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# NEWS from the CWC

## Steam cleaning, boat rental vendors sought

MARGARETVILLE, Feb. 28, 2014 – Do you enjoy outdoor recreation? Do you like meeting new people and encouraging them to explore the wonders of the Catskills?

Consider starting a new business, or adding to an existing one, by renting and/or steam cleaning canoes, kayaks and sailboats for use on four New York City reservoirs in the Catskill-Delaware Watershed.

The Reservoir Recreational Boating Program has proven very popular among local boaters and visitors in the past two seasons. In 2013, more than 750 individual boat tags were issued for the Cannonsville, Neversink, Pepacton, and Schoharie Reservoirs. Boaters came from throughout eastern New York and the metropolitan New York City area, and from as far away as Alabama, Maryland and Massachusetts.

Six independent vendors took advantage of this new source of revenue last season by renting canoes and kayaks to boaters. The boats were safely stored at 10 launch sites on racks provided by the Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) and installed by NYC Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for vendor use. Vendors set their own fees for boat rentals, and are not charged for rack space.

Some of these vendors also conducted the mandatory steam cleaning of boats brought by their owners who often purchased ancillary goods and services from the vendor after getting their DEP access permits and boat tags. A training session for new and existing steam cleaning vendors will be held in the spring by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection. For information on steam cleaning and to be advised of the training session contact John Staby at NYC DEP, [jstaby@dep.nyc.gov](mailto:jstaby@dep.nyc.gov); 845-340-7811.

Boat rental and steam cleaning vendors are listed in boating brochures and on TheCatskillRegion.com website. For more information about starting up a steam cleaning business and reserving rack space for rental boats, and to be included in the brochures, please contact Barbara Puglisi at the CWC, [Puglisi@cwconline.org](mailto:Puglisi@cwconline.org); 845-586-1400.

While new vendors are welcome in any part of the Watershed, the program is especially in need of vendors to serve Cannonsville Reservoir boaters.

The CWC is a non-profit, Local Development Corporation responsible for several environmental protection, economic development and education programs in the New York City Watershed West of the Hudson River. Visit [www.cwconline.org](http://www.cwconline.org) for more information.