2018 ANNUAL REPORT

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Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club

2018 YEAR IN REVIEW

Check out our accomplishments and join us to continue to make an impact!

GUIDED VOYAGES AT SUNSET
Offered to schools, corporations & groups to experience our waterway

BOATHOUSE ART SHOWS
Assembled a monthly collection with shows to feature & support Gowanus Artists

CREEKERS JAMBOREE
Free Music in Boathouse every month and sponsor of Banjo Toss in April to support the Brooklyn Folk Festival

WATER TESTING

18 WEEKS

We expanded our 2018 programming variety & content
COMMUNITY SERVICE

To expand and diversify our programming, we brought music, dance, art, film and science to our great outdoors along and around the shores of the Gowanus Canal. Here are some activity highlights from 2018!

THE ARTS

➢ Banjo toss competition with Brooklyn Folk Festival
➢ Esplanade dancing with the Gowanus Wild Cats
➢ Shoreline sketching with the Urban Sketchers
➢ Organized a floating music event with Make Music NY
➢ Commissioned street art to enliven Gowanus sidewalks
➢ Hosted poetry readings afloat with Brooklyn Book Festival

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

➢ Sponsored Gowanus Holiday Flea and Brazilian Markets in our boathouse
➢ Presented programs at a block party and Expo Gowanus with the Gowanus Conservancy
➢ Partnered with Ourdoorfest to encourage adventure and nature exploration in NYC
COMMUNITY SERVICE

SCIENCE & CONSERVATION

➢ Film screenings of historic Gowanus and environmental advocacy with Ninth Wave and the NY Preservation Archive Project

➢ Organized a floating music event with Make Music New York

➢ Partnered with Billion Oyster Project on community boating at Bush Terminal Park

➢ Collaborated with city planning to host the amphibious Gowanus waterfront tour

➢ Hosted Gowanus bird watching voyages and Gowanus fishing tours
NEW PROGRAMS

We introduced and expanded many new programs in 2018 that transformed our boathouse into a public art space, promoted physical fitness and outdoor exploration:

➢ **Sunset voyages** to educate about The Gowanus Canal “Then & Now”

➢ Monthly **art walks** with an artist to showcase neighborhood street art

➢ Creekers Jamboree **live music performances** and rotating **art shows** - transforming our boathouse into a music venue and art gallery!

➢ **Weekly “Lighten Up Brooklyn” canoe workouts** and **waterfront bicycle tours** to promote physical fitness in a unique setting

➢ Introduced and monthly **monitoring of Gowanus Oysters** in an effort to restore a sustainable population
SUSTAINING PROGRAMS

2018 saw an increase in new programming, but we’ve continued to host and promote events and causes that we’ve had success with for over 20 years!

➢ Weekly **free** walk-up canoeing
➢ Weekly **water quality testing** for monitoring and reporting
➢ Active participation in **neighborhood planning and superfund community** advisory group
➢ **Shoreline cleanups** and conference presentations
➢ **Gowanus Challenge** and **Oktoberfest** celebrations
➢ Collaborations with **schools** and **organizations** to raise awareness of sewage overflow
SERVING OUR HARBOR

New York Community Kayak
Red Hook Boaters
Kayak Staten Island
Long Island City Community Boathouse

Red Hook Boaters
Kayak Staten Island
Take Action, Create or Support a Team or just join the party!

The Gowanus Dredgers officially issue a challenge to you, and/or your boathouse to test your mettle on our home turf, the mighty Gowanus Canal, once the life blood of Manufacturing Brooklyn.

Gowanus Challenge
Saturday, June 8th
2:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M

Race course is a 2.5 mile round trip from our Boathouse at 165 2nd St. to the buoy at Gowanus Bay and return. First heat departs 2pm and event should wrap up by 5pm.

- Post-Race Banquet + Pizza Competition & Awards Ceremony
- Live music perform original beach & canal tunes during festival
- Teams race using our canoes or bring your own canoe
- Kayaks, rowboats, SUPs welcome to join but no prizes (sorry).

Prizes

- $200 Pig Beach 2nd Place
- $200 Brooklyn Crab 3rd Place
- $40 Four & Twenty Blackbirds 4+5th Places
- $? Mystery Prize First Place

What's this For?
Funds raised support Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club Programs for the 2019 season!

More Prizes may be awarded for best costume, best team name, most sponsors or most funds raised depending on the success of our volunteer fundraising.
Program Expenses

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Total Program Expenses: $25,595

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