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Warm days like today in New York City mean summer will be here soon. And what better proof do you need than the first transient visitor of the season pulling in to Dennis Conner's North Cove. She is "**High Tea**," a beautiful 58 ft yacht built in 1929.



High Tea has been based since 2004 in Normandy Beach on Barnegat Bay along the Jersey Shore.

She just came out of the boat yard from winter storage with fresh paint and varnish.

So why the trip on this beautiful spring day to North Cove and New York City? Well, the owner and his two crew responded that they do this every spring. It's sort of like a roadtrip to get the cobwebs out.

They pulled out of Manasquan Inlet this morning and motored up the shore, under the Verrazano Narrows bridge, past the Statue of Liberty and pulled in to North Cove under the skyline of Manhattan. What a way to welcome the new boat season.

And tomorrow, at first light, the cast back off and head back down to the shore. Short and sweet.

Another great way to celebrate the start of the new boating season is at the **13th Annual Sailors Ball** which will be Friday, April 18. Details are at www.nyharborsailing.com/Sailors_Ball/default.htm

Best wishes to you.

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