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Oil Drilling in the Atlantic  
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### March 2015 Highlights

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### Save the Date:

**March 16th** - Port Ambrose Comments Due  
**Week of March 16th** - NJ Public Open House on Oil Drilling in Atlantic (time and location TBD)

**March 27-29th** - Jersey Paddler's Paddlesport Expo & Reel Film Fest benefiting COA (Volunteers needed)

**March 22nd** - World Water Day

**March 29th** - Earth Month Kick Off

**April 22nd** - Earth Day

**April 25th** - Beach Sweeps

### TRIBUTES



#### *In Honor of*

Edward Saltzman, Defined Health

#### *In Memory of*

Barbara & Dery Bennett  
Patricia Cahill  
Samuel Karinja  
Joan McDonald  
James Ochs  
Catherine Nan Summers  
Frances Woods

### Ocean Blasting Off NJ This Summer:

The Rutgers-led study proposed last year is back, and the National Science Foundation heard strong opposition from many organizations as well as the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. Once again, fishing, marine life, and ocean defenders opposed the harmful seismic testing proposed from June-August. To review the threats to marine life, see comments submitted by COA and The Center for Biological Diversity. Go to CleanOceanAction.org.

- Organizations supporting these comments include:
- ~Center for Biological Diversity
  - ~Jersey Coast Anglers Association
  - ~Fishermen's Dock Cooperative
  - ~New Jersey Outdoor Alliance
  - ~Greater Point Pleasant Charter Boat Association
  - ~Reef Rescue
  - ~ Barnegat Light, NJ
  - ~Anglers Conservation Network
  - ~ United Boatmen of New Jersey
  - ~ Viking Village
  - ~Beach Buggy Association of New Jersey
  - ~ Save Barnegat Bay
  - ~Hands Across the Sand
  - ~ The Ocean Foundation

## Keeping Our Ocean Industry Free

### Drilling in the Atlantic Ocean—Just say No!!

For decades the threat of oil and gas drilling in the Atlantic Ocean has loomed. Last year, the threat became more real as President Obama announced harmful testing that could start at any time to look for oil. Now, this January, President Obama officially proposed areas off Virginia and south to Florida for drilling in 2017-2022. In this post- BP oil spill world, opening ocean realms that depend on a clean ocean economy to oil and gas development is reckless and unacceptable. As Capt. Jimmy Lovgren says, "they want to turn our ocean into the Gulf of Mexico."

Though New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland's coasts have been spared from actual drilling this time around, it will not protect us from harm. First, large scale seismic testing to locate oil will affect marine life throughout the Atlantic. Then, once oil drilling begins Long Island and Jersey shores will be at great risk as pollution or spills will flow north due to the Gulf Stream. This would be devastating to our clean ocean economy, marine life, and coastal habitats.

### What can you do? Let your voice be heard! Take action by:

- 1) Submitting comments on record at <http://boemoceaninfo.com/getinvolved/comments/>
- 2) Attend the open house. Thanks to US Senators Robert Menendez and Cory Booker, and US Representative Frank Pallone, the Obama Administration has agreed to hold a public open house in New Jersey. It is not a formal hearing, but you can ask questions and submit comments there. COA will also organize a forum to ensure your voice is heard. The date and location have not yet been set, but will be the week of March 16th.

Please stay tuned to our Facebook page, Twitter, and email action alerts for more information.

## Science and Education

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### Port Ambrose

#### There's Still Time to Comment!

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is up for review. Please voice your opposition on the Federal Docket by submitting comments until March 16. You can find information on ways to submit comments on COA's homepage or to comment directly to the docket, go to <http://tinyurl.com/LNGcomment>.

Urge your towns to pass resolutions opposing Port Ambrose. Towns and citizens should continue to urge Governors Christie and Cuomo to veto Port Ambrose.

Let's work together to make sure we sink this proposal once and for all!

For more information about how you, your town, or your organization can get involved in the fight, please contact Catie at [education@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:education@cleanoceanaction.org).

A special thanks to the following towns who recently expressed their opposition by passing an LNG resolution:

#### Local Municipalities:

- City of Asbury Park, NJ
- Township of Neptune, NJ
- Borough of Seaside Park, NJ
- City of Long Beach, NY
- Borough of Keyport, NJ
- Borough of Rumson, NJ
- Borough of Spring Lake Heights, NJ



### 30th Annual Beach Sweeps

It's been a long winter, but springtime is almost here!

In addition to the warmer weather associated with the season, the spring also ushers us into Earth Month and Clean Ocean Action's Beach Sweeps. Clean Ocean Action (COA) cordially invites you to participate in our 30th Annual Spring Beach Sweeps, on Saturday, April 25, 2015, from 9:00am to 12:30pm.

This year marks a special milestone for the Beach Sweeps program as we celebrate the 30th Anniversary of the first Beach Sweep. The Beach Sweeps program originated in 1985 with 72 volunteers at one location, Sandy Hook.

**Registration is now open!** Sign up today at a beach near you.

### Want to Make Twice the impact?

Support the Beach Sweeps through Crowdrise! This easy to use website can help you and your team fundraise for the chance to win a prize from Clean Ocean Action! Starting from now until the fall Beach Sweep, raise money to support the clean up and encourage your friends to join your team!

For more information visit [www.crowdrise.com/BeachSweeps](http://www.crowdrise.com/BeachSweeps)

To sponsor a beach with your family, friends, or workplace please call Tory at 732-872-0111 or [events@cleanoceanaction.org](mailto:events@cleanoceanaction.org). This is a great way to show your support for clean beaches and to help COA provide the supplies needed at each location.



### Waterways Lead to the Same Ocean

With the help of a longtime COA volunteer, Jim Rokosny, COA is excited to announce a new partnership with the Raritan Headwaters Association (RHA) for Raritan River Week. Just as the Raritan River connects towns and communities, Raritan River Week is being established to show unity in the efforts of organizations and towns "From the Headwaters to the Ocean," and to create a brand in the public and focus attention on the river.

The week will kick off with a RHA's cleanup along the Raritan River on April 18th and end with COA's 30th Annual Beach Sweeps. Not only will this event highlight the importance of cleanups, but it will also showcase the Blue Star Program within the towns surrounding the Raritan River. With Jim at the helm of this endeavor, the goal is to get 13 of 39 municipalities to sign a Blue Star Intent Form and work toward certification.

For more information about the Beach Sweeps and Blue Star programs, please contact Catie. We are always looking to expand the Beach Sweep program – if you have a site that you think is in need of a cleanup, please contact Catie and she will help to send volunteers your way!



## Events

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### Aveda Earth Month

Since 2007, Aveda Corporation's Earth Month campaign has partnered with COA. This exciting month full of events kicks off nationwide on March 29th!

Participating Aveda Salon's, Spas, Experience Centers, and Schools help to raise awareness for clean water for all. The company is a leader in environmental and sustainable practices and believes in the mission of protecting clean water. In fact, they have helped implement access to clean water globally while protecting the natural resources.

During Earth Month, the partners will host cut-a-thons, "Walks for Water," beach and park clean ups, raffles, in-store educational events, and more to help raise funds for their mission. To learn more about Aveda's Earth Month or to find a location near you, please visit [www.aveda.com](http://www.aveda.com)!



### Cheers to Cleaner Oceans!

This past February the Asbury Park Boardwalk hosted their 4th annual Beerfest at the Convention Hall. It was a sold out event with over 40 beer vendors and three different sessions.

Clean Ocean Action was honored to have been a beneficiary from the event and would like to thank all who supported the event. At the Beerfest, COA had an information table and a game for donations. The event helped raise over \$200 in addition to a portion of the event proceeds, over 150 signatures in opposition to LNG, and awareness for the organization. Thank you to the volunteers who helped make this event so successful!

This event kicked off our season of festivals and table opportunities! In the upcoming months, there will be countless events, volunteer opportunities, educational presentations and more! Want to volunteer for an event and educate members of your community of ocean issues?

Sign up online at [www.cleanoceanaction.org](http://www.cleanoceanaction.org)!

