





# Clean Ocean Advocate

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## May 2009 Highlights

Right: Comcast Cares Day- Hundreds of Comcast volunteers participated in the Beach Sweeps at selected sites. In addition, Comcast sponsors the Beach Sweep program to recognize their employees.

Left: Volunteers from statewide sponsor Aveda cleaned the beaches at Sandy Hook. (See front page article.)

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## May

See "Citizen Action" for volunteer opportunities

May 9th

- **Ted Shed's Beach Cruiser Bike Race**, Starts at 10 am at Sandy Hook National Rec Area, Area E.

May 17th

- **Clean Ocean Action Beach Ball**, 3 - 7 pm at Ship Ahoy Beach Club, Sea Bright, NJ.

May 18th

- **Student Ocean Advocate Graduation & PSA Release**, 7:00 pm at Monmouth University, Exact location TBD.

### SAVE THE DATE

June 7th

- **12th Annual Barnegat Bay Festival**, 10 am- 4 pm at Wanamaker Complex, Island Heights. Free Admission.

June 12th

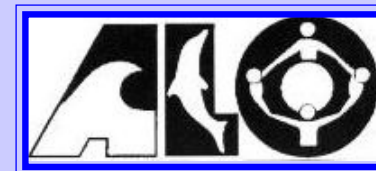
- **Tiffany & Co., Beads & Keys Event**, 6:30-8:30 pm, Red Bank, NJ.

### Our COAlition

Featuring...  
**Alliance for a Living Ocean**

The Alliance for a Living Ocean (ALO) launched its 22nd year with a new expanded board of trustees, new Executive Director Elizabeth Burke, new location in Ship Bottom, and renewed sense of purpose. The organization, whose mission is to promote and maintain clean water and a healthy coastal environment through education, research and active participation, is gearing up for an active season on Long Beach Island.

On April 18, during ALO's Beach Cleanup, a total of 258 volunteers at six locations throughout LBI collected 1018 pounds of trash. Summer programs are set and include seashore-themed puppet shows, "Sea Critter Round Up," "Hands on the Bay," and eco tours of LBI. These programs run throughout the summer beginning in July. A new special event this year is the "CaSEAno Night and Save the Bay Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament" taking place August 6 at the Beach Haven Firehouse.



Among top issues for ALO this year are the plague of plastic waste and its effect on the marine life, and the harmful nutrient enrichment of the bay, which can potentially change the entire ecosystem. Tom Beaty, ALO President, and other board members have already testified at public hearings. "We will continue to watch issues as they develop and be at the public forums. Equally as important, through our summer programs and presence at local events, we will educate the public to help them understand what a difference each person can make," commented Beaty. ALO is a proud supporter of COA's Barnegat Bay Buddy Program. Full details of activities can be found at [www.livingocean.org](http://www.livingocean.org), or for more information call 609-494-7800.

## Statewide Record Turnouts for Clean Ocean Action 24th Annual Spring Beach Sweeps



Trash collected at Ideal Beach in Middletown

On April 25, an estimated 4,000 volunteers participated in COA's 24th annual Spring Beach Sweeps at 64 sites throughout New Jersey. Volunteers removed and catalogued thousands of pieces of debris to document ongoing pollution issues. Some highlights from the Spring Beach Sweeps include:

**Sandy Hook:** A record 900 people gathered at Sandy Hook and collected a record number of 5,592 plastic bottle caps. Also, long time volunteer Ginger Tatem found a message in a bottle from a young Middletown school boy.

**Belmar:** In the past the 16th Avenue site attracted roughly 20 volunteers, this spring over 100 volunteers participated.

**Aberdeen:** At this brand new site, 40 volunteers filled an entire parking space with the trash. Beach Captain Frank Huza commented "The fishing community showed incredible support," and came out in numbers to clean up Cliffwood Beach.

In addition to collecting trash and data, volunteers targeted bottle caps for COA's "Flip Your Lids" plastic cap recycling campaign. COA has teamed with Aveda to recycle bottle caps. Aveda creates new caps and containers for their products from this stream of recycled caps. In addition, the "Call to Action" campaign as well as COA's "No LNG" public awareness campaign were highlighted and promoted statewide.

The Spring Beach Sweeps were made possible by support from generous sponsors. The Statewide Sponsor for the 2009 Beach Sweeps is **Aveda**. **United Teletech Financial** and **Verizon** are sponsoring sites in Monmouth County and **Atlantic City Electric** is sponsoring sites in Atlantic and Cape May Counties. Individual site sponsors include: **Comcast**; **Lower Cape May Regional Education Association** for Cape May; **Bank of America** for Point Pleasant; **Wakefern Food Corporation / ShopRite** and **Enterprise Rent-A-Car** for Sandy Hook; **Monmouth County Association of Realtors** for Sea Bright; **NuStar Energy** for Atlantic Highlands; and **Doctor Kracker** and **Wakefern Food Corporation Shop Rite** are the statewide snack sponsors.

Onsite music was provided by The Breeze and Mix 106 at Sandy Hook sites.



Gearing up at the Sandy Hook Rally



Thousands of volunteers work hard for a clean beach

**CLEAN OCEAN ZONE**

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**New Regulations Finalized for Offshore Renewables**

On Earth Day, President Obama announced that the Department of Interior (DOI) finalized regulations for offshore renewable energy. The Energy Policy Act of 2005 gave the DOI's Minerals Management Service (MMS) authority to regulate offshore renewable energy but no program was finalized during the Bush Administration. Instead, MMS and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) challenged each others authority over certain offshore projects and the framework for offshore renewables was delayed. On April 9, MMS and FERC signed an agreement giving MMS jurisdiction over non-hydrokinetic renewables such as offshore wind and FERC licensing jurisdiction for projects including wave and current power.

The new regulations will allow for the processing of applications from companies proposing offshore wind farms off New Jersey's coast. MMS has noted that it intends to start leasing regions offshore New Jersey, Delaware, and Rhode Island the soonest because these states are the furthest along with offshore wind proposals. MMS must still issue a Guidance Document, which is expected by June and will be followed by ten hearings around the country.

COA is comparing these rules to our comments submitted to ensure renewables are done right and protect ocean resources.

**Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009**

On April 23, Senator Frank Lautenberg and Congressman Frank Pallone introduced legislation that will require faster water quality tests to ensure that beach-goers can get same day results. The Clean Coastal Environment and Public Health Act of 2009 reauthorizes and increases grants awarded to states through the BEACH Act. Under that current law, citizens in New Jersey often find out on a Wednesday that water quality at the beach was unsafe on Monday. This new bill will require a two hour rapid test to be used. The bill also provides funds to track down sources of pollution and for prevention efforts. Similar legislation failed to become law last year but prospects appear much better this year.

**League of Women Voters Forum**

On April 21, the NJ League of Women Voters hosted a forum on offshore oil and gas. The panel of four included COA and an employee of Hess' LNG (liquefied natural gas) division. Hess failed to prove any need for an LNG importation facility in the region, while other speakers noted the diversity of marine life off our shore and the desire of citizens to move toward renewable energy.

**CITIZEN ACTION**

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**Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities**

COA seeks volunteers to advocate for a clean ocean and engage citizens in actions to protect the ocean at upcoming events and festivals. Contact Carl to sign up for:

**May 8th:** Green Day 2 at Toms River East High School, Toms River, NJ, Time TBD

**May 16th:** 2009 Seaside Music Festival, Seaside Heights, NJ, 12pm-7pm.

**May 16th:** Ocean Fun Days 2009, Island Beach State Park, NJ, 11am-3pm

**May 17th:** Ocean Fun Days 2009, Sandy Hook, NJ, 11am-3pm

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**COA Releases 2008 Beach Sweep Report**

Just in time for the 24th Annual Spring Beach Sweeps, COA released the 2008 Beach Sweep Report. The report revealed that 5,163 volunteers collected 289,976 pieces of debris during the combined Spring and Fall cleanups. As a result, an estimated 36,041 pounds of debris was removed from the Jersey's shore and waterways.

The Top 8 most common pieces of debris found are the same as the Top 8 in 2007. Plastic items top the list, and cigarette filters hold strong at #1 with an increase of over 3800 more than in 2007.

The "2008 Roster of the Ridiculous," which lists the most unusual items found, include: 1977 Bradley Beach badge in Point Pleasant, canoe, bottle of holy water, \$20 bill, beer keg, whole jar of mayonnaise, containers from Asia, refrigerator door, vacuum, ship brace from an old ship, high chair, and 500 pounds of lumber.

The Beach Sweep Report is a testament to the significance of the collection of data during the Beach Sweeps. This report aides legislators in passing and enforcing laws to protect the marine environment, and contributes to local and global efforts to combat marine pollution. The complete 2008 Beach Sweep report is posted on COA's website.

**The New Jersey Dirty Dozen for 2008 Beach Sweeps**

1. Cigarette Filters - 41,900
2. Plastic Caps & Lids - 33,282
3. Plastic Food, Candy Wrappers/ Bags - 31,145
4. Plastic Pieces - 19,616
5. Plastic Straws/Stirrers - 17,957
6. Foam Plastic Pieces - 12,416
7. Plastic Beverage/Soda Bottles - 11,474
8. Plastic Cigar Tips - 6,679
9. Paper Pieces - 5,757
10. Plastic Store/Shopping Bags - 5,523
11. Beverage Cans - 4,867
12. Plastic Cap Rings - 4,675

**SEA SCENES: Tildesley Family's Beachy Spirit Inspires Sand Dollar Campaign**

The Tildesley Family on vacation in St. John

The Tildesley Family of Fair Haven, NJ, (Peeka and Art, and their daughter Georgia and son Artie) are devoted ocean guardians. For years, the family has volunteered their time and talents at COA events, including the Ocean Golf Classic and Beach Sweeps.

Georgia also supports COA's staff at our summer-long corporate cleanups on Sandy Hook where employees from across the region learn important lessons about litter's harmful effect on the environment. Georgia's enthusiasm and action for her ocean is an inspiration to the hundreds who participate.

In true seaside spirit, while walking the beach this winter, Georgia and Artie Tildesley found a sand dollar that inspired them to begin a campaign in which they would ask friends for simply \$1 to protect the ocean. Calling it the "Sand Dollar" Campaign they hope to educate and motivate beachgoers by focusing on recruiting friends to act at their local Beach Sweep. In honor of COA's 25th Anniversary the family hopes to raise \$25,000.

Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School (RFH) freshman Artie Tildesley states, "While I was working the Corporate Beach Sweeps last summer I was amazed how much trash we collected. Please help us make a difference dollar by dollar."

"In these hard economic times we know it is difficult to donate a lot of money. We are asking contributors to just send only \$1 to COA to say thank you for their 25 years of dedicated and committed efforts on behalf of keeping our water clean off the Jersey Shore," says Georgia Tildesley, a junior at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School.

The program will be launched at COA's Family Beach Ball for the Ocean on May 17, 2009 and the Tildesley Family hopes to prove that every dollar does make a difference.

(Sea Scenes appears every other month in the Clean Ocean Advocate.)

**EVENTS**Emily Hackett, 732-872-0111, Programs@cleanoceanaction.org  
Jennifer Smiga, 732-872-0111, Events@cleanoceanaction.org**Ted Shred's 3rd Annual Beach Cruiser Bike Race  
May 9th, 2009**

Sandy Hook National Rec Area, Lot E Start time: 10am  
Registration Fee: \$10, Visit TedShredsOnfire.com to register or send \$10 to PO Box 8535, Red Bank, NJ 07701

**Flounder Fun**

On a windy April 4th, Bahrs Landing Restaurant was bustling with COA friends and family as they gathered to bless the waters and celebrate the coming of spring with the 15th Annual John Murphy & Bob Hunter Memorial Winter Flounder

Tournament. The day was filled with a fantastic auction, great chowder and fun fish painting for kids. The event was focused on educating and connecting current ocean pollution issues to the local fishing community. Special thanks to sponsors Allied Printing & Graphics Co. Inc., Atlantic Highlands Bagel Company, Atlantic Highlands Auto Center, Inc., Bahrs Landing Restaurant, Brookdale Community College, Complete Marine Transport, Hunterdon Brewing Company LLC, In the Garden Plants and Flowers, Montauk Mike's Lures, C,T & Q The Obropta Boys, Sea Tow of Highlands, and Skipper's Boatyard.



Evelyn Murphy, Robert Madej, Jeff Guilano, Jay Cosgrove of Bahrs Landing, Friend of Jeff Guilano and Chuck Abel - flounder trophy artist

**2009 Winners:**

**1st Place:** Jeff Guilano 2.96

**2nd Place:** Robert Madej 2.59

**3rd Place:** Jim Lee 2.10

**Special thanks to Our Committee:** Dery & Barbara Bennett, Jay Cosgrove of Bahrs Landing Restaurant, Jean Marie & Ed Horgan of Skipper's Boatyard, Patricia Lagay, Mike Matulonis of Montauk Mike's Lures, Lisa Nastasi, and Dorothy Obropta



Jim Lee and Jay Cosgrove

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Project comments submitted by COA are posted on our website

**Public Forum on Bayshore Dredged Material Management Plan**

A Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) has been developed for the Bayshore Region. On Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:30pm at the Henry Hudson Activity Center in (945 State Hwy 36) Leonardo, Middletown Township, NJ, the final forum will be held for the public to provide input and ask questions before the plan is printed.

The DMMP is a comprehensive plan developed through Bayshore community and citizen involvement and collaboration to properly plan and manage dredged material. Marinas and bays fill in with sediments and require dredging to maintain boating channels. Planning simplifies and creates predictability in permitting requirements associated with dredging and storing dredged material. The current volume of material associated with maintenance dredging, storage capacity limitations and management issues associated with boating and navigation are all described in the plan. The DMMP also identifies environmentally sound alternatives for dredged material use, costs associated with different types of dredging, savings associated with municipal coordination, different methods for beneficial use, and pertinent regulatory requirements.