



Clean Ocean Advocate

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May 2008 Highlights

*****Eco-Tip of the Month*****
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 The most efficient, conservative, and free way to dry laundry is by line-drying. Not only is the sun a natural bleaching agent and disinfectant, but line drying a single load of clothes saves approximately 2.6KWH of electricity and prevents 3.35 pounds of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere. For more line-drying and laundry tips, go to www.laundrylist.org.
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MAY

May 10, Saturday

- **Ted's Shred's 2nd Annual Beach Cruiser Bike Bash/7K Race**, Sandy Hook, Lot E, 10am, rain or shine. Pre-payment and pre-registration is required. Go to www.tedshredsonfire.com.

May 18, Sunday

- **COA Family Beach Ball for the Ocean**, Ship Ahoy Beach Club, Sea Bright, NJ, 3-7pm, rain or shine. See inside for details and ticket info.

May 21, Wednesday

- **Student Ocean Advocates Public Open House**, Eatontown Community/Senior Center, 6pm. Learn about the ocean advocacy efforts of eight Monmouth County high schools at this public event.

SAVE THE DATE

June 5, Thursday

- **Blue Tulip In-Store Sea-Worthy Shopping Event**, Chapel Hill Shopping Center, 459 Route 35, Middletown; all day. 15% of your purchases donated to COA.

Our COAlition

Featuring...

Participating Organizations

As a coalition of 125 organizations, Clean Ocean Action (COA) has a long history of defending the ocean, launching several successful grassroots campaigns that have led to the closures of all eight ocean dumpsites off the NJ/NY coast, and increased ocean protection in this region. However, the hard work is not over.

Unfortunately, the ocean remains threatened by harmful and polluting activities and continues to suffer from significant amounts of pollution. Fossil fuel facilities (including those for oil, gas, and liquefied natural gas or LNG), low dissolved oxygen, sewage leaks, contaminated sediments, the discharge of treated wastewater, and polluted storm runoff from the most densely populated region of the US top the list of threats that must be stopped and addressed.

Under the adage "strength in numbers," Clean Ocean Action's **Participating Organizations** (PO) create and strengthen a collective voice for the improvement and protection of the ocean off New York and New Jersey. As part of the coalition, POs share expertise and interests with a diverse collection of groups and individuals. The coalition becomes stronger with the contributions of time, energy, talent, experience, and other forms of support by each PO.

As a PO, there are many benefits, opportunities, as well as commitments. POs and their memberships are informed of issues and engaged in actions, and has access to the knowledge of full-time staff. In addition, COA's extensive national, regional, state, and local network of media contacts and resource memberships are open to POs. COA offers POs assistance and ways to partner on campaigns to stop sources of ocean pollution.

For more information about joining the coalition as a Participating Organization, contact Kari Martin at 732-872-0111.

CITIZENS RALLY AGAINST BIG OIL & BLAST NY & CT FOR THREATENING THE OCEAN Action Campaign Launched to Stop Offshore LNG Ports

On Earth Day 2008, 75 citizens and representatives of environmental, recreational and commercial fishing, religious, and surfing groups and elected officials rallied on the beach in Sea Bright, NJ, in opposition to the two industrial port facilities for liquefied natural gas (LNG) proposed off the coasts of New Jersey and New York. Wielding surfboards, kayaks, fishing poles, and other gear, citizens were outraged by recent statements by officials from New York and Connecticut who promoted sites off NJ for LNG projects. In April, CT Governor Jodi Rell, CT Attorney Richard Blumenthal, and NY Secretary of State Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez rejected an LNG facility proposed for Long Island Sound, and suggested sites off NJ and the south shore of Long Island as alternative sites.

US Representative Frank Pallone, Jr. (NJ-D-6) sent letters to Rell and Cortés-Vázquez expressing concern for their recent comments. "For two decades, New Jersey has succeeded in cleaning up our beaches by opposing efforts to build facilities like liquefied natural gas terminals off our coasts," said **US Representative Pallone** at the rally.

Indeed, a CT official advocated for ExxonMobil's LNG facility off NJ, saying it would be sited where "there's already a great deal of dumping of garbage." Also attending the rally and press conference were **NJ Assemblyman David Rible (R-11)**, **Monmouth County Freeholder John D'Amico, Jr.**, and **Sea Bright Mayor Maria Fernandes**. **NJ Assemblyman Reed Gusciora (D-15)** released a statement for the rally.

Two letters signed by citizens and organizations at the rally were sent later that day. One letter was sent to CT Governor Rell, expressing outrage to comments made by her and CT Attorney General Blumenthal that promote building LNG facilities off NJ. The second letter was to NY Governor Patterson, which responds to comments by the NY Secretary of State that promote building LNG facilities at two sites off NJ.

TAKE ACTION TO SAVE THE OCEAN

- ✓ **Sign the online petition** to oppose the offshore LNG ports (see link to petition at www.cleanoceanaction.org). Citizens (NJ residents and visitors) of all ages can sign. Help us reach 25,000 signatures!
- ✓ **Urge friends, family, and co-workers** to sign the petition.
- ✓ **Sign-up for "The Wave,"** COA's e-action alert system, to stay active. To sign-up, go to COA's website and click "Email List Signup."
- ✓ **Write a letter to the editor** of your regional and local papers.
- ✓ **Urge organizations and municipalities** to sign and pass resolutions in opposition of the LNG projects (sample resolution on COA's website).

Did you know that LNG is a foreign fossil fuel that we don't need?
 For LNG facts, project details, & actions: www.cleanoceanaction.org.



For more rally photos, go to www.cleanoceanaction.org.

On our website:
[Asbury Park Press editorial opposing the LNG facilities](#)



Scott Thompson of Paddleout.org rallies citizens

COASTAL WATER QUALITY

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Beach Protection Act Moves Forward

On April 16, the Beach Protection Act passed the US House of Representatives. The Bill, sponsored by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ), brings an existing law into the 21st century by introducing water quality tests that provide same-day results. Currently in New Jersey, the public finds out on Wednesday if it was unsafe to swim on Monday and Tuesday. The Bill also provides funds for a coastal water pollution source identification and tracking program.

Now, an even stronger version of the bill is offered by US Senator Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). This bill will require rapid testing methods by a certain date, and require states to implement the methods. COA will keep an eye on the bill, which will hopefully move quickly through the US Senate.

Offshore Drilling Stopped Cold

Rep. John Peterson (R-PA) tried to add an amendment to the Beach Protection Act that would allow offshore oil and gas drilling. After a wave of strong resistance, Peterson retreated with his amendment.

Early Season Fish Kills & Algae Blooms

In April, thousands of dead menhaden or "bunker" were found in Raritan Bay, and the Shrewsbury and Navesink Rivers. NJDEP determined that a bacterial fish disease caused the die-off. Environmental stresses, such as this spring's rapid increase in water temperature, make fish more vulnerable to disease. Algal blooms, favored by warmer waters and excess nutrients from run-off, can also stress fish. The kill followed an early March report of brown water, perhaps algae, off Long Branch. Also, Monmouth County confirmed a late-April brown algae bloom in Raritan Bay, one of the earliest blooms on record. COA urges citizens who observe fish kills or a bloom to call local health officials and the NJDEP 24-hotline, 1-877-WARN DEP.

Bayshore Dredging Plan Draft Released

A working draft of the Bayshore Regional Dredged Material Management Plan (DMMP) is available for its first public review. The document can be found at the Bayshore Regional Watershed Council's website at www.bayshorewatershed.org (click "Current Projects"). Citizens, marina owners and operators, and municipal officials from bayshore towns are invited to review the document and to provide ideas, questions, or concerns in writing, or at the next public forum, to be held on Thursday, July 10, 2008, at Keyport Borough Hall at 7:30pm.

FLOTSAM & JETSAM

Take Action Today to Save New Jersey's Parks



NJ Governor Corzine's proposed budget includes a devastating 15% cut to NJDEP's budget. Due to the proposed cuts, NJDEP announced that nine state parks will close and three others will close sections or reduce hours, including Round Valley, Highpoint, Washington Crossing and Monmouth Battlefield State Parks, and Bryne State Forest. Significant cuts threaten camping, fishing, wildlife-watching, swimming and educational programs for kids throughout the state.

Help save NJ's parks by taking the following actions today:

1. Write your legislators today and tell them that this is not an acceptable way to resolve New Jersey's budget crisis; and
2. Write a brief letter to the editor expressing your concern about these cuts and the impact they will have on your quality of life.

For more information, visit www.NJKeptItGreen.org.

POLLUTION PREVENTION

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Record Breaking Results: 2007 Beach Sweeps

Recently released data from COA's 2007 Beach Sweeps reveal that volunteers removed a record number of pieces of debris per person from New Jersey's beaches, and one of the highest recorded number of total items collected. On average, each of the **4,870** volunteers that participated in the 2007 Spring and Fall Beach Sweeps removed 63 pieces of debris, totalling **304,342** items at 107 sites. Globally, the data from the 2007 International Coastal Cleanup (in which COA participates) indicates that volunteers removed 7.2 million items of marine debris from 76 countries.

The 2007 Beach Sweeps also show a drastic increase in the number of cigarette filters, topping the list of collected items at 38,019 (15,000 more than in 2006).

The "2007 Roster of the Ridiculous," which lists the most unusual items found, include: 3 toilet seats, 3 cell phones, cell phone charger, shopping cart, pregnancy test, 3 bags of pet waste, suitcase, 2 pairs of scissors, tennis racket, paint roller, paint can, 2 pairs of glasses, car keys, police caution tape, baby car seat, car bumper, hair curlers, television set, microwave oven, 3 bouquets of fake flowers, 2 pairs of underwear, 8-track tape, bobble head doll, ice cube tray, and half of a Barbie Doll. See page 4 for highlights from the Spring 2008 Beach Sweeps.

The New Jersey Dirty Dozen for 2007 Beach Sweeps

1. Cigarette Filters - 38,019
2. Plastic Caps & Lids - 33,724
3. Plastic Food, Candy Wrappers/Bags - 30,221
4. Plastic Pieces - 23,159
5. Plastic Straws/Stirrers - 21,787
6. Foam Plastic Pieces - 16,016
7. Plastic Beverage/Soda Bottles - 12,316
8. Plastic Cigar Tips - 6,786
9. Plastic Forks, Knives, Spoons - 5,902
10. Other Plastics - 5,507
11. Paper Pieces - 5,378
12. Plastic Cap Rings - 5,283

SEA SCENES: Suzette O'Brien & Gourmet Picnic



Suzette O'Brien (second from left) of Gourmet Picnic is joined by other Beach Ball supporters (L-R) Marie Jackson of The Flaky Tart, COA's Cindy Zipf, Beach Ball Event Chair Louise Hall, and Doug Douy of Lusty Lobster

engage in activities that improve the quality of life. Her dedication to Clean Ocean Action is extraordinary and we are inspired by her support," said Cindy Zipf, COA Executive Director.

Be sure not to miss Suzette's fantastic creations on May 18 at COA's Beach Ball. Suzette will prepare fingerfoods, including coconut scallops, lobster rolls, beef satay, a grilled vegetable station, an Italian foods table, and much more! (See related story about the Family Beach Ball under "Events.")

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

EVENTS

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Cruisin' for a Clean Ocean

All are invited to ride in the **2nd Annual Beach Cruiser Bike Bash/7K Race**, hosted by **Ted's Shreds**, on Saturday, May 10, at 10am, in Gateway National Recreation Area - Sandy Hook, Parking Lot E. Don't have a beach cruiser? Any style bike will do. Cruisers will receive great handouts and prizes from the many great sponsors including Ted Shred's, Simple Shoes, Katin Surf, Jetty, Goldtinker of Deal, Exkate, and Jersey Shore Apparel. The winner of the race will win a brand new beach cruiser, donated by Peddler of Long Branch! Join the cruisers for an after-party at noon at Ted Shred's, located at 75 Bay Avenue Highlands, NJ. The party will feature live music by Barry and the Penetrators, a contest to see who has the coolest beach cruiser, a skate jam, free food from Surf Taco, JR's, and shaved ice from Shaka Shaved Ice. Kick off the summer cruisin' for a great cause.

"I think the race is a benefit to the community, the local surfers and COA", said **Edward Hennessey, Ted Shred's President**. "We really want to create a positive event that will support COA and get people excited to get up in the morning to do so."

Pre-payment & pre-registration is required. Send a \$10 entry fee to Ted Shred's Original Surf Wax Candle Co. Ltd., PO Box 8535, Red Bank, NJ 07701, or sign up securely online by credit card at www.tedshredsonfire.com.

Celebrate Summer's Arrival with a Ball!



Ocean revelers are invited to kick-off the summer at the **Family Beach Ball for the Ocean** on Saturday, May 18, 3-7pm, at Ship Ahoy Beach Club, Sea Bright, NJ. Guests will dance to the reggae beat of Random Test and enjoy fresh fare by Gourmet Picnic, Lusty Lobster, and Fisherman's Dock Cooperative of Point Pleasant. Party-goers will also enjoy smoothies by Surf Taco Coastal Cuisine, desserts by The Flaky Tart, and a tiki bar by Hunterdon Brewing Co. and the Margarita Man of Monmouth County. Beachside fun is sponsored by Look What I Can Do and Blue Tulip. Other fun includes a "Flip your Lid" beach hat contest for all ages, 50/50 raffle, and chance and silent auctions with unique items, and a professional sand sculptor. Event is rain or shine (under the big top). Admission is \$50 per adult and \$25 per child under 12. Tickets may be purchased online at www.cleanoceanaction.org using MasterCard/Visa. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

COA STAFF NEWS

Welcome Heather, New Principal Scientist

Heather Saffert received her PhD in Oceanography from the University of Rhode Island. She has worked as a marine science consultant and instrument developer, and has participated with Surfrider Foundation - RI Chapter. Her PhD in Oceanography centered on water quality problems and developing a novel, autonomous instrument in cooperation with a small company, SubChem Systems, to measure fecal indicator bacteria levels. Heather also took part in a survey of the Hudson River, studying its plume effect. Additionally, she has education experience as she taught undergraduate classes on ocean systems and global climate change. Heather grew-up in the Mid-west, but was lured to the sea by working with the consulting firm SAIC. Heather has a broad background and good detective skills and is an excellent addition to the crew. Welcome!

