



Nordica Holochuck and the Hudson.
Photo courtesy of Nordica Holochuck

~~NYSG Receives Hudson Estuary Program Grant~~

~~Estuary Interpretive Signs for Marinas” project will produce a series of interpretive signs to be posted at Hudson River marinas and yacht clubs that highlight the ecological, biological, physical and cultural aspects of the estuary.~~

~~New York Sea Grant will receive funds of nearly \$13,000 to place new signs at marinas to increase boater awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the Hudson River Estuary. The grant, one of 36 such awards for projects that protect and enhance the natural, cultural and historical resources of the river, is from NY’s Hudson River Estuary Grants Program funded under the State’s Environmental Protection Fund and is part of Governor George E. Pataki’s million-dollar plan.~~

~~“While excellent interpretive centers and signage either exists or is planned for many of the valley waterfront locations, there are no permanent interpretive signs located at the most common points of access for thousands of Hudson anglers and recreational boaters—the region’s marinas and yacht and boat clubs,” says **Nordica Holochuck**, NYSG’s Hudson Estuary Specialist. Holochuck will work with partners and marina personnel to select sign content and materials early in 2004.~~

~~In partnership with the Hudson Valley Marine Trades Association and Hudson River recreational boating associations, NYSG’s “Hudson~~

~~— **Barbara A. Branca**~~

Great Lakes Anglers Meet

New York Sea Grant’s fall 2003 Great Lakes Fisheries Leadership Institute workshops helped anglers learn the latest science on the fisheries of Lakes Erie and Ontario. NYSG’s coastal education specialist **Helen Domske** and fisheries specialist **Dave MacNeill** organized programs covering fisheries management, fish ecology, the Great Lakes food webs, and invasive species.

A participant in the Lake Erie workshop, Tom Marks of the Southtowns Walleye Association, has been using what he learned to make presentations on exotic species to angling and community groups throughout Western New York.

After attending the Lake Ontario workshop, **Ed Sander**, a Monroe County Fisheries Advisory Board member and Great Lakes Fisheries Commission advisor, commented, “In addition to the habitat and ecology information, I will emphasize (to fisheries groups, sportfishing clubs and charter boat associations) the uncertainty of the fisheries and the role of invasive

species.” Dave MacNeill’s presentation on the history of what the fishery once was and what it has become helps groups think about how and where they fish. “MacNeill’s words may also lead such groups to think why a conservative approach to stocking is more timely now than in the past when the forage base was stronger and the bottom of the food web was different,” added Sander, a NOAA 2002 Environmental Hero of the Year.

— **Kara Dunn**



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