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GENERAL OFFICERS Hudson River Day Line,

NEW YORK & ALBANY DAY BOATS.

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General Offices, Desbrosses St. Pier, New York.

THE ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Built: 1924, Sparrows Point, Md., Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp, LTD

Hull: Steel; 338.6' x 77' (molded 42') x 1 13.6' (overall, 3495" x 77', 8'4" draft, loaded, aft).

Engine: Inclined triple expansion, Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., LTD, Cylinders $36\frac{1}{2}^{n}$, 56^{n} , 85^{n} x 6^{t} . 4 boilers 3900 hp.

CLOUD

Nancy Smith Monica Frakes Ralph Frakes Mercedes Gaudier Jack Velez John D'Arcangelo

ROGRAMME



NEW YORK TO POUGHKEEPSIE

DAVID Α. NUNEMAKER presents his

PAINTING FOR THE ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Saturday, October 28, 1972 The Alexander Hamilton sidewheel

History: Built for Day Line cost about \$852,000 operated from 1924 on. Acquired 1949, Hudson River Day Line, Inc.; 1962, Circle Line -Sightseeing Yachts, Inc. Still in Hudson River service 1964.

Purser from 1924 - 1930's E. J. Bailey

Captain: John C. Jones

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N. A. SIMS, General Passenger Agent, RONDOUT, N. V.





How to Reach Thom.

However excited or unpleasant a passenger may be or seem to be, an agent should always be

pleasant and even-tempered. . . .

An agent should know the times of arrival and departure of the prinicipal connecting trains at all 62pentupwnolandings, and agents in New York City Offices should learn the names of other steamboats and steamboat lines running to Newburgh, Pough keepsie, Kingston, Gatskill, Albany and Troy, their piers and schedule leaving times: also the trains on the New York Central, and the West Shore roads leaving soon after our boats. Such information will be needed many times a day during the busy seasen.

An agent must not, under any circumstances. become MERVOUS, FLUSTERED, or EXCITED. Several hundred, often a thousand tickets must be sold by one man in an hour, and no man who 'loses his Head' during such a rush can regain himself during that sale. .

While an agent must strive to gain speed, he must be accurate, ABSOLUTELY ACCURATE, first. An error before a line of people produces a humiliation that cannot be quickly overcome. Unintentionally and unwittingly his thoughts, for the next few minutes, are divided between the error and his work, and he does not feel sure of himself. . . .

. . . I would urge an agent to strive more and more to calculate mentally, but NEVER at the expense of accuracy. It requires self-possesion and especially as it has to be done while thinking about the limit of a ticket, cancelly it with a halfpunch, answering questions as to where baggage may be found, what to do with a dog, when the (Ulster Delaware connecting) train leaves Kingston and wheher meals are served table d'hote or a la carte.

Do not quote rates from the Joint Tariff to points North or East via Troy; use the Trunk Line Rate Committees Proceeding book instead.

For rates west of Buffalo, not quoted in the Day Line Tariff, deduct \$1.00 from the rates in the Joint Tariff for tickets reading over the New York Central R.R. from Albany to Buffalo; but use the rates quoted, without any differential deduction. for tickets over the West Shore R.R.

The baginner must not be discouraged by this picture. If he will diligently follow the instructions, he will be amased at his rapid progress and fascinated by the work.

* Pr. Barney

David A. Nunemaker and members of Cloud will re-create 1924-30 in the Purser/Baggage Office of the Dayliner Ship-ALEXANDER HAMILTON on October 28th, 1972. This is part of Charlette Moorman's Avant Garde Festival, and is not merely a re-creation of history but an extension of time.

Mr. Nunemaker's productions deal with contradictions. He will be juxtoposing a restered area of the ship next to the decaying areas of the ship with the practical hopes that the ship will eventually be restored to its 'White Flyer' splendor.

The surreal environment created, the vision that observers will see through the ticket window and around the immediate area of the office, will force the observer to long for the sight of the ship's past glory while making it blatantly clear the decay of the same ship all around them. In effect, Nunemaker will establish a simultaneous contradiction of life and death. This, however, is only a part of the whole statement Mr. Nunemaker is dealing with.

SPECIFICS:

- 1. Members of Cloud are researching the ALEXANDER
 HAMILTON through the New York Historical Society.
 We have allready established Mr. Bailey as Purser,
 Faulkener as the artist of the on-board paintings
 depicting scenes from Mr. Hamilton's career. This
 historical information is an aide to our re-establishing
 as course an illusion as possible.
- This Ship has been christened the ALEXANDER HAMILTON because Mr. Hamilton was fatally wounded in the duel with Asren Burr almost directly across the River from the West 12nd Street Pier.
- 3. The Ship was christened by Mrs. A.V.S. Closes on October 20th, 1923 at Sparrow Point, Maryland and entered service in May of 1924.
- 4. The ALEXANDER HAMILTON is 338.6 feet long and is 1.6 feet longer than the ROBERT FULTON. She has an inclined engine, three-cylinder triple expansion. The interior decoration followed the same pattern as the other ships on the line.
- 5. This vessel was the first Day Liner to be built with an oil burner rather than a coal burner. The specific advantage of this to passangers was the cleanliness of the upper decks as a result of the elimination of coal cinders.

STATEMENT:

The elegance of a ship, one that existed in elegance And lost its elegance and tries and cries and wants Always to have its elegance back and does not want to Grow old and feeble and does not want to be forgotten Ever. And cries to all who will listen and it calls Me to it. Tickets and famous people and common people Who have left something of themselves there the boat Has taken that thing from them and uses it and uses it And uses it to call me to find it and make it tangible. The ship does not want to die.

Red carpets circling the office separating it was the Rest and yet making it all the more a part of the rest. Cleaning the wood and polishing the brass and doing All of this because the ship calls us to do it. We Fell in love that Saturday morning. We all fell in Love and she in love with us. A long time ago/a long Time today we saw something special a contradiction a Way of saying look at it and wonder and believe and See it.