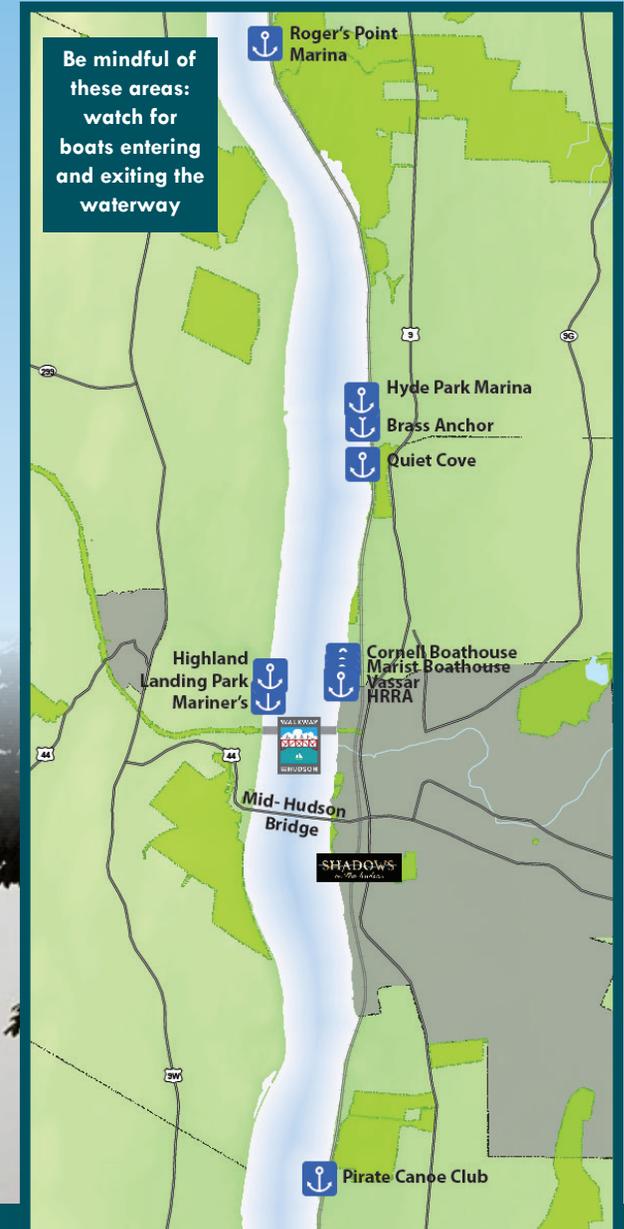
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## Share the River by following these laws and courtesies:

- Nautical rules are comparable to the rules of the road – before launching you should understand the rules of the water
- Conduct your vessel in a prudent manner
- Maintain a safe rate of speed and reduce your speed in areas of high non-motorized boating activity – reduce or eliminate your wake
- Constantly maintain a proper lookout by all means available – look in the direction you are traveling and frequently check behind you
- Be aware of all vessels around you
- If operating a powered, recreational vessel you must yield to less maneuverable vessels which have the right of way. Examples of the types of vessels you must yield to include, but may not be limited to: rowing shells, kayaks, canoes, sailboats, and commercial vessels like tugs and barges
- Do not drink and boat



Our mission is to promote a safe environment for all boaters, both motorized and non-motorized, by providing an awareness of the nautical rules and common courtesies associated with operating a water vessel. The Hudson River is used for many purposes and by many users, and by working together we wish to create a safe, sober and fun waterway that we can all enjoy.