

# FLOATING THE APPLE, INC

A Tax Exempt 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established 2001 and founded in 1992 by Mike K. Davis

**Floating The Apple**© is dedicated to restore, encourage, perpetuate, and increase safe community access onto our urban, public waterways - including the **Hudson**, Harlem, and East Rivers. **Floating the Apple** has encouraged people of all ages and their communities to experience the personal rewards of hands-on building of its historic wooden, **Whitehall rowboat**. Floating the Apple's traditional Whitehall Rowboat Building Program provides the foundation for all boating, rowing, conservation, education and outreach it performs. Our gigs continue to safely transform our vast waterways into recreational resources from our **newest flagship Boat House in Hudson River Park at Pier 84**.

**Drawing on New York Harbor's maritime heritage**, Floating the Apple commissioned the design of a 25 foot rowboat modeled after the historic 1819-1824 racing gig, The American Star, and the early 19<sup>th</sup> century Whitehall water taxis that once filled New York Harbor. Our 300 pound, traditional, wooden rowboat/gig seats four rowers and the coxswain. Over the years our nautical **gigs** have been built at our many urban boat shops, at schools, and in the lobby of financial centers. Since 1992, **Floating the Apple** increased its fleet to over twenty seven Whitehall gigs, and in doing so, **Floating The Apple** gave rise to a series of spinoff boating centers in New York City and towns along the Hudson River. Today this established tradition lives on and our gigs continue to be built, outfitted and colorfully painted by volunteers, families, students, youths, and adults at our **beautiful state of the art Boathouse in Hudson River Park Pier 84**. Here **Floating the Apple** will continue to offer its free traditional boatbuilding and rowing programs including its Summer Student Internship Program, including our well known races and reenactments based on historical events. The American Star Invitational Rowing Race is held each year at the end of rowing season, the first weekend in December.

The ever increasing, public use of **Floating The Apple's** Whitehall gigs on the Hudson River, has been as a direct result of initiating and giving support, instruction and loaner gigs to rowing groups in three adjoining states, including boat housing for Bridgeport, CT, Weehawken, NJ, Massachusetts and Rhode Island. We will continue to loan our boats to new and established Community Boating Centers. The **State of New York Assembly Legislative Body** per Assembly No. 2350, acknowledges, "Whereas, it is the practice of this Assembled body to take note of and publicly acknowledge organizations of remarkable integrity and character whose endeavors have enhanced the complexion of the majestic Empire State" ... to "Floating the Apple, which is dedicated to increasing community boating on public waterways" and its stalwart Navy Jr. ROTC volunteers from the High School of Graphic Arts since 1996.

From **Hudson River Park's Pier 84 Boathouse**, west of 44<sup>th</sup> Street, **Floating The Apple** offers, free boatbuilding and rowing instruction programs, as well as, rowing for park visitors for adventure, on-the-water exercise, cruises and friendly racing. Follow our daily/weekly schedule updates on <http://twitter.com/floatintheapple>

**Supporters of Floating the Apple** and its mission are welcome to give their time as **Volunteers**. Fundraising initiatives and **donations** are welcome at all times of the year and are tax deductible to the extent permitted under NY law. We, the board and its officers, thank you for your support for free public programming. Our mailing address is 1225 Park Avenue Suite 10C, New York, New York 10128. If you have questions or would like to obtain further information, please contact **Floating The Apple, Inc** at: [floapple@aol.com](mailto:floapple@aol.com) and (212)564-5412 or (212)831-4700

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