

## ‘Sully’ Sullenberger Spotted at D.C. Restaurant

Normally we don’t scour the New York Post’s Page Six for Middle Seat fodder. (Well, [except when we do.](#))

But a sharp-eyed editor mentioned an item that appeared in the tabloid’s gossip section focusing on a freshly-minted celebrity: **Chesley B. “Sully” Sullenberger**, the pilot in charge of US Airways flight 1549.

For anyone who doesn’t remember, that’s the aircraft that made a remarkable, fatality-free splashdown in New York’s Hudson River Thursday. (Update on the investigation: [Authorities are looking into an engine problem the jet suffered two days before it collided with birds.](#))

[We previously wrote that Sullenberger and the rest of the flight crew had been invited to yesterday’s inaugural festivities in D.C.](#) Today, [Page Six tells us that Sullenberger](#), and other members of the crew, were spotted grabbing a relaxed dinner at a D.C. eatery, coincidentally enough, dubbed “[Hudson.](#)”

We double-checked the Post’s report with Hudson’s proprietor, **Alan Popovsky**, who confirmed that Sullenberger did indeed dine at the restaurant, which is located in the west end of D.C.’s Dupont section. Popovsky said that several customers recognized the aviator and some approached to introduce themselves and asked to take a picture. “He was more than happy to accommodate,” Popovsky said, adding that a local hotel that regularly refers customers to the restaurant sent Sullenberger and other crew members there. “It’s serendipitous,” Popovsky said of the restaurant sharing a name with the river where the plane went down.



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