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Anchorage Grounds, Hudson River;

To Whom It May Concern:

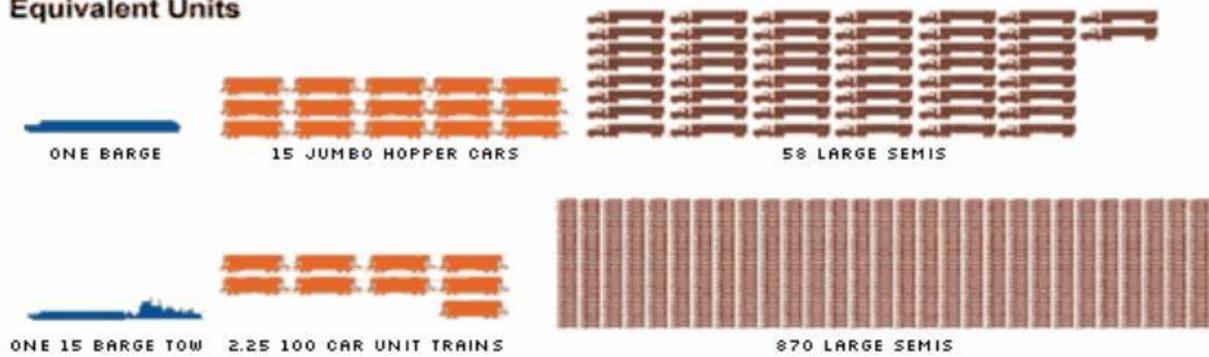
For many years the Hudson River has served multiple purposes. From early US history, when the Dutch settled the area, to the present time, it was known for commerce, transportation, culture, and recreation. It was especially known for its beauty and its usefulness in commerce. It helped our country spread west with the opening of the Erie Canal. The need of transporting produce and products safely and economically were and are met by water borne transportation. This river has and continues to meet many needs from business to fun. We all know we need time to play, reflect and find somewhere for down time. From camping on the banks of the river to pleasure boating or fishing, that need is met at the river. Like it or not we need products in our pursuit of down time. Many have mentioned pleasure boating in their plea for no commercial traffic but gladly go to the pump to get gas or oil for their truck, boat or camper. But many people make their livelihood working on/at the water, from commercial boat operators to dock workers. The products of the state and our nation reach country wide as well as internationally. The movement of commerce by water is much safer, more economical, and with less pollution while decreasing the amount of trucks on the highways.

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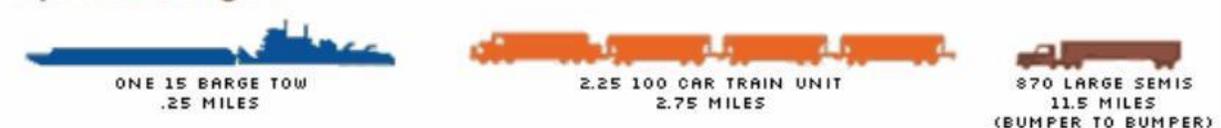
Cargo Capacity



Equivalent Units



Equivalent Lengths



I believe that there are many misunderstanding on both sides of this issue, from NIMBY to “my need” is more important.

Often times the public does not understand we cannot anchor just anywhere due to draft restrictions (water is not deep enough). These anchorages were put in place to ensure the safety of the vessel and environment. In the winter we are required to travel only in the daylight hours. Ice moves buoys out of place or covers them. Due to fog or snow storms that restrict visibility and in case of emergencies the proposed anchorages are a vital need for safety.

Source: A Modal Comparison of Domestic Freight Transportation Effects on the General Public prepared by the Center for Ports and Waterways Texas Transport Institute for the U.S. Department of Transportation Maritime Administration and the National Waterways Foundation.

Also see:

http://www.marad.dot.gov/wp-content/uploads/pdf/water_works_REV.pdf