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Skipper's Log... The start of our 18th Season

Welcome back ladies and gents to the start of Operation Splash's 18th year of cleaning our waters. Continuing with tradition we will look back at some of last year's stories and successes. Some of you may remember all the problems we had just getting any of our boats in the water. Our Freeport boat didn't make its first run until the end of June. And, the Wantagh and East Rockaway boats were not running until late September. We ask a lot of our boats with all the garbage, wood and other debris they must bring back from the bay. Our flagship Remsen built boat is now 13 years old and our other two boats have a combined age of 57 years on the water. Yet despite all of those delays our wonderful captains and crews still managed to remove a tremendous amount of debris from our beautiful South Shore estuary.

Here are the totals for 2007...all 3 of our boats went out on garbage runs a total of 136 times and as unbelievable as it may sound here is what we brought back...302 barrels, 497 bags of garbage, 1,299 pieces of lumber, 417 pieces of Styrofoam, 27 tires, 33 plastic chairs, 5 broken coolers, 18 boat cushions, 15 carpets and tarps, 1 refrigerator, 1 record player, 3 abandoned boats (cut up by wild Bill Norton's crew) and an assortment of tables. Ladders, tents, wood pallets, fences, traffic barrels and a kayak that was returned to its owner were among the debris hauled. We logged over 3,000 volunteer hours last year working to help keep the bays and oceans clean. Not to shabby for an all-volunteer grass roots organization I'd have to say. As always we will all do our best to keep our bays clean and healthy. As always we will work on the reasons why our bays waters are considered unhealthy and on the Dept. of Environmental Conservation's (D.E.C.) impaired water bodies list not once but twice, once for pathogens and once again for nutrients/nitrogen.

Storm water runoff, sewage treatment plant discharges and the effects of bottom paint on our marine habitat**are all important issues that are directly related to the health and restoration of our recreational and economic activities that so many business and families depend on. A thriving, healthy ecosystem is something we once had not to long ago on this beautiful island of ours. I can see no reason why working all together we cannot bring it back!

Sea ya on the water...Rob

P.S. please remember to fill out and send in your 2008 dues and any volunteer activities you may be able to help with...Thanks!

*...includes Sierra Club / Splash and Cory Cooks Eagle Scout clean-ups...

**...see boat cleaning tips in this newsletter

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OPERATION SPLASH....TRYING TO PUT OURSELVES OUT OF BUSINESS FOR 18 YEARS

"Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have"
...Margaret Mead

Mark Your Calendar for 2008 Meetings

For more information on protecting our Long Island environment, join us for our monthly meeting which meet every 1st Tuesday of the month. All are welcome. Volunteers wanted, make a *SPLASH!*

March 4th

April 1st

May 6th

June 3rd

July 1st

August 5th

September 2nd

October 7th

November 4th (Election day, remember to vote!)

December 2nd (Holiday Party)

Anyone interested in volunteering for these events please call the SPLASH hotline. (516) 378-4770

Meetings held first Tuesday of the month, 7:30 PM at

Freeport Recreation Center

130 East Merrick Road

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OUR MISSION: To provide a solution to the growing problem of waterfront pollution through public education and individual participation.

EARLY CLEAN-UP NOTICE.



Our first clean-up of our 18th season will be held on Saturday, March 15 (rain date is the 16th) from 9am to 1pm, with our good friends from the Sierra Club jumping in again to help. We will meet at the south end of Woodcleft Avenue in the Sea Breeze Park and head out from there. Last year's clean-up netted over 53 bags of garbage from the islands around Freeport's waterways and marshes.

If you are interested, call the Splash phone # 516-378-4770 and reserve your spot on the boats...lunch will be served!

Once again, Freeport and the Department of Public Works have jumped in to help our environment by installing a new **e-cycle** box at the front of Recreation Center. This giant blue box, located in the front of the building, will be used to recycle all your electronic equipment in an environmentally safe manner. The computers, monitors, keyboards, scanners, printer etc. that would normally fill our landfills and leak hazardous waste onto the ground will now be disposed of properly. Recycling also helps to save our country millions of barrels of oil according to January's national geographic magazine in refining costs. So please recycle can, bottles newspapers and now your old electronics ...It's the Patriotic thing to do!!!

Operation Splash would like to thank Baldwin Boat Haulers for their continuing support over the years. If you ever need a boat trailer-ed they're your guys! Call them at 516-594-0020. Show them your Splash membership card for a discount, for your boat moving needs.

The Long Island Regional Envirothon, Ltd. is sponsoring it's yearly competition on April 30th. It will be held at the Usdan Center for the Creative and Performing Arts in Wheatley Heights. They still need judges, test runners, people to set up, etc. The event begins at 8:00 a.m., breakfast and lunch are provided and it concludes at 2:00 p.m. Volunteers can call the SPLASH Outline number for more information."

2008 SPECIAL EVENTS

Splash Participates in these Annual events

May: Memorial Day Parade - Freeport
June: Nautical Festival - Freeport
September: Lido Festival by the Sea

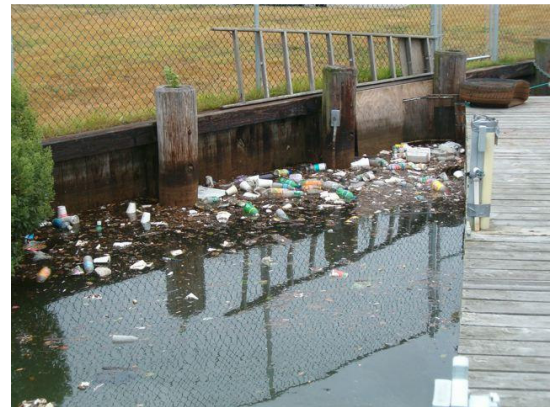
OP SPLASH'S 2006 SOUTH SHORE ESTUARY AWARD WINNING DEBRIS TRAP

OVER 500 BARRELS OF TRASH STOPPED!

WIN DINNER FOR PICKING UP EITHER A 50 OR 100 BARREL OF TRASH!

Anyone that scoops up garbage at the trap should call the Splash phone with a report of the number of bags they removed. If their amount brings the totals over a 50 or 100 mark that person gets a dinner certificate to one of the great restaurants in Freeport. As of 3/13/08 the total is 563 barrels removed.

Keep up the great work!



Thanks and congratulations to Splash member Roman for hauling in the 550th barrel of garbage from our award winning debris trap at mill basin.

Big thanks to Splash member Richie Schumacher for donating back to Splash the winnings of the February 50/50 raffle...

Place an ad in our newsletter
\$50 (members) or \$100 (non-member, includes new membership dues) for ad this size

Send print ready electronic file to:
operationsplash@optonline.net

Send check to "**Operation SPLASH**"
PO Box 228
Freeport, NY 11520

PLEASE HELP FUND OP SPLASH BY DONATING YOUR BOAT, CAR (OR A MILLION DOLLARS) FOR A TAX WRITE OFF

We'd like to thank those who made our 2007 Holiday Party such a huge success!

A special thanks to all those who donated so generously a Raffle prize:

- 42 Woodcleft
- Ahabs Attic
- Bedells at East Wind
- Dockside Cafe
- Don Harris
- E. B. Elliot's
- Fiore Bros Inc .
- Gary T. Smith
- Hudson & McCoy
- Jeremy's Ale House
- Miss Freeport V
- Modell's
- Otto's
- Rachel's Waterside Grill
- Ritz Camera
- Sea Isle Custom Rod Builders
- Starbucks
- Stefanie Scherner
- The Fishery (East Rockaway)
- The Pilot Shop, Inc.
- Two Cousins
- Unique Baskets & Gifts
- Woodcleft Crab Shack

We also want to thank Kim and the crew at Freeport Recreation for an awesome job!! And to all the members who helped set up Fran Tarantino, Capt. Don Harris, Capt. Stevie Cooke, Mikey, Robbie Weltner, Stefanie, Rob & Kim. Thanks go to Kathie for all her help with check in. And, to Joe for scrumptious Gumbo!



Your travel matters!

Group travel can bring a large donation to Splash. Encourage your clubs, organizations, schools, churches, even family reunions to book their group travel arrangements through Splash Travel. Call Laurie Blackwell 239-560-5256 for assistance. www.SplashTravel.net

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Found...Kayak in Freeport area...Call Splash for info...378-4770

MEMBERSHIP IS VERY IMPORTANT

GIVE A GIFT MEMBERSHIP...EARN ONE YEAR FREE MEMBERSHIP FOR YOURSELF. YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO OUT ON THE BOAT IF YOU GET SEA SICK! THE MORE MEMBERS THE MORE POWER THE CLEANER THE WATER

OPERATION SPLASH
Membership Dues Form



Member Name : _____

Address: _____

City/State/ Zip Code: _____

Telephone# _____ Email : _____

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Type of Membership:
Individual: \$10...
Family: \$15...
Business: \$50...

PLEASE CHECK OFF THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITIES YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP WITH.....

- BOAT CAPTAIN... CREW...
- PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PRESS EVENTS...
- FESTIVAL SUPPORT...
- MEMBERSHIP AQUISITION...
- EDUCATION...
- FUNDRAISING...
- OTHER AREA OF INTEREST: _____

