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October 2013 Highlights

TAKE ACTION TO HELP YOUR OCEAN:

1. Write a letter to your NJ/NY Governor to veto Port Ambrose LNG offshore facility.
2. Visit CleanOceanAction.org to participate in Fall Beach Sweeps on October 19th, 2013.
3. Support COA's work at www.CleanOceanAction.org and attend Seaside Sunset on October 10th!

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Alphabet soup may lead to ocean planning. At press time, the new Mid Atlantic Regional Planning Body, met for the first time. The conglomeration of 19 federal & state agencies, 1 tribe and 1 fisheries group met to discuss the future of the ocean from New York to Virginia. For better or worse is still to be determined.

TRIBUTES



In Memory of Adelaide and Harold Gabel
In Honor of the Wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John Kuhn

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help our ocean! Volunteers can sign-up for an entire event or just a portion of an event.

Thursday, October 10, 2013
Seaside Sunset - Great opportunity for students!
6:00-10:00 pm
McLoones, Pier Village
Long Branch, NJ

Saturday, October 12, 2013
Lakehurst Revitalization Association Fall Festival
12:00-4:00 pm
Lake Horizon
Lakehurst, NJ

Waves of Action



Rain Garden Workshop at Dearborn Market

In September, COA urged citizens to assist in long-term recovery through Waves events including:

- Seismic Testing Forum at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, NJ
- TEDx Navesink: The Next Wave at Brookdale in Lincroft, NJ
- NJDEP and COA Rain Barrel Workshop in Spring Lake, NJ
- Rain Garden Workshop at Dearborn Market in Holmdel, NJ
- Coastal clean-ups in Red Bank and Union Beach, NJ and Staten Island, NY
- Coastal Candidates Environmental Forum in Loveladies, NJ
- Environmental Summit in Wall Township, NJ
- Maritime Forest Native Planting in Bradley Beach, NJ

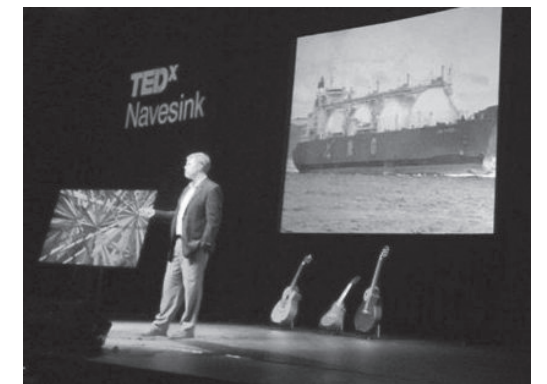
Many thanks to the organizations involved in September Waves:

- Alliance for a Living Ocean
- Bradley Beach Environmental Commission
- Dearborn Market
- Natural Resources Protective Association
- New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection
- NJ Sierra Club
- Oceana
- Protectors of Pine Oak Woods
- ReClam the Bay
- Red Bank Environmental Commission
- Sandy Hook Sea Life Foundation
- TEDx Navesink
- Wall Township Environmental Advisory Committee

COA JOINS 'THE NEXT WAVE' AT TEDx NAVESINK



COA joined the first ever TEDx event on the Jersey Shore! The event brought together everyone from a 16-year-old web developer to world renowned musicians. Speakers included COA's own Cindy Zipf, who presented "Our Wild and Industry-Free Ocean" and Sean Dixon, Clean Ocean Action Coastal Policy Attorney. Dixon provided a talk called "Energy Exports: Good, Bad, Ugly, and What you Need to Know" and spoke out against Port Ambrose and LNG exports.



A WHALE OF A DAY IN SEA BRIGHT

Whale Sighting on Thursday, September 19!



Photo by Todd Thompson

"Really wonderful things happening right here off our coast, it is COA's commitment and perseverance that has allowed for that and will hopefully guide future generations as well to understand how important our clean ocean is!" said Scott Thompson, PaddleOut.org.

Join us for Seaside Sunset on a new night...

Thursday, October 10th, 6:00-10:00pm
McLoone's Pier House, Long Branch, NJ
Live Music by Thom White and the Rogues

*A Seaside Celebration to Benefit Clean Ocean Action's
environmental education programs*

Seaside Sunset admission and sponsorships are available at
CleanOceanAction.org or 732-872-0111.



Photo courtesy Ryan Struck

Sunset Supporter Packages range from \$250-\$500 and include admission for two along with specialty Jersey Shore products.
Details at www.CleanOceanAction.org.

Special Thanks to Our Event Sponsors

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Seaside Sunset October 10th
\$100 per person, \$125 at the door

Enjoy ocean-side appetizers and dinner with an open bar of wine and beer followed by dessert and dancing to Thom White and the Rogues!

Raw Bar by
Lusty Lobster Seafood Market and Catering

Catering by
McLoone's Pier House - Chef Joe Racioppi

Artisan Cheeses by
Sickles Market

Sunset Bar of Beer and Wine by
Shore Point Distributing Company, Inc.

Flowers and Plants by
Guaranteed Plants & Florist

Join Clean Ocean Action on Saturday, December 7th
Waves of Action Conference and Awards Breakfast 8:00am-12:00pm
McLoone's Pier House, Long Branch, NJ

**Waves of
Action**

COA's continued response to Superstorm Sandy, the Waves of Action Conference and Awards will celebrate the achievements of the almost 12,000 volunteers (so far this year) who have worked to improve and protect the marine environment. For more information, contact Diana Reinhardt Paradis at (732) 872-0111.

28th Annual



Saturday, October 19, 9:00am-12:30pm

Volunteer at a Location Near You!

Over 50 Sites in New Jersey

For an up-to-date list of sites, go to

www.CleanOceanAction.org



How to Participate

- Register
- Attend rain or shine
 - Wear gloves
 - Dress for the weather
- Wear sunscreen and closed, hard-soled shoes
 - Be careful of sharp objects
 - Stay off dunes and respect wildlife



FUNdraise



Support Beach Sweeps: raise \$100 and receive a special gift.
Start your fundraiser at <http://www.crowdfunder.com/BeachSweeps>.

SEA SCENE - Beach Sweeps 2013

Thank you to the generous businesses that partner with Clean Ocean Action to sponsor and support the Beach Sweeps. **Statewide Sponsors** include Atlantic City Electric, Aveda, Comcast Cares, and Shoprite Wakefern. **County Sponsors** include BD, Brook 35 & West, Montecalvo Recovery Facility, The Grove, TD Bank and United Teletech Financial.

Site Sponsors include Adventure Aquarium - Ocean City 59th Street Pavilion, Baine Contracting - Brick Beach I, Brookdale Community College - Middletown Bayshore Waterfront Park, Enterprise Rent A Car - Sandy Hook, New Jersey Natural Gas - Belmar 1st Avenue, Paul V. Fericola & Associates - Loch Arbour/Allenhurst, Surfrider Foundation/Jersey Shore Chapter - Asbury Park North Beach, Surfrider Foundation/South Jersey Chapter - In Memory of Tommy Kraemer - Avalon.

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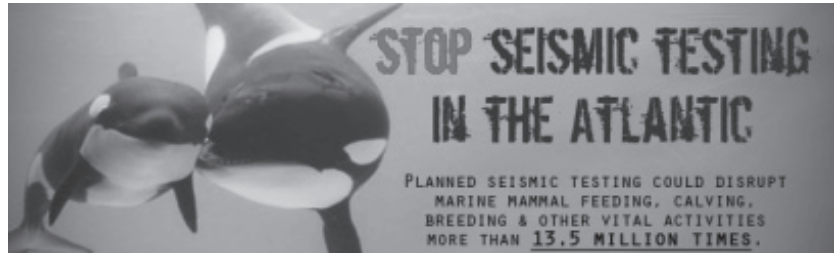


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COA, Oceana Turn Up the Volume Against Seismic Testing

On Monday, September 16th, Clean Ocean Action, Oceana, Sierra Club New Jersey, and the Sandy Hook Sea Life Foundation held a forum at Monmouth University to educate the public and turn up the volume about seismic air gun testing. The practice of seismic testing - or blasting air cannons in the mid-Atlantic Ocean in search of oil and gas deposits - is being proposed by the federal Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM). After a number of public hearings in early Spring of 2012 - one of which in Atlantic City was attended by ocean advocates from across New Jersey - the decision on whether or not to allow seismic blasts has been postponed twice.

The event hopes to keep up pressure on the federal government and increase public involvement on the issue.

Congressman Pallone is a national champion on the issue. He has led the charge against seismic testing in Congress by authoring a letter to the White House urging the Department of Interior to decide against the testing. He opened the event and said that, "Seismic testing is the first step to offshore drilling, and we have to put a stop to it." Earlier this year, Congressman Pallone also stated that, "Already New Jersey's coastal economy is reeling from the devastation of Superstorm Sandy, and our fishing and tourism industries need to be protected from further challenges to their economic and environmental well-being."

The panel was moderated by Monmouth University's Urban Coastal Institute Director, Tony MacDonald, and included Nancy Sopko from Oceana, Jessica Coakley from the Mid Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (MAFMC), and COA's Executive Director Cindy Zipf. All three panelists described their opposition to seismic exploration and their skepticism that looking for oil in the Atlantic is necessary. COA also advocated for the Clean Ocean Zone and keeping the ocean wild and industry free. The progress made in the NY/NJ bight should be locked-in and pollution locked-out.

Take Action on Port Ambrose!

Now that the public comment period has closed for Liberty's Port Ambrose offshore LNG Facility, it is up to us to make sure that the Governors of New York and New Jersey know how many of their constituents oppose the project. Make your voice heard in opposition to LNG offshore. Call Governor Cuomo or Governor Christie and urge them to veto Port Ambrose.

New Jersey:

Call Governor Christie - (609) 292-6000

New York:

Call Governor Cuomo - (518) 474-8390

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Rain Barrel Building in Spring Lake

On Saturday, September 21, volunteers gathered at the Spring Lake Pavilion to build rain barrels for their homes. A rain barrel collects water when it rains from the roof gutter's downspout and holds about 50 gallons of water which can be used to water your landscape and non-food gardens. Ten barrels were made - which will harvest 500 gallons every time it rains. The effort was part of the Wreck Pond Action Plan and hosted by NJDEP, Wreck Pond Stormwater Education Committee and Clean Ocean Action. By disconnecting your gutter from the stormwater system, rain barrels help to alleviate the stormwater pollution that enters our streams, Wreck Pond and the ocean. Rain Barrels are just one way to be a part of the solution to the stormwater pollution affecting our waterways!

The Wreck Pond Stormwater Committee Takes a Tour

COA co-led a walking/talking tour of Wreck Pond with Eileen Eilenberger, who chairs the Wreck Pond Stormwater Education Committee and is from Spring Lake Heights. The Corps of Engineers, NJDEP, and town representatives and consultants provided information on water quality projects and flooding issues and answered citizen questions. Inlet changes and living shoreline options are being evaluated. Some wastewater and stormwater infrastructure problems have been identified in Spring Lake; temporary and long-term repairs are being made. The importance of slowing down and soaking in rain water to the ground was emphasized. The tour highlighted the beautiful rain garden installed by the Garden Club of Spring Lake and Rutgers Cooperative Extension.

Heather Saffert Sets Sail



After 5½ years here at COA, Heather Saffert will be leaving the crew to pursue a consulting career. As Staff Scientist, Heather Saffert, PhD, has ensured that COA policies, issues, and actions are based on science and fact. Protecting ocean health also requires a broad knowledge of many issues from the biology of marine species to regulations governing wastewater management.

Her tenacious monitoring of federal, state, and local proposals has caught many harmful projects that could have gone unchallenged. Her attention to detail and evaluation of complex scientific assessments and data has resulted in a better understanding of watershed health and needs, and improved policies and solutions. Heather presents strong arguments and rationales that stand-up against industry's lobbyists. Recently, Governor Christie said, "Clean Ocean Action gives me the facts," and Heather's work has played a key role.

Heather also understands the important role that citizens play in water protection and has created and improved citizen-based watershed protection programs in Barnegat Bay and Wreck Pond, as well as for Waves of Action. Heather is respected by scientific peers, and greatly appreciated by water protection advocates. We will miss her and wish her smooth sailing.

Citizen Journalism: How the Internet Will Cover the Next Superstorm

Join our friends at The Citizens Campaign for a series on Citizen Journalism in the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy. The first of three events will take place on Saturday, October 5 in Toms River, NJ. Titled *Information Matters: Getting the Real Story*, participants will learn the skills to track and report town news. Breakout sessions include:

- Fact Finding & Reporting: collecting the facts and information to get the story
- Capturing the Perfect Shot: video and photo journalism
- How to Conduct a Study with Engaging Techniques: how to conduct your own "study circles" with your neighbors on important issues
- News Writing 101: crafting effective hard news stories & opinion pieces; interviewing skills

The second session will be held on Saturday, November 2, at Monmouth University's Club at Magill Commons in West Long Branch, NJ. This half-day training will provide the tools to tell powerful stories online, and is called *It Takes a Village: Working Together Online*. Breakout sessions include:

- How to set up your own blog
- Visual & Photo Journalism
- Crowd Sourcing News
- Mapping out a Story

The final session, *Eyewitness Reports: Are We Ready or Not?* will be held at Middlesex County College in Edison, NJ on Saturday, November 16. The Citizens Campaign is hosting top investigative reporters and officials to discuss whether or not our towns are ready in the event of another emergency. Breakout sessions include:

- Investigative Reporting: what questions you should be asking in your town?
- Mapping out a Story
- Upgrading Our Towns Emergency Communications: innovative ways towns are using technology in times of emergency
- How to Start Your Own Blog

For more information and to RSVP, visit CleanOceanAction.Blogspot.com.



Legislative Candidates Meet the Public, Answer Questions on LBI

As a part of the Waves of Action September Series, Alliance for a Living Ocean, Clean Ocean Action and ReClam the Bay hosted an environmental forum with the Republican and Democratic candidates of New Jersey's 9th Legislative District. In attendance were incumbent Republican candidates Senator Chris Connors, Assemblyman Brian Rumpf, and Assemblywoman Diane Gove along with the Democratic challengers for the Assembly seats, Mr. Peter Ferwerda, and Mr. Christopher McManus.

Moderated by Rick Bushnell of ReClam the Bay, the discussion allowed the candidates to answer questions pertaining to environmental issues locally, state-wide, and nationally. Many candidates' positions about issues were similar, with all candidates opposing offshore LNG, and exploration for oil and gas offshore.

The discussion turned to the importance of protecting Barnegat Bay and more importantly, getting the public and decision makers to realize their responsibility and role with the problems that plague the Bay.

Environmental education was raised as an important method that not only incorporates science and research, but allows the public to learn about the impact of their everyday decisions and how they affect their local and global ecosystems.

All candidates agreed that municipalities don't have the funds needed to address environmental concerns, and that the Department of Environmental Protection needs stricter enforcement of some environmental regulations.