

COMPANY HISTORY

- December 3, 1986** NY Waterway ferry (then called Port Imperial) inaugurates first private trans-Hudson ferry in nearly 20 years.
- Fall 1987** Downtown ferry service begins.
- March 13, 1989** Launch of ferry service between Lincoln Harbor and Midtown.
- October 16, 1989** Ferry service from Hoboken to World Financial Center launches.
- July 1990** NJ TRANSIT bus service to ferries undergoes major route expansion to service additional NJ towns; Midtown service begins to Lincoln Center, Downtown Loop.
- December 5, 1991** Port Imperial system celebrates its fifth anniversary, now carries 5 million passengers annually.
- April 1994** NY Waterway is adopted as new name, signifying regional growth.
- Spring/Summer, 1994** NY Waterway launches service from Colgate in Jersey City, later renamed Paulus Hook, to World Financial Center in lower Manhattan.
- October 1994** Hunters Point, Queens to East 34th Street, Manhattan service begins.
- August 1995** NY Waterway and Downtown Alliance institute Downtown Bus Loop to service ferry commuters, Downtown residents and tourists.
- May 1996** NY Waterway acquires Port Liberté, Jersey City service to Pier 11/Wall Street.
- September, 1996** NY Waterway East River Express launches with a six-week demonstration project with stops at East 90th Street, East 34th Street and South Street Seaport. The service is the forerunner of the current East River ferry service.
- January 5, 1998** NY Waterway begins service between Staten Island and Midtown Manhattan.
- April 1998** NY Waterway purchases Harbor Shuttle Inc., which increases its fleet to 20 boats and assumes the operation of the Delta Water Shuttle, providing ferry service to and from Manhattan and LaGuardia's Marine Air Terminal.
- June 1998** NY Waterway launches its third ferry route from Jersey City to lower Manhattan: Harborside to the World Financial Center.
- June 1998** Sandy Hook ferry service commences on weekends, transporting sun-worshippers from Midtown and Downtown Manhattan to the beach.
- August 31, 1998** NY Waterway launches another ferry route from Harborside, Jersey City to Midtown Manhattan, the first link to Midtown from lower Hudson County in 50 years.



- March 1999** NY Waterway begins ferry service from Liberty State Park in Jersey City, NJ to North Cove Yacht Harbor at the World Financial Center.
- September 1999** NY Waterway is awarded the contract to provide high-speed ferry service from Monmouth County, NJ to Downtown and Midtown Manhattan.
- December 1999** NY Waterway begins its fifth ferry route from Jersey City to lower Manhattan: Liberty Harbor to World Financial Center.
- August 2000** NY Waterway begins ferry service from Haverstraw, NY to Ossining, NY to connect with Metro North trains that will take passengers to Grand Central Terminal in Manhattan.
- April 2, 2001** NY Waterway begins two new ferry services: Port Imperial, Weehawken to World Financial Center, and Hoboken at 14th Street to Midtown/West 38th Street.
- September 11, 2001** NY Waterway evacuates 160,000 people from Manhattan after terrorists attack the World Trade Center.
- September 2001** All NY Waterway Downtown Manhattan ferries are re-routed from World Financial Center dock to Pier 11, Wall Street. For weeks, NY Waterway ferries were the only transit link between New Jersey and lower Manhattan, carrying more than 60,000 passengers per day. NY Waterway Ferries play a critical role in transporting people to work so New York City's financial markets could re-open just six days after the 9/11 attacks.
- October 3, 2001** NY Waterway begins two new ferry routes to meet commuter demand: East River Ferry service between East 90th Street, East 34th Street and Pier 11/Wall Street, and from Colgate in Jersey City, NJ to West 38th Street in Midtown Manhattan.
- December 3, 2001** NY Waterway begins ferry service from Newport, Jersey City to West 38th Street and Pier A, Battery Park.
- March 25, 2002** NY Waterway begins new service from Hoboken South to Pier 11/Wall Street and expanded service from Hoboken South to the World Financial Center and Pier A, Battery Park.
- June 28, 2002** NY Waterway begins service to Belmar, NJ. The ferry departs for Belmar on Friday evenings and returns on Sunday, offering NY Waterway passengers a traffic-free weekend at the beach.
- October 28, 2002** NY Waterway begins service from Belford in Monmouth County, NJ to both Midtown and Downtown Manhattan.
- March 29, 2003** Weekend service from Newport to both Midtown and Downtown begins.
- March 31, 2003** NY Waterway begins rush-hour service from Hoboken North to World Financial Center.
- April 19, 2003** New weekend service begins, connecting Port Liberté to both Midtown and World Financial Center.



- August 14, 2003** Following the Blackout of 2003, NY Waterway ferries are the only transit link between Manhattan and New Jersey, carrying almost 200,000 people in one day.
- November 3, 2003** Ferry service from Harborside to Midtown begins.
- December 1, 2003** Two new ferry services begin: Newport to Wall Street/Pier 11 and Harborside to Wall Street/Pier 11.
- May 3, 2004** New ferry service begins from Harborside, Jersey City to World Financial Center.
- October 17, 2005** New ferry service begins between Newburgh and Beacon.
- October 23, 2005** The new Midtown Ferry Terminal operated and maintained by NY Waterway opens at 39th Street in the Hudson River Park, welcoming thousands of commuters for the first time.
- May 23, 2006** NY Waterway officially opens the new Port Imperial Ferry Terminal in Weehawken, NJ, offering a direct connection to the newly completed light rail station. The new facility replaces the Jamestown Ferry Terminal with four ferry slips capable of docking four ferry boats simultaneously, boosting capacity to up to nearly 20,000 passengers per hour and offering 100 daily departures.
- November 1, 2006** NY Waterway launches ferry service between Edgewater, NJ and Midtown.
- Spring/Summer 2007** NY Waterway begins providing supplemental service from lower Manhattan to Governors Island, as it opens to the public.
- January 15, 2009** NY Waterway ferry crews rescue 143 passengers from US Airways Flight 1549 which emergency landed in the Hudson River, now known as The Miracle On the Hudson. NY Waterway ferries are the first to respond, saving 143 of the 155 passengers.
- A total of 14 NY Waterway ferries respond to the crash on the Hudson River at 42nd Street, and 7 of those ferries remove almost all of the passengers within minutes. Passengers are taken to NY Waterway ferry terminals at West 39th Street in Manhattan and Port Imperial in Weehawken, where office staff establish triage centers for those who had been exposed to the 30-degree waters of the Hudson River.
- January 2, 2012** NY Waterway is the first US ferry transportation company to launch a phone-based app that incorporates all payment and ticketing.
- October 29, 2012** Hurricane 'Superstorm' Sandy hits New York & New Jersey with its storm surge flooding streets, tunnels and subway lines and cutting power across the region. NY Waterway service is suspended one day and immediately resumes the next day, being the only commuter transit service between New Jersey and New York. NY Waterway continues serving affected PATH customers into January 2013.
- February 19, 2013** In partnership with Goldman Sachs, NY Waterway begins daily ferry service between Paulus Hook to Brookfield Place.



- September 6, 2016** Warner Brothers releases the feature movie ‘Sully’ (Starring Tom Hanks & directed by Clint Eastwood) depicting the emergency landing and passenger rescue of US Airways Flight 1549 in the Hudson River. NY Waterway is beautifully portrayed with stirring music as our ferries come to the rescue. Capt. Vincent Lombardi and actors portray our ferry crews at their best.
- December 12, 2016** NY Waterway announces it has acquired Billy Bey and the 11 ferry routes it operates in the region.
- July 10 - Sep 1, 2017** As a result of construction at New York’s Penn Station, NY Waterway is called in to service to provide special weekday service to Midtown from Hoboken’s NJ TRANSIT terminal in Hoboken, cross-honoring all NJ TRANSIT rail ticket holders.
- September 5, 2017** NY Waterway starts official weekday service to Midtown from the Hoboken NJ TRANSIT terminal in Hoboken. NY Waterway has operated commuter ferry service between Hoboken and Lower Manhattan since 1989. This begins its service to Midtown from this terminal.
- October 2, 2017** Jersey City Mayor Steven Fulop joins NY Waterway Founder and President Arthur E. Imperatore in launching NY Waterway’s new ferry service from Harborside in Jersey City to Midtown and Brookfield Place.
- October 14, 2017** NY Waterway Chairman Armand Pohan is named Fort Lee Regional Chamber of Commerce Person of the Year for 2017.
- May 4, 2020** With COVID-19 spreading across the region, all NY Waterway ferry routes suspended, except Paulus Hook to Brookfield Place.
- June 29, 2020** As the region reopens, NY Waterway resumes modified weekday service on three routes: Port Imperial/Weehawken to Midtown/West 39th Street, Hoboken/NJ TRANSIT Terminal to Brookfield Place, and Belford/Middletown to Pier 11/Wall Street, Brookfield Place and Midtown.
- July 6, 2020** As the region continues its phased reopening, NY Waterway restores modified service on four routes between Hoboken/14th Street and Midtown, Lincoln Harbor and Midtown, Liberty Harbor and Pier 11/Wall Street, and Paulus Hook and Pier 11/Wall Street. Restored service includes extensive health and safety measures.
- October 25, 2020** American Dream Mall and NY Waterway launch a partnership to provide fast, convenient service to the new mall via ferries between Midtown and Port Imperial, and shuttle buses between Port Imperial and the Meadowlands.
- October 3, 2020** NY Waterway restores weekend ferry service from Port Imperial in Weehawken and 14th Street in Hoboken to Midtown/West 39th Street, marking the return to seven-day-a-week operations.
- November 18, 2020** NY Waterway Founder & President Arthur E. Imperatore, the visionary entrepreneur who invented the modern commuter ferry system, dies at the age of 95.
- February 26, 2021** NY Waterway expands weekend evening service between Midtown, Hoboken and Weehawken. Service between Midtown and Port Imperial extends one hour on Fridays, and service between Midtown, Port Imperial and Hoboken 14th Street extends two hours on Saturdays.



- March 22, 2021** NY Waterway increases frequency of weekday mid-day service between Port Imperial, Midtown and Hoboken 14th Street from every 30 minutes to every 20 minutes, resuming all-day direct service.
- April 9, 2021** NY Waterway extends weekend hours between Midtown, Port Imperial and Hoboken 14th Street, and launches new weekend shuttle bus service to Chelsea and Greenwich Village.
- April 26, 2021** NY Waterway expands weekday ferry service frequency between Belford/Middletown, Manhattan and Jersey City.
- May 1, 2021** NY Waterway restores Downtown weekend ferry service between Hoboken, Jersey City and Lower Manhattan.
- May 10, 2021** NY Waterway launches free shuttle bus service on weekdays between Edgewater and Port Imperial where customers can connect with Midtown and Downtown ferries.
- June 4, 2021** NY Waterway ferries carry riders across the Hudson for the annual “Light Up the Loop” bike ride.
- June 7, 2021** NY Waterway restarts weekday rush-hour service from Jersey City and Hoboken NJ TRANSIT Terminal to Midtown.
- June 13, 2021** NY Waterway extends evening service hours between Midtown and Port Imperial, Lincoln Harbor and Hoboken 14th Street.
- June 14, 2021** NY Waterway relaunches all-day weekday service between Jersey City and Downtown Manhattan.
- June 21, 2021** NY Waterway relaunches service to Edgewater, NJ, with direct service to Downtown Manhattan and transfer service to Midtown.
- June 21, 2021** NY Waterway adds additional Midtown bus service, increasing to two routes, 50th Street and 57th Street, rather than a single loop.
- June 21, 2021** NY Waterway increases weekday rush-hour Downtown Manhattan ferry service between Port Imperial, Hoboken 14th Street, Hoboken NJ TRANSIT Terminal, Brookfield Place and Wall Street/Pier 11.
- July 3, 2021** NY Waterway launches free new ferry service to IKEA in Red Hook, Brooklyn for IKEA customers.
- July 4, 2021** NY Waterway hosts July 4th evening sightseeing cruises to watch Macy’s fireworks. Each cruise offers food, beverages, a DJ and music synchronized to the fireworks to make the celebration truly memorable.
- July 6, 2021** NY Waterway ferry service between Jersey City and Lower Manhattan is extended one hour later on weekdays.
- August 30, 2021** NY Waterway’s Haverstraw-Ossining and Newburgh-Beacon commuter ferry service with Metro-North resumes.



- September 14, 2021** NY Waterway adds additional bus service in Midtown as Broadway reopens.
- September 15, 2021** NY Waterway extends Port Imperial-Midtown ferry hours for passengers visiting Broadway.
- September 18, 2021** NY Waterway launches an updated fall schedule for free IKEA ferry service to Brooklyn.
- September 27, 2021** NY Waterway Edgewater ferry service begins running direct to Midtown, with a transfer to Downtown.
- September 27, 2021** NY Waterway restarts direct ferry service from Hoboken NJ TRANSIT Terminal to Pier 11/Wall Street.
- October 16, 2021** NY Waterway’s “Shades of Autumn” weekend foliage sightseeing tours begin.
- November 15, 2021** NY Waterway expands capacity on the Belford route with the addition of the Betsy Ross.
- November 26, 2021** Kids ride free on NY Waterway ferries for the Holiday Season.
- December 3, 2021** NY Waterway celebrates its 35th anniversary.
- December 15, 2021** NYC announces a new maritime freight initiative with NY Waterway’s support.
- December 20, 2021** NY Waterway is selected by South Amboy to provide new ferry service in 2022.
- April 3, 2022** NY Waterway extends its Port Imperial and Midtown Ferry service hours on Sundays, Mondays and Tuesdays.
- April 15, 2022** The New York Auto Show returns and NY Waterway offers reduced-price admission Ferry-Auto Show combo tickets.
- May 25, 2022** Active Military & Veterans Ride The Ferry FREE During Fleet Week!
- July 4, 2022** NY Waterway hosts July 4th evening sightseeing cruises to watch Macy’s fireworks. Each cruise offers food, beverages, a DJ and music synchronized to the fireworks to make the celebration truly memorable.
- July 5, 2022** NY Waterway launches its Kids Ride Free All Summer promotion through September 5.
- July 12, 2022** NY Waterway responds to an emergency when a private boat overturned in the Hudson River, just north of the Pier 79 Midtown ferry terminal. Two NY Waterway ferries, the Garden State and the John Stevens, arrived on the scene and their crews rescue 9 passengers from the private boat.
- July 26, 2022** NY Waterway and NJ TRANSIT complete the first of six ferry retrofits that dramatically cuts its emissions. The fully refitted Hoboken has brand new engines and greater passenger capacity, while using 25 percent less fuel and emitting 80 percent less NOx engine exhaust.



- August 1, 2022** NY Waterway restores its Port Liberté ferry service which was suspended since 2020 due to the pandemic. The ferries offer weekday service from the Port Liberté development in Jersey City to Paulus Hook and Wall Street, with connecting service to World Financial Center and Midtown.
- October 15, 2022** NY Waterway’s “Shades of Autumn” weekend foliage sightseeing tours begin.
- November 11, 2022** Veterans & Military Personnel Ride The Ferry FREE on Veteran’s Day.
- November 25, 2022** NY Waterway lets Kids Ride Free For The Holidays through January 1.
- December 22, 2022** NY Waterway rescues passengers aboard a Staten Island Ferry vessel that caught fire. The Franklin Delano Roosevelt ferry evacuated 558 passengers.
- January 15, 2023** 14th Anniversary of the Miracle on The Hudson and NY Waterway’s rescue of 143 passengers of US Airways Flight 1549.
- January 24, 2023** NY Waterway is awarded \$7.3 million to go green and install hybrid engines in its ferry fleet.
- January 25, 2023** NY Waterway provides frequent ferry services for passengers going to the New York Boat Show and offers a 20% admission discount to riders.
- January 28, 2023** NY Waterway provides frequent ferry services for passengers going to the New York Meet the Breeds show and offers \$5 off admission prices to riders.
- March 30, 2023** NY Waterway christens the *Franklin Delano Roosevelt*, the most modern ferry in its fleet.
- March 31, 2023** NY Waterway’s *FDR* Vessel restarts harbor tours (after winter hiatus) in partnership with Big City Tourism.
- April 7 - 16, 2023** NY Waterway offers reduced-price combo tickets to the New York Auto Show.
- April 27, 2023** NY Waterway lets kids ride free for Take our Daughters & Sons to Work Day.
- May 24 - 30, 2023** Active Military & Veterans Ride The Ferry FREE During Fleet Week!
- May 17, 2023** NY Waterway is awarded the contract to provide high-speed ferry service from Port Liberté, Jersey City, NJ to Downtown Manhattan.
- May 23, 2023** NY Waterway extends Port Imperial-Midtown ferry hours to accommodate for passengers visiting Broadway.
- June 1 - 3, 2023** NY Waterway offers reduced-price combo tickets to the Cannabis World Congress & Business Expo.
- July 4, 2023** NY Waterway hosts July 4th evening sightseeing cruises to watch Macy’s fireworks. Each cruise offers food, beverages, a DJ and music synchronized to the fireworks to make the celebration truly memorable.



- July 5, 2023** NY Waterway restarts service from Port Liberté, Jersey City to Pier 11/Wall Street.
- July 5, 2023** NY Waterway launches its summer Kids Ride Free promotion through September 4.
- July 10, 2023** NY Waterway christens the *Arthur E. Imperatore*, in honor of the company's founder.
- July 12, 2023** NY Waterway introduces and launches the 4.0 version of its mobile app.
- October 7, 2023** NY Waterway's "Shades of Autumn" weekend Fall foliage sightseeing tours begin running thru November 5.
- October 19, 2023** NY Waterway eliminates its surcharge fee for bikes and scooters as part of its commitment to encourage environmentally-friendly travel.
- October 30, 2023** NY Waterway launches service from South Amboy, NJ, with direct service to Downtown Manhattan and Midtown and transfer service to Weehawken, Jersey City and Hoboken.
- November 11, 2023** Veterans & Military Personnel Ride The Ferry FREE on Veteran's Day.
- November 24, 2023** NY Waterway lets Kids Ride Free For The Holidays through January 1.
- December 7, 2023** NY Waterway announces Holiday Giving Campaign, in partnership with WhyHunger, to raise funds to combat hunger.
- January 15, 2024** 15th Anniversary of the Miracle on The Hudson and NY Waterway's rescue of 143 passengers of US Airways Flight 1549.
- January 24, 2024** NY Waterway provides frequent ferry services for passengers going to the New York Boat Show and offers a 20% admission discount to riders.
- January 27, 2024** NY Waterway provides frequent ferry services for passengers going to the New York Dog Show and offers a \$5 admission discount to riders.
- February 5, 2024** NY Waterway increases Hoboken 14th-Midtown ferry hours to accommodate early morning commuters.
- March 29, 2024** NY Waterway offers reduced-price combo tickets to the New York Auto Show.
- March 29, 2024** NY Waterway is certified as a 2024 Bell Seal for Workplace Mental Health recipient by Mental Health America.
- May 22, 2024** Active Military & Veterans Ride The Ferry FREE During Fleet Week!
- May 25, 2024** NY Waterway launches new weekend ferry service from Haverstraw to Ossining.
- June 3, 2024** NY Waterway increases the frequency of its peak evening ferry service hours between Midtown & Port Imperial / Weehawken.



- June 5, 2024** NY Waterway partners with Cannabis World Congress & Business Exposition to offer riders 30% off admission prices.
- July 4, 2024** NY Waterway hosts annual July 4th evening sightseeing cruises to watch Macy's fireworks. Each cruise offers food, beverages, a DJ and music synchronized to the fireworks to make the celebration truly memorable.
- July 5, 2024** NY Waterway launches its summer Kids Ride Free promotion through September 2.
- July 6, 2024** NY Waterway and Ikea expand Ikea Brooklyn summer ferry service.
- August 5, 2024** NY Waterway rescues a jet skier in need of help in the Hudson River off of Lower Manhattan.
- September 16, 2024** NY Waterway receives a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation toward the construction of a new wave attenuator – a structure that reduces the impact of wind, waves and high tides on the shoreline and docked vessels – to provide greater resilience for NY Waterway's Weehawken Ferry Maintenance facility.
- October 7, 2024** NY Waterway increases evening service for Metro-North Newburgh and Haverstraw routes.
- October 12, 2024** NY Waterway's "Shades of Autumn" fall foliage sightseeing tours begin running through November 3.
- October 14, 2024** NY Waterway renews agreement with Port Authority to continue Hoboken to Brookfield service.
- November 11, 2024** Veterans & Military Personnel Ride The Ferry FREE on Veteran's Day.
- November 11, 2024** NY Waterway announces that it has completed its trial of renewable diesel fuel and is moving forward with efforts to transition a significant portion of its fuel usage to this renewable, cleaner energy source.
- November 29, 2024** NY Waterway launches Kids Ride Free For The Holidays through January 1, 2025.
- January 15, 2025** 16th Anniversary of the Miracle on The Hudson and NY Waterway's rescue of 143 passengers of US Airways Flight 1549.
- January 22, 2025** NY Waterway provides frequent ferry services for passengers going to the New York Boat Show and offers a 20% admission discount to riders.
- January 25, 2025** NY Waterway provides frequent ferry services for passengers going to the New York Meet the Breeds show and offers \$5 off admission prices to riders.
- January 28, 2025** NY Waterway christens the newest addition to its fleet the *Jackie Robinson* in honor of the Brooklyn Dodger legend.



- January 31, 2025** NY Waterway partners with PATH to launch expanded, cross-honored ferry & bus service during Hoboken PATH closure through February 24.
- February 3, 2025** NY Waterway adds ferry services to and from Pier 11/Wall Street from South Amboy, stopping at both Wall Street and Brookfield Place.
- February 25, 2025** NY Waterway increases morning weekday service from Port Imperial and Hoboken 14th Street to Brookfield Place.
- April 18, 2025** NY Waterway offers special reduced-price admission combo tickets for the New York Auto Show.
- May 2, 2025** NY Waterway partners with Boxcar to launch new Manhattan service for New Jersey commuters.
- May 21, 2025** Veterans & Military Personnel Ride the Ferry FREE for Fleet Week 2025 (May 21 through May 27, 2025).
- May 27, 2025** NY Waterway announces that tickets are on sale for the July 4th cruises.
- June 15, 2025** NY Waterway is awarded the contract from the City of Bayonne to operate their new ferry service to NYC targeted to start in Spring of 2026.
- July 5, 2025** NY Waterway launches its summer Kids Ride Free promotion through September 1.
- October 1, 2025** NY Waterway and Uber partner for a voucher program that offers visitors staying at select Meadowlands area Hotels the ability to download \$5 per trip Uber vouchers good for Uber trips to and from Port Imperial through January.
- October 11, 2025** NY Waterway's "Shades of Autumn" fall foliage sightseeing tours begin running through November 2.
- November 11, 2025** Veterans & Military Personnel Ride The Ferry FREE on Veteran's Day.
- November 28, 2025** NY Waterway launches Kids Ride Free For The Holidays through January 4.
- November 29, 2025** NY Waterway opens its first Winter Waterway Holiday Market, featuring music, festive food, shopping, crafts and other special activities for kids, including five visits from Santa, open through December 28.
- December 11, 2025** In partnership with NYC DOT, NYCEDC and DutchX, NY Waterway holds press conference for Blue Highways initiative.
- December 17, 2025** NY Waterway and Bayonne, NJ, officials host groundbreaking ceremony for a new ferry terminal that will provide service between Bayonne and Manhattan.
- January 12, 2026** NY Waterway launches two new bus routes: Port Imperial (Weehawken) to Edgewater Ferry Landing, and NYC Weekend Late Night Routes.





- February 13, 2026** NY Waterway opens weekend Valentine's Day popup offering unique gifts and experiences.
- February 16, 2026** NY Waterway cross-honors NJ TRANSIT midtown direct rail customer tickets during portal north bridge construction.
- March 28, 2026** NY Waterway launches new daily Harbor Tours.

