



# New Jersey Clean Marina Program

## Newsletter

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### Save the Date: Clean Marina Roundtable May 1, 2014

The New Jersey Clean Marina Program (NJCMP) has arranged a review session to help you complete the New Jersey Clean Marina Checklist, a necessary step to become a recognized Clean Marina. These roundtables will be hosted by NJCMP partners; the NJDEP Coastal Management Office, New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium, Barnegat Bay Partnership and Ocean County Community College.

The roundtable will take place in a group session, but NJCMP staff will offer individual attention to help you complete the self-assessment checklist. They can also help you identify where you can implement additional BMPs to meet that 80% objective.

Seating is limited, so register now by filling out the registration form by clicking [here](#). If you have any questions, contact Mike Danko at 732.872.1300 ext. 29 or [mdanko@njseagrant.org](mailto:mdanko@njseagrant.org).

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### Clean Marina Flags/Burgees

Attention Designated Clean Marinas: If you are in need of new Clean Marina flags (2'x3') or Burgees (pennant style) for the 2014 boating season please contact Mike Danko at [mdanko@njseagrant.org](mailto:mdanko@njseagrant.org) or 732.872.1300 ext. 29 and provide the number of each item that you are requesting.



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## Coastal Management Program Gathers Data on the Use of Marine Waters

New Jersey's Department of Environmental Protection Coastal Management Program, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Ocean (MARCO, [www.midatlanticocean.org](http://www.midatlanticocean.org)), is working with Rutgers University in initiating an ocean and bay planning effort to collect and make available information on the many ways in which our marine waters are used (e.g., fishing, shipping, sand mining, wildlife habitat). This spatial information -- being developed for the MARCO region (NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA) -- will help planners to reduce use conflicts in our coastal and ocean waters, maximize efficiency, and enhance environmental and economic productivity. The effort was kicked off by inviting stakeholders to attend one full day meeting (of two offered) to discuss and share their knowledge of ocean recreational uses, such as charter fishing, kayaking, boating, and surfing, wildlife viewing and hunting. Workshops were held on November 14, 2013 at Atlantic Cape Community College, Mays Landing, NJ, and November 20, 2013 at Monmouth University, West Long Branch, NJ and were attended by approximately 50 individuals representing diverse recreational uses. Once the information collected at the meetings is processed and verified with the participants, it will be maintained on, and available from, the MARCO Ocean Portal ([www.portal.midatlanticocean.org](http://www.portal.midatlanticocean.org)), an online toolkit and resource center that consolidates available data and enables state, federal and local users to visualize and analyze ocean resources and human use information such as fishing grounds, recreational areas, shipping lanes, habitat areas, and energy sites, among others.

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## 2014 Fish Regulation Cards and Posters

2014 Marine Fish Regulation Cards and Posters will be available by mid-May. If you have received the cards and posters in the past they will automatically be mailed to you. To receive copies of the regulation cards or posters, please contact Mike Danko at [mdanko@njseagrant.org](mailto:mdanko@njseagrant.org) or 732.872.1300 ext. 29 with the quantity of each item and address where they can be mailed to.

SPECIES	OPEN SEASON	MINIMUM LENGTH	HARVEST & POSSESSION LIMIT
American Eel	No Closed Season	8"	50
Black Drum*	No Closed Season	16"	3
Black Sea Bass*	<a href="http://sea.regulations.state.nj.gov/current/regulations">See regulations website for current regulations</a>	12.5" exc. tail filaments	25
Blue Crab - Peeler or Shedder	Crab Pot/Trot line Seasons:	3"	Recreational limit -
Soft	Delaware Bay & Tributaries:	3 1/2 "	One Bushel
Hard	Apr. 6-Dec. 4	4 1/2 "	
Bluefish	All other waters: Mar. 15-Nov. 30		
Coel	No Closed Season	No minimum	15
King Mackerel	No Closed Season	21"	No Limit
Pollock	No Closed Season	23"	5
Porgy (Scup)	No Closed Season	19"	No Limit
Red Drum	Jan. 1-Feb. 28 & July 1-Dec. 31	9"	50
River Herring	No Closed Season	18" but not greater than 27"	1
	Closed	NA	0

\*For more information on what catch is safe to eat, visit: [njseaandwater.org](http://njseaandwater.org)

\*Fish are measured from tip of snout to tip of tail (except Black Sea Bass and Shark). No species of fish with a minimum size limit listed above may be frozen or canned at sea.

**Remember to register before fishing. IT'S FREE! [SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov](http://SaltwaterRegistry.nj.gov)**

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## NJ Clean Marina Logo Guidelines

The New Jersey Clean Marina Program encourages designated Clean Marinas to use the NJ Clean Marina logo on brochures, web pages, flyers, letterhead, etc. Guidelines for use of the New Jersey Clean Marina logo, along with various formats of the logo, have been posted on [nj.gov/dep/njcleanmarina/logouse.htm](http://nj.gov/dep/njcleanmarina/logouse.htm).

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## Barnegat Inlet Safety Zone – Update provided by the USCG Sector Delaware Bay

Keep in mind that implementation of the safety zone will depend on how much shoaling remains in Barnegat Inlet during the North Jetty repair project. Through the end of March the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) government dredge MURDEN is working to remove the shoal in the inlet. Depending on how much shoal is removed, the safety zone may not be necessary at all.

The USACE has contracted Agate Construction to repair the Barnegat Inlet North Jetty that was damaged by Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. These repairs will be starting on or about April 14, 2014 and could continue through November 2014. In order to maintain the safety of the boating public and the Agate Construction workers a safety zone will be established that encompasses the entire Barnegat Inlet.

Within the Safety Zone, no swimming, diving, fishing, mooring, nor anchoring are permitted. Vessels may only transit the zone one vessel at a time at minimum speed necessary to maintain steerage. In other words, passing and overtaking other transiting vessels within the inlet is NOT permitted when the safety zone is in effect. Mariners wanting to transit the safety zone with more than one vessel at a time must contact the Sector Delaware Bay Command Center 36 hours prior to the intended transit time at (215) 271-4807.



Vessels needing to contact the on-scene tug can contact them on VHF Channel 16. Vessels should monitor VHF channel 16 for updated information on the operation. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this bulletin, please contact the Waterways Management staff at (215) 271-4814 or the Situation Unit Controller at (215) 271-4807.

U.S.C.G. Station Barnegat Light  
(609) 494-2661

U.S.C.G. Sector Delaware Bay 24hr  
(215) 271-4807

Agate Construction Main Office  
(609) 624-9090

Local Notice to Mariners  
[www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict&region=5](http://www.navcen.uscg.gov/?pageName=lnmDistrict&region=5)

Federal Register Notice  
[www.federalregister.gov/](http://www.federalregister.gov/)

We will release a Broadcast notice to mariners on VHF marine radio and publish an update in the Local Notices to Mariners when the safety zone actually starts. Updates throughout the duration of the project will be by VHF radio and Local Notices to mariners.

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