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LETTERS TO THE CURMUDGEON

* From Ken Guyer: Great article on the renovation of North Cove Yacht Harbor in Lower Manhattan by its new skipper, Dennis Conner.

After the '92 Cup in San Diego, a few of us from Team DC spent the summer in Battery Park City, sailing Stars & Stripes (USA-11) out of North Cove. It was one of the best summers I ever had. A fine mix of sailing yachts and power yachts filled the cove everyday. A veritable who's who of yachting with a background of the World Financial Center and the twin towers of the World Trade Center.

My first visit back to North Cove was a little more than a week after 9/11. The place we called home for the summer of '92 was devastated. Going back each year since and staying in Battery Park City, my wife and I were disappointed not to see North Cove return to its glory days. It is great news that Dennis has taken the lead for its resurrection. Mark it on your charts as a destination this summer.