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Happy birthday Tug Urger, New York's beloved "teaching par  
tug."

Erin M Tobin

Please save the Tug Urger teaching par  
Erie Canal history which should

Ian Danic

This tug is part of the Erie Canal Experience. If you want  
people to use the canal keep the canal intact!

Peter Henry

The Urger is a connection to our hi

We need her fit for sailing.

Dennis Murphy

I miss you and would like to see you back on the canal. You  
are a very important part of our history and should be  
honored by your restoration and return.

Virginia Houck

Happy birthday, you may be old but you still  
you on the water again, E-28&A CSO

Austyn Newberry

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Please save the Tug Urger, a priceless treasure for NYS  
and us all!

Nancy Solomon

Happy Birthday, Tug Ur  
you back in the water  
what you are all about!  
Shelley Carr

The Urger is such an important symbol for the Canal and its  
history that I recently incorporated her into a tattoo  
honoring my family's NYS and Canal roots. Tug Urger  
deserves to be restored and to continue her legacy as a  
working ambassador of the Canal.

Ashley Frament

Happy Birthday Tug Urger. Your 120 but not done yet!.  
Looking forward to passing legislation some day  
designating you as the official Tug of NYS!

John McDonald NYS 108th AD

Urger is an important, iconic, historic tug that is much beloved by people all up and down the river! She has educated thousands of children and opened the eyes on adults and kids alike to the wonders of the Hudson. Putting her 'on the hard' as a permanent land-based artifact will diminish her impact and important to a devastating degree. Urger belongs on the river, not on a lawn!

Renee Stanley, Fireboat John J. Harvey

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND LOOK  
DAY YOU RETURN TO TRAVEL  
AGAIN, WE MISS YOU.  
CATHY WALSH**

Happy Anniversery and I wish you and the people who are looking after you best wishes for the future.  
Jan van der Doe

**For years you have advocated for preserving our historic canals history and now you want to destroy one of the most important pieces of it's history. Please rethink your ideas.  
Eric and Doris Hooker**

**I've ridden the canal end to end twice. The vessels working and along the canal add so much to the experience. Preserve Urger as an educational tool. Urger is an important part, and overlooked part of maritime history.**

**RICHARD W GASS**

We need Urger in action to remind us how important the Erie Canal was in the past and how important it may be once again.  
Juliet Alexander

Lee Rust

I once saw tugboat Urger in New York Harbor near where I live and I never forgot her. I've only seen a little bit of the Erie Canal. I love them both. Keep Urger and the canal together to tell their stories!!!!

Terese Loeb Kreuzer

*I appreciate the history behind Urger, and hope she brings the treasured story of the Erie Canal to another generation with a long future ahead!*

*Linda (Visscher) Roorda*

*Looking forward to seeing you again on the canal!  
We need you to remind all of the wonderful history of the canal and of the economic benefits the canal has brought to New York. And what better way to teach school children and adults than a hands-on living piece of that history.  
Joan Roberts*

*The story of the Urger is part of the legacy of the historic Erie Canal. Let's save this treasure for generations to come.  
Mayor Alysa Plummer Village of Pittsford*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY OLD FRIEND. MAY ALBANY DO WHAT IS RIGHT AND RESTORE YOU TO SERVICE. PLEASE DON'T TRASH OR PAST.**

**CHERYL BENNETT**

**Great looking tug, much nicer than some of the new ones I've worked on. Looking forward to seeing her back in service  
Nate**



Happy 120 to what USED to be an ambassador vessel . . . Let's get her back in function.

Happy Birthday Erie Canal  
Please restore the Urger which still remains the main floating icon of the canal system.  
Alice Tucker

**Tug Urger should be restored and again demonstrate how it was a part of NYS history for all these decades. I visited it several years ago when it stopped in Rochester. This is a unique piece of NYS history unavailable to most other states. Restore it - what are we waiting for?**

**Al Isselhard**

My office oversaw the addition to the Historic Register in 2001--this relic of NY's historic canal period needs to be preserved!

**Wendy Allen**

We are so pleased to see the Urger is now 120 years old.

We miss seeing her on the canal as an Erie Canal Educational School for students and adults alike.

Melissa Dunlap

Niagara County Historical-Erie Canal Discovery Center

It will be a real shame if we celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Erie Canal's completion and don't ask "Where is the Urger?"  
Happy birthday to the Urger!  
Ellen Edgerton

**Rickie James**

Let's get the Urger back on the water.

Canal New York members had the opportunity to see the new Lock 7 in Oswego.

A brand new new 70 foot pleasure craft built in Italy was making it maiden voyage to its owners in Canada, went through while we were there.

A salute from the old Urger to the new boat would have been a great photo.

Rick Rivers



Please keep Urger going strong  
Tom 'jane goodwin

The mere sight of you tugs at m  
Francisca A Sabađie

How wonderful it will be once you are travelling the canal again!

Looking forward to canal  
Spencerport again!  
Carol Coburn (historian@oc

We sorely miss all the times over many  
years, navigating into so many canal towns B. to find  
the Urger on the wall.....kids, teachers and the  
crew having an  
experience which should have never died  
out. We are so much poorer since she's been  
mothballed.

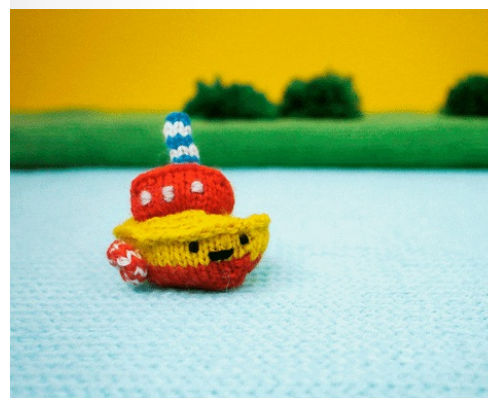
Happy Birthday 🎂🎈  
Hope to see you on the waterways again!  
Kathy Blackburn

Who needs history anyway ?  
Dave & JoAnn Wahl

**TO THE CANAL SYSTEM'S BEST  
MANY HAPPIER RETURNS!  
GEORGE WARD**

Great to see a tug your age still going, we all need a  
little work on us once in awhile, I know I do.  
Bob Darrow

Happy Birthday Tug Urger.  
I hope to see you back on the ca  
Kurt Krauss  
Albany, NY



WITH CAPT STEVE WUN  
SHARON LAVOIE

**THANKS FOR KEEPING THE HISTORY OF THE CANAL  
AND ITS COMMUNITIES ALIVE**  
EDWARD RUSSELL

Happy Birthday Urger!  
visit to NYC well!  
Jay Holmes



Please restore the Urger and keep her afloat. It would mean a lot to us.

The Ver Duin family of Grand Haven, Michigan

Keep Urger! That is a must. 30 years ago she was an inspiration to me, and I saw how kids and people responded to her visits. I have been working in engine rooms since and will never forget the Urger as a NY State ambassador. She tugs at the heart strings, but more importantly she is a bright light for NYS and the Canal.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, URGER! I URGER!  
SMILING ALONG THE CANAL - HO  
YOU WHEN I'M 120! 🌞  
CHRISTINA HINGLE

*The Urger should be living history on the canal. Let's get her back in the water!*

*Brian Rickert*

I had the privilege of polishing brass, painting & cleaning Tug Urger when I worked on the canal. What a great piece of history. Please don't destroy her. She's worth it. Happy Birthday Tug Urger!

Happy Birthday! Happy Anniversary!  
celebrate this because the Erie Canal is a  
resource.  
Florence

Terri Rowley

Keep the Urger on the water and in good shape.  
She deserves that and is a great tool in teaching  
about the way of life that existed when tugboats  
were a major mode of transportation of goods.

William Paquette

Your presence on the canal is

Sal Larsen

Born, in 35 lived in Troy the entrance to both Erie canal west  
and Champaign canal north. Preserve our history for future  
generations.  
George R. Hillje Sr.

Please consider reactivating the Tug Urger . Give her what she needs to  
again become our "States" ambassador.

Len Seney

Wanting to see you back on the water  
reminding us all of the NYS Barge Canal  
history and its importance for our state.  
Stuart Miller

Had the honor to engineer the Urger, would love to again.  
Mike Pelletier

to Wayne County every summer  
and sorely missed ♥  
M.A. Pelletier

Love to see you back in the water again  
Tim Chase

For years the State has advocated that we should  
preserve our history. WHY CAN'T THEY PRACTICE  
WHAT THEY PREACH. RESTORE THE URGER TO  
RESENT THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

Eric Hooker

save the Urger as a working tug.  
Harry T. Scholer

URGER IN OSWEGO... THE  
EVERYWHERE . . .  
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As an owner of a 1929 Elco yacht, I know what it take to keep an boat going. The Urger is also apart of our history and important t anyone interested in the NYS Canal. Let's keep it going  
Doug Reicher

I am a former middle school history teacher who loves, yes loves the Tug Urger. Why is it taking so long to SAVEIT?!

My Wife and I are in the process of saving the Chancellor tugboat which may have been auctioned for scrap by NYPA had we not bid. The Chancellor is on the National Register of Historic Places! My grandfather captained the Chancellor and I rode with him on the tug when I was 8 and 9 years old.  
Bob Graham

Growing up on the Oneida River section of the Erie Canal, I've been a long time admirer of the Tugs and Barges- with waves and shouts of hello, they were a big part of my growing up. Happy Birthday urger, and may you continue teaching young people for another 120 years!  
-Stacy D

Happy Birthday to the Urger - the little tug that could! And who still could with some TLC. It's important to invest in our history, for the sake of future generations. Here's to seeing her out on the water again to welcome learners of all ages! XOXO  
Janna Rudler

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - MAY THE LOCKS ALWAYS BE IN YOUR VIEW.  
LYNN BRADLEY

new york state canals are part of our history  
our ambassador and reinstated  
jack wright

Please save Tug Urger!  
We NEED her!!  
Rev Dr Tom

We want you back  
DeNearings

Save the Uger.  
Robert R. MacDuffie

Happy Birthday, Tug Urger, and  
Susan Fowler

we need to keep history alive  
gilbert j giroux

Happy Birthday Tug, long may she part  
Liz and Dave Beebe

Ken Buettner stay strong **Stay afloat!**  
john stiles **Paul Toledano**

*Ahoy, Maties! Bon Voyage* Here is to another 120 years.  
*M Taylor* Mike Riley

Lisa Bracigliano Sal Genovesi

Bon Voyage!

M. Taylor

*Head to the Sea...*

*Jean Preece Doswell*

May you stay... forever young! Happy birthday Tug Urger 🍻🎂  
peter Cookie



Happy birthday!!!! You belong in the water!!!!  
Kathy Polino

