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CLEAN OCEAN ADVOCATE  
June 2019

Celebrate the Navesink and Shrewsbury Rivers on World Ocean's Day, Saturday June 8 at the *Rally for the Rivers Eco-Fest* in Victory Park! Visit [CleanOceanAction.org](http://CleanOceanAction.org) for more info.



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## Mark Your Calendars

**Rally for the Rivers Eco-Fest**  
Saturday, June 8, 9am - 12:30pm  
Victory Park, Rumson, NJ

**Summer Yoga Series**  
**Rally for the Navesink**  
2nd Sunday of the month, June - September  
Asbury Park Yacht Club, 8:30am to 9:30am

**Surf BBQ Fundraiser for**  
**Rally for the Navesink**  
Every Thursday in July  
132 E River Road, Rumson, NJ

**COA Open Surf Contest**  
Sunday, September 29  
Seven Presidents Oceanfront Park  
Long Branch, NJ

**Fall Beach Sweeps**  
Saturday, October 26  
60 NJ Locations

**COA's Annual Celebration of the Sea**  
Friday, November 1  
Windows on the Water  
Sea Bright, NJ

## Tributes

Photo courtesy of Joe Reynolds

### In Memory of:

Peter Cauterucci  
Joe Galacki  
Theodore Josberger  
Dolores & Samuel Karinja  
Charlotte & Tony Mantlick  
Al McNamara

### In Memory of:

Pat Murray  
Carol Anne Ross  
Kathryn T. Warner  
Gregory S. Weber  
Paul Cox Wilberscheid

### In Honor of:

Sarah Ferreira's Success in College  
Stassa Morgan-Shank's 16th Birthday

CHEERS to **35** YEARS  
of Ocean Advocacy!



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June 2019

Defending the Sea Since 1984



Clean Ocean Action's (COA) Monthly Newsletter

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## Comments Submitted Urging the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to Deny All Permits for the Northeast Supply Enhancement Project

On May 2, the comment period for the pending permits before the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) closed. COA and a coalition of environmental organizations rallied together outside the NJDEP office in Trenton to express our strong opposition to this attack on the Raritan Bay. Following the rally COA delivered over 10,000 comments in opposition to the department.



COA submitted formal comments opposing the project, citing the legal authority the NJDEP has over the project and the various standards the proposal would violate which were created

to protect our natural environment, communities, and wildlife. A copy of our comments can be found on COA's homepage. The NJDEP must make a final decision on the water quality certifications by June 20.



## New York Rejects the NESE Pipeline but Left the Door Open – Williams Reapplied

On Wednesday May 15, the New York Department of Environmental Conservation denied an important water quality permit for the controversial Williams Northeast Supply Enhancement Project. Citing the environmental impacts from the project, such as the resuspension of toxic chemicals including copper and mercury, the harm to shellfish populations and other important aquatic species, as well as the climate impact, the NYDEC denied the necessary permit for the 23.4 miles offshore pipeline. While this was an important victory, it is not the end of this project. The denial was made "without prejudice", allowing the company to reapply for the permit.

Williams indicated that they view the denial as a "minor technical issue with [the] application" and on May 17, less than 48 hours after the denial, Williams reapplied. Thus, it is clear that the bay, marine life, and the coastal communities of the Bayshore will not be safe as long as the company can reapply.



COA organized meeting with Gov. Murphy staff about NESE in Trenton on May 23. Pictured here from left to right: Peter Blair (COA Policy Attorney), Don Adler (Citizen from Leonardo), Junior Romero (Regional Organizer for Food and Water Watch), Cindy Zipf (COA Executive Director), Kin Gee (Co-President of Residents Against Giant Electric), Yaseen Zaky (Student at the Marine Academy of Science and Technology), and Michele Langa (Staff Attorney with NY/NJ Baykeeper).



After years of careful planning and a long search, COA has finally found a new location that will accommodate the challenges of the future and serve as a beacon for ocean advocacy and education. Rest assured that COA will be maintaining a presence at Sandy Hook. Stay tuned for exciting updates coming soon!



# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

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## Over 1,000 Runners Brave Nor'easter for Mother Ocean on Mother's Day

The weather on Mother's Day was far from the sunshine and warmth that most people hope for as the wind blew at gusts over 40 mph and rain fell in intervals from dawn 'til dusk. That didn't stop over 1,000 of the 2,000 registered runners from showing up and competing in the Run the Hook 5K/10K. Registration for Run the Hook, now in its 4th year, reached an all-time high in 2019, selling out at 2,000 registered participants. COA is so grateful to the race's coordinator, Joey Garofalo, not only for generously donating the proceeds from registration



Waves of thanks to man behind it all, Joey Garofalo (pictured on the left)!



Wet and cold but still all smiles from some of our volunteers

to COA but for his efforts in keeping the race free of single-use plastics and reducing the overall waste created by the event. Joey is a devoted defender of the ocean and we are so inspired by his commitment to the environment and the community.

## Join April Puciata & COA for the Summer Yoga Series at APYC!

COA is thrilled to announce the kickoff Summer Yoga Series fundraiser. The Summer Series will comprise of four yoga classes held on the second Sunday of each month from June through September. The classes will be led by COA's dear supporter and local instructor, April Puciata, in addition to other local instructors who will co-teach the classes with April. All Summer Yoga Series classes will be held at the Asbury Park Yacht Club in Asbury Park, a beautiful space that overlooks the ocean, from 8:30am to 9:30am! All proceeds will go toward COA's vital water quality programs that works to ensure beautiful and safe beaches for all beach goers, especially yogis, to enjoy! Tickets can be reserved at [www.SummerYogaWithApril.eventbrite.com](http://www.SummerYogaWithApril.eventbrite.com).



Summer Yoga Series classes will be held at the Asbury Park Yacht Club in Asbury Park, from 8:30am to 9:30am the 2nd Sunday of each month.

## Come to Surf BBQ Every Thursday in July to Help Raise Funds for Rally for the Navesink!

Surf BBQ is teaming-up with COA to help support the Rally for the Navesink program. Every Thursday in July, Surf BBQ will be donating a portion of sales from local beer, seafood, produce and more to Clean Ocean Action. COA is incredibly grateful to Surf BBQ owner, Bobby Rallo, for taking the initiative and using his business to further the progress being made by COA in the Navesink River.

If you or someone you know owns a local business and would like to help support COA this summer, please contact [SMunson@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:SMunson@cleanoceanaction.org)



# SCIENCE

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## Monitoring Debris on the Delaware



Hightstown HS students uncover a chair at the Lambertson Beach Sweep site on the Delaware River

the amount of debris, including single-use plastics decreased. However, more unattended debris was discovered at a new, third location.

Some key stats on what debris were removed: 175 Food/candy wrappers/bags; 157 Beverages/soda bottles; 109 Plastic pieces; 102 Cap/lids; 50 Straws/stirrers

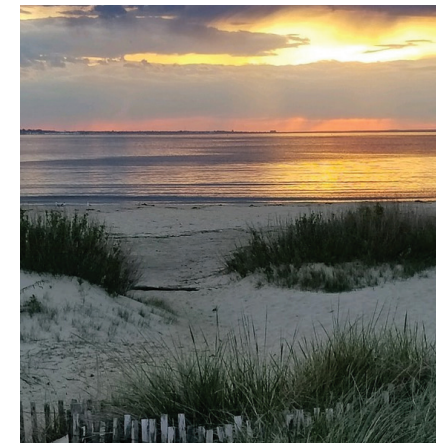
Clean Ocean Action has been coordinating a source track down and litter assessment and removal study in select locations in the tidally-impacted Delaware River from Trenton to West Deptford, NJ since 2016.

COA is collaborating with a small group of High School students from Hightstown high school and citizen volunteers to conduct litter assessment and removal annually at the Lambertson Road Site in Trenton, NJ. This spring COA is focused on determining how much debris accumulates at this site by conducting routine periodic clean ups, such as the one held in April six weeks prior to the May 18 cleanup. Since April

## Stay Up-to-Date on Coastal Beach Conditions this Summer!

In New Jersey, beach season officially begins Memorial Day Weekend! Each year, New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection's (NJDEP) Cooperative Coastal Monitoring Program (CCMP) administers a weekly monitoring on the bacteria water quality of 180 ocean and 35 bay monitoring stations in NJ through mid-September. The tests analyze water samples for the presence of an indicator bacteria known as Enterococci, which occurs in animal and human feces.

Throughout summer, NJDEP's beach monitoring reports are published weekly on [njbeaches.org](http://njbeaches.org). In addition, COA will provide weekly social media updates on conditions for 215 lifeguarded, public beaches along the coast of New Jersey from Highlands to Cape May. Stay tuned for updates.



On May 8, over 60 citizens attended a Seaside Park Environmental Advisory Committee meeting (SPEAC) where COA's Executive Director Cindy Zipf presented on the plastic plague in the marine environment and solutions. Thanks to SPEAC, each attendee took home a reusable shopping bag that included an assortment of stainless steel straws, reusable grocery bags, reusable produce bags, bamboo cutlery to replace plastic, paper lawn bags, reusable sandwich bags and a bamboo tooth brush as a statement to plastic free living.



Waves of thanks to AAUW Northern Monmouth County Branch for honoring COA's Executive Director, Cindy Zipf with the Woman of Achievement Award at their Sixth Annual Scholarship Luncheon on May 2, 2019 at the Rumson Country Club!



# OUTREACH & EDUCATION

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## Enviro Groups Join Hands in Bradley Beach in Protest Against Offshore Drilling

On Saturday, May 18, over 50 residents, elected officials and environmental groups joined hands in Bradley Beach in opposition to offshore drilling and seismic testing. They locked hands to stand up against President Trump's offshore drilling plan that would open 90% of America's coastal waters to offshore oil and gas drilling. This was one of hundreds of synchronized events globally to raise awareness about the dangers of dirty fuels and the need to speed the transition to green energy solutions. New Jersey's coastal tourism industry supports nearly 500,000 jobs and \$44.1 billion dollars annually. An oil spill in the Atlantic would kill and harm marine life and devastate the clean ocean economy.



## 50+ NJ Towns Applauded for Addressing Plastic Pollution

On Tuesday, May 7 environmentalists, elected officials, and citizens gathered to celebrate the 50+ New Jersey towns that have passed ordinances to ban certain single-use plastic items such as straws, bags, polystyrene and balloons. While the benefits are many, the wasteful use of plastics, particularly for single-use items, has become a plague and is an ecosystem crisis. These products never completely go away – they can last for generations long after their single use. These 50+ towns have taken the first strides in the fight against plastic pollution. COA urges more municipalities to take action to reduce plastics and litter for a better future for our wildlife, communities and waterways.



Assemblyman Eric Houghtaling speaking at the press conference in Asbury Park



COA and Canyon Pass Provisions were at The Grove in Shrewsbury on May 18 for The Life of the Two Rivers event hosted by Metrovation where shoppers enjoyed river fun and education, seasonal eats and recreation as well as the opportunity to purchase Canyon Pass and COA branded Hydroflask water bottles generously provided by Canyon Pass! They are available at 733 River Road in Fair Haven for \$45.



On May 18 & 19 children ocean advocates enjoyed making litter bugs from bottle caps collected at COA's Beach Sweeps and guessing the number of straws collected to win a reusable stainless straw at the Ocean Fun Days event on Sandy Hook hosted by Sea Grant Consortium!