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HUDSON-ATHENS LIGHTHOUSE TOURS - A FAMILY EVENT

We are pleased to announce that Catskill Mountain Ferry Company will be the new transportation provider for tours of the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse for the 2022 summer season.

We welcome the Haendel to Hudson. Due to the larger capacity of the boat (24) we have changed our tour schedule and now offer longer tours twice a month. Second Saturday tours will leave from Athens and fourth Saturday tours will leave from Hudson.

Tour dates from Athens are Second Saturdays July 9th (also the Athens Street Festival), August 13th, September 10th, and October 8th. Tours will leave the Athens Riverfront Park at 10:00, 11:30 and 1:00.

Tour dates for Hudson are Fourth Saturdays July 23rd, August 27th, September 24th, and October 22nd. Tours will leave from the Hudson City dock behind the Gazebo at the Henry Hudson Riverfront Park at 10:00, 11:30 and 1:00.

The tour is an opportunity to learn about the important role that the Hudson River played in the development of the upper Hudson River Towns and the role that the Hudson-Athens lighthouse plays in the safe navigation of river transportation.

Expanding tour times will allow for visitors to have enough time to tour the lighthouse, watch the video on Hudson River history narrated by Emily Brunner, who lived on the lighthouse as a child and participated in tours until her early 90's. There will also be an opportunity to see a video of the early founders of HALPS and the initial restoration of the lighthouse. Videos run on a continual loop and can be joined at any time.

See the letter from the US Lighthouse Service appointing Emil Brunner to his post at the Hudson-Athens light in 1930. Read some of the duties required of a lighthouse keeper. Check out Emily's personal story and take in the 360 degree view from the tower. Children can ring the newer fog bell. Picnic tables are provided for those who want to bring a lunch or just sit and enjoy the surroundings. One never knows what surprises they'll see – cargo ships on their way to the Port of Albany, a lost harbor seal, a nesting bald eagle, a fisher climbing a tree on shore, the casual fisherman, kayaker, paddle boarder, or even a deer swimming from Middle Ground Flats to shore.

For safety reasons, we ask that visitors wear sturdy shoes (not flip flops or high heels.) Picnic tables are available if you wish to bring a lunch. There are public restrooms in Henry Hudson Riverfront Park and a port-a-let in Athens. A composting toilet is available at the lighthouse. Souvenirs are available. (cash or check preferred, credit cards with hot spot) ATM at nearby Amtrak station in Hudson. Visitors are asked to bring their own water if needed.

Reservations are strongly encouraged and may be made online at www.catskillmountainferry.com under tours. Or call 914-589-7773.

Walk-ons will be accepted on a space available basis. Payment may be in cash or online on one's phone at that time with the tour operator. Due to the increased cost of fuel, insurance and boat crew, prices have risen slightly. Adults are \$30, Seniors 65+ \$27, Children ages 15 and under \$20 Infants 2 and under are free. There are no member discounts. Please stop

at the HALPS table on your way to the boat.

Be sure to take advantage of the other opportunities offered by Catskill Mountain Ferry. There are sunset cruises on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday and Ferry services between Hudson and Athens on Saturday and Sunday and occasionally site seeing tours.

This is the first change in tour providers in 18 years so we appreciate your patience as we tweak the procedures. Keep checking our [Facebook page](#), [Instagram](#), [website](#) or email info@halps.org for the latest information.

Special tours may be possible for small groups. Additionally, the use of the lighthouse for private and public tours and events is one of the many ways the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse Preservation Society raises money to pay for the preservation of the Lighthouse which is owned solely by HALPS. Please visit the membership page to learn how to become a member.

The Lighthouse has been used for weddings, birthdays, reunions and private parties. Contact events@halps.org or info@halps.org for further information.

**Questions about membership? Please contact
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HALPS is responsible for the restoration and preservation of the Hudson-Athens Lighthouse. New memberships and donations are critical for continued

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