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Hoboken welcomes boathouse to city's waterfront

A piece of Hoboken's storied past and a new chapter for the city's Hudson River waterfront were realized with the recent opening of the new Maxwell Park Boathouse, a re-creation of the original NY Yacht Club boathouse that stood on the site in 1846 and was home to the first international trophy won by the United States when the New York Yacht Club beat the British Royal Squadron to win what would come to be known as The America's Cup.

Mayor David Roberts joined members of Hoboken's municipal, civic and business communities to officially welcome the city-owned boathouse which will be initially utilized by the nonprofit Hoboken Cove Community Boathouse to store kay-



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aks, offer free kayaking days and additional public recreational activities. The public may also be able to store kayaks in the facility in the future.

"The opening of the boathouse represents a lot of hard work by our residents, city lead-

ers, community and the developers," Mayor Roberts said. The boathouse is the latest waterfront amenity to be unveiled at Maxwell Park, the largest Hudson River waterfront park in the City of Hoboken. Now 70 percent completed, the park will

include a boat launch, playing fields, fishing pier, children's playground and dog run.

A unique feature of the park, the renovation of a natural sand beach into one of Hoboken's most popular waterfront attractions, opened to the public earlier this year.

Daniel Gans, chief executive officer of The Hoboken Brownstone Company, and his partner of 29 years, George Vallone, with the financial backing of Bill Ackman and his Gotham Partners Hedge Fund, managed the real estate development company which purchased the site in 1999 and were responsible for all municipal, county, state and federal approvals for the property. The site was sold to **Toil Brothers' City Living Division** in 2004.