TWO ROW WAMPUM RENEWAL CAMPAIGN
1613 - 2013

Photography by Andrew Courtney
To Commemorate the 400th Anniversary of the Two Row Wampum Treaty

A treaty from 1613 that defends sovereignty and promotes solidarity between the Haudenosaunee and non-Natives
The Haudenosaunee, known to Europeans as the Iroquois, are members of a confederation of native nations whose homelands are located in New York State and regions of Canada. In 1613, one of those nations, the Onondaga, concluded the first known treaty between European immigrants - the Dutch - and indigenous people on this continent. That treaty agreed to peaceable parallel lives, without interference and with reverence for the environment, in perpetuity. The symbolic purple-and-white document, made of shell beads, in which the treaty was recorded is known as the Two-Row Wampum. Its striped pattern depicts two rows of canoes traveling together down the river of life. In this 400th anniversary year of the Two-Row Wampum agreement, two rows of kayaks and canoes set out to travel down the Hudson River, Natives and immigrants paddling side by side. They started from Albany on July 28, aiming to reach the International Day of Indigenous Peoples observance at the UN on August 9. Their object was to remind everyone that the old treaty needed to be honored, because it was still in force.
Alf Jacques exhibits his various Lacrosse sticks and explains Lacrosse history to visitors

Dugout canoe made by Hickory Edwards

Young man plays with 60 year old Lacrosse stick
Morning exercise and the breakfast before launch
Mid Hudson Walkway Bridge

Two Rows of Paddlers north of the bridge

Dakota Unity Riders from Manitoba join on the bridge
Entrance to the Beacon Riverfront Green

Pete Seeger sings a welcome

Chief Jake Edwards shows a visitor the TRW poster

Local Musicians perform
Paddlers arrive and display the Two Row Wampum

Chief Oren Lyons speaks to the crowd

David Amram performs

Dakota Unity Riders arrive on the Beacon Riverfront Green
COLD SPRING, AUGUST 3, 2013

Group portrait with Huxley the lead dog
Hickory Edwards holds the Wampum belt with Storm King Mt. in background

Medical Tent
Peekskill, August 5, 2013

Midday stop on the Peekskill Green for lunch and to meet the community
Stony Point, August 5, 2013

Stony Point Community of Living Traditions hosts the TRW paddlers for the IFTAR breaking the fast dinner for Ramadan.
Croton Point Park, August 6, 2013

Croton Mayor Leo Wiegman joins paddlers for the arrival

Danny, Mohawk from Kanakawe arrives
Croton Mayor Leo Wiegman presents a proclamation of support.

Hickory Edwards receives proclamation on behalf of the TRW paddlers

And with proclamation from County Legislator Catherine Borgia

Darius welcomes with a drum beat of support
Jeanne Shenandoah (sitting) Frieda Jacques speaking to the Croton crowd.

Pick up Lacrosse game with John Grant of Croton.

Speakers hold 6 Nation banner.
Fry Bread being prepared for dinner

Cook oven made from an old propane tank

At the Medical Tent, Lakota Emmett Eastman and medic

Three elders hosted by a local family
YONKERS, AUGUST 8, 2013

Yonkers officials welcome the TRW paddlers

Young men paddlers (Iroquois Nationals Lacrosse team) being interviewed
New York City, Pier 96 & the UN  August 9, 2013

Arriving at Pier 96 to large crowd of supporters
Hickory Edwards of TRW greets Consul General Rob De Vos of the Netherlands.

Tadadaho Sid Hill gives prayer at arrival site.

WESPAC (Westchester Peoples Action Coalition) and friends in support.
Dance at Pier 96 on the river

TRW crosses midtown and arrives at the UN
Tonya Gonnella Frichner with proclamation from the Netherlands

Chief Oren Lyons, Onandaga

Dakota Unity Rider from Manitoba greets Chinese tourist

Ramapough/Lenape men carry TRW banner to Dag Hammersjold Plaza
TRW Paddlers and allies make grand entrance at Brookfield Place Waterfront Plaza lower NYC on the river
TRW portraits