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June 2017 E-Newsletter

### From the Baykeeper

With the crazy weather over the last few months I finally know it is summer because our boats are getting in the water! We are offering free kayaking again this year in Keyport, plus expanding to Keansburg. Our pumpout boats are operating and our wooden patrol boat is taking her first dips in the water. As many of you know, the Captain John is no longer operating in Keyport, so we are exploring some other options to provide an eco-cruise experience. Lots of different ways to get out on the water and we work hard to make sure you have clean water to do it all in!

Debbie Mans  
NY/NJ Baykeeper

### Upcoming Events

### Join us at our 6th Annual Oyster Hour Benefit!

[Click here](#) for more information and tickets. Hope to see you there!

NY/NJ Baykeeper's  
6th Annual Oyster Hour Benefit

June 20, 2017 6:30pm

Oysters, Wine, hearty hors d'oeuvres  
and Jazz

Pier A Harbor House  
22 Battery Place, NYC

\$150/non member \$125/member

Art by Marafinna Coleman

### Free Kayaking Starts Thursday!

We'll be hosting [free kayaking](#) in Keyport June 8, 15, and 27 and in Keansburg on August 2, 16, and 30! [Click here](#) for more details and to register for our guided tours! No registration is necessary for the free tours.

**Sustainable Raritan  
Conference and  
Awards Ceremony**

June 9, 2017

New Brunswick, NJ

[Click here](#) for details.

**Seine the Bay**

June 11, 2017

[Click here](#) for times and  
locations.

**Green Infrastructure  
Training Program**

June 15, 2017

Newark, NJ

Hosted by PVSC and  
Rutgers Cooperative  
Extension Water  
Resources Program

[Register here.](#)

**City Place Grand Re-  
opening Celebration to  
Benefit NY/NJ  
Baykeeper**

June 16-17

Edgewater, NJ

[Click here](#) for details.

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June 20, 2017

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Pier A Harbor House,  
NYC

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**Middlesex County  
Open House and  
Garden Field Day**

July 22, 2017

42 Riva Ave. North  
Brunswick, NJ

**2017 Summer Kayak  
Schedule**

[Click here](#) for details and  
registration!



**NY/NJ Baykeeper and RCE Water Resources Program Receive  
Conservation Achievement Award**



*(Left to right: Fran Dunwell, NYCDEC, Jeremiah Bergstrom, RCE Water Resources Program, Debbie Mans, NY/NJ Baykeeper, Rosana DaSilva, RCE Water Resources Program, and Rob Pirani, NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program)*

NY/NJ Baykeeper and the Rutgers Cooperative Extension Water Resources Program were awarded a Conservation Achievement Award by

**The Results are in!  
Bayshore Water  
Quality Data Connects  
Bacteria with Rainfall**

We tested 9 locations along Raritan Bay for pathogen indicators last summer. [Check out our final report here](#) and avoid contact with waterways at least 72 hours after rainfall.

**Stay Involved with  
Facebook Messenger!**

[Facebook message](#) us the word "PLASTIC" to receive updates and how YOU can prevent and reduce plastics from entering your local waterways.

**Pumpout Boats are  
Ready to Service you!**

Help us reduce water pollution by scheduling a free pumpout for your recreational boat! [Click here](#) to learn how.

**Welcome to our  
summer intern, Paul  
Benya!**

Paul is studying Ecosystem Policy and Science at the University of Miami and previously interned with the Natural Resource Defense Council.

**[Become a Member  
Today!](#)**

**In the News**

**[NJ Schools Make Efforts](#)**

the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary Program for the establishment of municipal action teams in seven New Jersey combined sewer system (CSS) communities to foster community engagement and advocate for green infrastructure implementation. [Click here](#) to learn more about Combined Sewer Overflows and how you can help!

**June 12th - Bronx River Oyster Reef Monitoring**



Volunteer at our Bronx River oyster reef this season! You'll have the opportunity to don waders and check out oyster biology up close! Volunteers help us by measuring our oysters for growth, survivorship, and biodiversity. We'll be checking up on the oysters a few days a month, including weekends, mornings, and afternoons. Join us at an upcoming volunteer date at Soundview Park June 12, 14, 24, 26, or 28! To add your name to the volunteer list, email [allison@nynibaykeeper.org](mailto:allison@nynibaykeeper.org) or [click here](#) to register.

**Team Oyster is Back in Action!**

Team Oyster is kicking off the 2017 field season! Our setting tanks are loaded with oyster castles and ready to receive hundreds of thousands of baby oysters. Once the oysters are attached and have grown a bit, the castles will be moved out to the 0.91 acre Living Shoreline project area at NWS Earle. This summer we will be adding an additional 400 oyster castles with oysters attached to the Living Shoreline started in summer 2016. Based on initial data from 2016's installment, we anticipate continued placement of oyster castles at this location will increase sedimentation on the shore ward side of the project site, will dampen the energy of waves approaching the coastline, and reduce erosion of the intertidal marsh adjacent to Ware Creek.

Research at this site also shows structures seeded with oysters increase species diversity by contributing 3 dimensional habitat to the mudflat.

NY/NJ Baykeeper and partners Rutgers CUES and NJCU will continue the research started last year using sediment traps, settlement plates, and fish traps to monitor sediment deposition, epi faunal and benthic communities, and fish and invertebrate species. We can't wait to get out on the oyster skiff and get our divers in the water!

**Staff Picks! Michele's Top 5 Spots to Kayak in NJ**

[to Ban Styrofoam Food Containers](#)

[Christie's Backward Thinking: We Must Stop the Trump Budget](#)

[Glen Ridge CCC Gives Its Endorsements](#)

[Advocates Unhappy with Edgewater Superfund Site Cleanup](#)

[Abandoned Boat in the Shrewsbury River](#)

[NY/NJ Baykeeper and Partners Release NJ Bayshore Water Quality Data](#)

[Keansburg - The Best Kept Secret](#)

[Group Celebrates Liberty State Park at Annual Luncheon](#)

New Jersey has no shortage of waterways available for our enjoyment, from lakes and rivers to bays and the ocean. Now that the sun is shining warmly, we've got some tips on where to make the most of your summer on New Jersey's waters. For details about each location, [click here.](#)

1. Horse Shoe Cove (Monmouth Hills, NJ)
2. Liberty State Park (Jersey City, NJ)
3. Hopatcong Lake State Park (Landing, NJ)
4. Elsinboro Point (Salem, NJ)
5. River Barge (Carlstadt, NJ)

For more great places to paddle in NJ and around the country, check out Paddling.com's interactive locations [map here.](#)

Protecting, preserving, and restoring the NY/NJ Harbor Estuary since 1989.

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