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Conrad Shipyard Delivers New York's First Hybrid-Electric Public Ferry

Morgan City, LA – August 26, 2025 – Conrad Shipyard has proudly delivered the *Harbor Charger*, New York State's first hybrid-electric public ferry, to The Trust for Governors Island. Designed by Elliott Bay Design Group and built at Conrad's Morgan City, Louisiana facility, this groundbreaking 1,200-passenger vessel marks a bold step forward in sustainable maritime transportation.

Equipped with Siemens Energy's advanced hybrid propulsion technology, the *Harbor Charger* operates in battery-only, zero-emissions mode or hybrid diesel-assisted mode resulting in a reduction of CO_2 emissions by nearly 600 tons annually. The ferry will replace a 1956 diesel-powered vessel, delivering faster, cleaner, and more efficient service for nearly one million visitors each year between Manhattan and Governors Island.

"Delivering the *Harbor Charger* to New York Harbor is a proud moment for all of us at Conrad. The ferry is a great example of how traditional craftsmanship and next-generation technology can come together to shape a more sustainable future on the water," said Johnny Conrad, Executive Chairman. "We are honored to have partnered with the Trust and the people of New York to build a vessel that will serve the community for decades to come."

With its modern amenities, ADA accessibility, and cutting-edge green technology, the vessel showcases what is possible when visionary design meets premier shipbuilding craftsmanship.



Photo by Timothy Schenck

About Conrad Shipyard

Conrad Shipyard, established in 1948, is a premier Gulf Coast-based shipbuilder, delivering high-quality vessels to commercial and governmental customers. With five strategically located facilities, Conrad specializes in the construction, repair, and conversion of a wide range of marine vessels, including those serving the dredging, offshore, inland, and environmental industries.

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