

UPCOMING
EVENTS

November 9th:
Lunch n' Learn - The
Fish Factories
12:30 pm

November 10th:
Out and About -
Discover Seven
Bridges Road Van
Tour
9:30 am - 12:30 pm

November 15th:
Ecological Evening -
'Our Feathered and
Furry Friends in a
Changing Environ-
ment'
7:00 - 8:00 pm

December 9th:
Family Fun - Seals:
New Jersey's Winter
Visitors
7:00 - 8:00 pm

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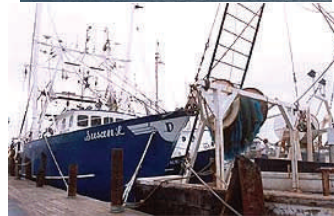
JC NERR in October

Hello volunteers! I hope you are enjoying October and finally some fall-like weather without too much humidity and rain!

The beginning of this month brought an end to our outdoor festivals for the season, but we had two beautiful, 'summer-y' days for them. The first weekend of this month we participated in the Cattus Island Nature Festival at Cattus Island County Park in Toms River. In addition to numerous environmentally related organizations with information tables, Cattus Island offered a whole host of activities, including nature walks, kayak tours, boat tours and seining. If you have never been to Cattus Island County Park, it is a beautiful place to visit with an environmental center, numerous walking trails and a butterfly garden.

Lovely way to spend a day!

The second festival we attended was Coast Day in Cape May sponsored by NJ Sea Grant. Another sunny (and hot!) day for a festival, this event took place on



Fishing boats line the docks in Cape May where Coast Day is held

the docks of the Lobster House Restaurant in Cape May. Similar to the Cattus Island Nature Festival, Coast Day is geared toward families and offers a variety of educational activities, including information booths, 'crab races', touch tanks, and learn-to-fish demonstrations. JC NERR was in the thick of it with a fish printing station. Fish printing is the art of painting a fish, a recently deceased fish or a rubber casting (in our case we use rubber as it is much less smelly and also longer lasting!), and transferring that imprint onto paper or a t-shirt. Both festivals are great environmentally and family oriented venues that take place annually.

A big - **thank you** - is in order to all of the volunteers who helped with our festivals this past season!

Reserve Current Events

The last week of October (the 23rd - 28th) the majority of the staff of JC NERR will be attending an annual NERR's (National Estuarine Research Reserve) meeting near Jacksonville, Florida. The meeting is co-hosted by another Reserve in our system- the Guana Tolomato Matanzas (GTM) NERR, which we are also excited to be visiting during our time there!



GTM Nat'l Estuarine Research Reserve (photo courtesy of Florida Department of Environmental protection)

During this week the Coastal Education Center in Tuckerton will most likely not be open.

There will be a few facilities staff on hand and the occasional staff member will be in and out of the building, but for the most part, it will remain locked. We will see you the following week in November!

Shore Bowl 2012

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2011 Shore Bowl winners - MAST (Marine Academy of Science and Technology) from Sandy Hook, NJ. (Photo courtesy of the National Ocean Sciences Bowl website, <http://www.nosb.org/>)

The 12th annual Shore Bowl Academic Competition will be held on March 3rd, 2012. This event is co-hosted by the JC NERR and the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences (IMCS) at Rutgers and takes place in New Brunswick on Rutgers' main campus.

The Shore Bowl is part of a larger nation-wide competition - the National Ocean Sciences Bowl (NOSB), which is sponsored by the Consortium for Ocean Leadership. The NOSB is a national academic competition for high school students on oceanographic and marine science topics that aims to broaden student awareness of scientific research, aid teachers in marine education, and to introduce students to ocean-related career options.

The NOSB includes 25 regional competitions, including the 'Shore Bowl', which services schools in NJ and eastern PA. Other local states' bowls include the 'Chesapeake Bay Bowl' in Delaware and Maryland and the 'Bay Scallop Bowl' in New York. Winners of each regional competition go on to compete in the NOSB Finals Competition and teams that earn 1st through 4th place win an award trip.

Volunteers are essential to the success of Shore Bowl and take on many roles, including - competition officials (rules judge, moderator, scientific judge, timekeeper, scorekeeper), room runner (no running required, but walking is!) and logistical set up/breakdown support. All Shore Bowl volunteers attend a

training session to learn their specific job tasks and background information on the competition. Most first-time bowl volunteers are 'room runners' who help set-up competition rooms, deliver answer sheets to judges and deliver score documentation to staff.

Volunteering for this event can be a very exciting and rewarding experience working with young students who are enthusiastic about marine science! If you are interested in participating or would like to learn more please contact myself or Melanie. We know it is quite a ways away from March, but the planning process has started now, as the time does come up quickly!

Volunteer Drivers

Here at JC NERR and RUMFS we are still looking for volunteer drivers who are willing to take a Defensive Driving Course (paid for by JC NERR/RUMFS) and drive university vehicles to transport/pick up staff, boat captains and undergraduate classes and students to their field sites. Most of the travel is within South Jersey, but occasionally sites in Dela-

ware and North Jersey and New Brunswick are involved as well.

If you are an avid driver and interested in being involved on an as-needed basis, please let me know and we can set up course in Defensive Driving.

Thank you to our current drivers for all of your help. It is greatly appreciated!



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Please contact Melanie Reding (609) 812-0649 x206, or myself if interested in attending any programs

Happy Halloween everyone!

Until next month!

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