



## New York - New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program [www.harborestuary.org](http://www.harborestuary.org)

The NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program is sponsoring several exciting upcoming events. We also wanted to let you know and remind you of a number of opportunities. Mark these on your calendars and please help us spread the word to those who may be interested!

### Quick Links

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### LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR CITIZEN SCIENCE WATER QUALITY MONITORING WORKSHOP!

Register now to join us on September 18

There's only a few spots left, so [RSVP](#) now to reserve a seat! We will close registration by close of business on Monday 16, or when we reach capacity.

**When:** September 18, 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**What:** Learn about water quality and how to get involved in testing your waters.

**Where:** Pier 40, Hudson River Park (W Houston at the Hudson River)

HEP and its Citizens Advisory Committee invite you to come and learn about pollution issues still affecting our waters, solutions, how the states are testing the waters, and how you can test the waters in your neighborhood. There will be a **live demonstration** of water sampling and testing by The River Project.



Nina Zain shows volunteers how to collect water samples to test for pathogen indicators.

The **workshop is free** and lunch will be provided, but **space is limited**

to 100 participants, so [please RSVP](#) to secure a spot.

For more information about the workshop and to peruse a list of water quality resources, visit [www.harboestuary.org/citizenscience.htm](http://www.harborestuary.org/citizenscience.htm). The page is a work in progress, so please send any suggestions to improve this resource to [gabriela@harboestuary.org](mailto:gabriela@harboestuary.org).

**THANK YOU** to all the people that have made this workshop possible, including many Citizens Advisory Committee members, HEP partners, and friends that have helped plan the event and secure a variety of resources. A special thank you to the Hudson River Park Trust for providing space for the workshop.

### TOAST THE COAST! ENTER OUR PHOTO CONTEST!



Gabriela, Bob, and Kate (left to right) celebrating the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary (and Kate's birthday!) at Nelson A Rockefeller Park.

### Make a Toast for our Estuary and win a Tote Bag!

September 23-29 is [National Estuaries Week](#). To celebrate, we are launching a photo contest, together with our 27 sister Estuary Programs in the U.S. Send us your pictures for a chance to win a cool NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary tote bag! We will announce the winner on September 27 and feature the picture on our website.

It's easy:

- Take a picture of you and your friends/family making a toast for our Estuary (reusable mugs or other ecologically-friendly options are encouraged, and no alcohol necessary!)
- Email your picture to [gabriela@harboestuary.org](mailto:gabriela@harboestuary.org) by **September 23**. Please indicate where the picture was taken along with any other comment or description you'd like to add.
- Make sure the Estuary is in the picture and be creative.
- We will post the pictures on our [facebook page](#). The picture to get the most "likes" by September 27 will be the winner.
- Share with all your friends to raise awareness of the great

treasure that is our Estuary.



Looking forward to your pics!

**October 19 Hooked on our Waters: A participatory forum exploring how we connect to our waters for food, recreation and education**

**Registration is now Open - Reserve your Spot!**

Save the date for this free day-long event Saturday October 19, 2013 at CUNY Graduate Center, 365 Fifth Avenue, Manhattan. Seating is limited and lunch will be provided; please [register to secure a space](#).

Hooked on our Waters will bring together the public, non-profits and government agencies to discuss and learn about how we all use the natural water resources around us. Topics include making healthy choices about eating fish you catch and eating fish you buy, restoring NYC water ecology, connecting to the water and creating water stewards.



This event is co-sponsored by Hudson River Fish Advisory Outreach and the NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program.

[More info...](#)

**NY-NJ HARBOR ESTUARY HABITAT CONFERENCE COMING UP!**

**Save the Date: October 28**  
HEP and its Restoration Work Group will be hosting the Habitat Conference at the U.S. Customs House. Come and learn about the state of natural habitats and current and planned efforts to preserve and restore habitats and the wildlife they support.

Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for upcoming details!



**REMINDER: HEP GRANTS DEADLINE IS SEPTEMBER 12**

The New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP), in partnership with the New England Interstate Water Pollution Control

Commission (NEIWPCC), is requesting proposals for:

- **Citizen Science Monitoring for Pathogen Indicators:** now accepting applications from environmental and/or community organizations to monitor for pathogen indicators and other water quality parameters in tributaries to the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary.
- **A Standard Protocol for Assessing the Habitat Quality of Ecologically Enhanced Urban Shorelines:** Accepting proposals to develop and pilot a standard protocol to assess the habitat quality associated with ecologically enhanced shoreline stabilization techniques in the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary.

Additional information can be found in the requests for proposals at <http://www.neiwpc.org/contractors/opportunities.asp>. **Proposals for both opportunities are due by 5:00 PM September 12, 2013.**

### Funding available for community-based marine debris removal through NOAA - deadline November 1

For those looking to fund removal of debris that is currently impacting habitat quality, there is a new opportunity for funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Awards generally include on the ground habitat restoration components involving the removal of marine debris, including derelict fishing gear. Projects also provide benefits to coastal communities and create long term ecological habitat improvements. Read more:

<http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/funding/marinedebris.html>

### Hurricane Sandy coastal Resiliency funding

#### National Fish and Wildlife Foundation to release RFP

In August of this year, the Department of the Interior announced that the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation will be administering the Hurricane Sandy Coastal Resiliency Competitive Grant Program to help restore key habitats and bolster natural systems. A request for proposals has not been released yet but is expected in September of this year. For more information, [click here.](#)



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