

First Hand Account ...

A summer cruise on the Hudson

Some events just get ensconced in memory and this one takes a ticket! An auburn late spring evening in May '06 saw elated *Irisians* converging towards the Raritan dock at the petering of Perth Amboy's Smith Street. The occasion: To celebrate IRIS Software's 10th Anniversary on board a swanky cabin-cruiser – The Cornucopia.

Once aboard and sailing, the curtain on festivity was raised by marking the Anniversary by presenting commemorative Globes to CEO Sanjiv Khanna and President Sunil Puri. The corporate crowd stood round – Ladies in cocktail dresses , Men in black blazers and suits. That concluded, seriousness immediately got thrown to the waters and merriment took to floor – the jive, the gyrations, the salsa and the meringue with peppered grindings drawn from rock stars – past and present. Some danced like poetry and some jiggled the dance of the damned! Soon dinner was served on the Hudson under the inky-blue New York sky and the glitter of the City's bright neon at a picturesque distance. At 10:30 pm the cabin-cruiser Cornucopia returned to dock after a scintillating four-hour cruise that emanated from the Raritan River merging with the Hudson skirting New York City and proceeding towards the Statue of Liberty. Such cordial initiation for the new hires – lots of socializing, rib tickling jokes, japes and riotous laughter. This was as jolly good as it could get!



The *Irisians* disembarked stimulated by the electric array of happy events, like kids leaving Disney Land only to eagerly look to another..... so perhaps time is now for a Bahaman cruise just to mark the second anniversary of that memorable cruise on Cornucopia...Hmm? Quite liberating and worth the memory too! Anyone there ... taking down notes?

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