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City of Water Day, Region's Largest Water Festival, Returns Saturday, July 16, With Free Boat Tours and Exciting Waterfront Activities

Annual Celebration of the New York and New Jersey Waterfronts Offers Waterfront Activity Fairs on Governors Island and in Hoboken, Fun at Dozens of "In Your Neighborhood" Sites, Children's Entertainment Sponsored by Disney, and the Uproarious Cardboard Kayak Race

New York, NY—The region's most popular and largest free waterfront festival returns this summer on Saturday, July 16, from 10am to 4pm, when the Waterfront Alliance presents [City of Water Day](#) on Governors Island, at Maxwell Place Park in Hoboken, New Jersey, and at dozens of *In Your Neighborhood* sites throughout New York and New Jersey.

Celebrating the world-class potential of New York Harbor and the region's waterways, tens of thousands of festival-goers will come together at the waterfront and on the water to enjoy free boat tours, free kayaking, sailing, and paddle boarding lessons, and many other recreational and educational activities. Waterfront and environmental organizations will offer information, science experiments, games, and giveaways at Waterfront Activity Fairs on Governors Island and at Maxwell Place Park. Disney will return with its popular children's area, and Con Edison will once again sponsor the incomparable Cardboard Kayak Race.

"This is the day that we celebrate our magnificent waterfront and play!" said Waterfront Alliance president and CEO Roland Lewis. "Whether you just moved to this beautiful city of water or you grew up in the Rockaways, whether you're an old salt or you've never stepped foot on a dock, grab friends and family and head for the water on City of Water Day! Together, we are working to protect and transform our waterfront, making sure it is accessible and resilient; and together we will savor the fresh air, the views, the vitality, and the diversity of this great harbor."

City of Water Day HIGHLIGHTS

Free Boat Rides

Thousands of free seats on special boat tours are a hallmark of City of Water Day. In addition to rides on tall ships, charter yachts and a fireboat, free ferries will run for this day only between Hoboken and Governors Island to connect the two City of Water Day hubs. Reservations for free boat tour seats will open at the end of June and will be announced on the [City of Water Day website](#) and social media.

Con Edison Cardboard Kayak Race

The fourth annual Con Edison Cardboard Kayak Race will take place at Governors Island during City of Water Day. At noon, 25 teams -- including squads from three-time winner Stevens Institute of Technology and the U.S. Coast Guard, plus competitors from local boat clubs, universities, high schools, and family groups -- will gather on Kayak Hill to receive identical amounts of cardboard and tape. The teams will take two hours to design and build vessels, and then they'll jump in and race those boats to much (guaranteed) hilarity. [Learn more about the race and snag one of the last remaining spots for your team.](#)

Disney Children's Activities

A special section of children's activities on Governors Island, presented by Disney, will offer dozens of games and hands-on activities, from face-painting to fishing. A full listing of activities will be available in early July.

City of Water Day In Your Neighborhood

City of Water Day is truly a citywide event! Expanding every year, the *In Your Neighborhood* program offers free activities on City of Water Day in all five boroughs, Yonkers, and in New Jersey. Check out the [In Your Neighborhood map](#) to find the City of Water Day event closest to you. As of June 20, 2016, In Your Neighborhood locations include:

- **Bronx:** Bronx River at 219th Street and Bronx Boulevard, Hunts Point Riverside Park, Nature Center in Van Cortlandt Park, Port Morris 132nd Street Pier
- **Brooklyn:** Gateway National Recreational Area (Canarsie Pier and Floyd Bennett Field), Gowanus Bay Terminal, Greenpoint Monitor Museum at Bushwick Inlet, Jamaica Bay at Paerdegat Basin, Kaiser Park on Coney Island Creek, Main Street in Brooklyn Bridge Park, Pier 2 at Brooklyn Bridge Park, Park on the Gowanus Canal at Whole Foods Market
- **Manhattan:** Hudson River and Dyckman Street, Lower East Side Ecology Center, Peter Jay Sharp Boathouse (Harlem River), Hudson River Park (Piers 25, 26, and 96), Sherman Creek Park (Harlem River), South Street Seaport Museum, Thomas Jefferson Park at 111th Street and 112th Street
- **Queens:** Anable Basin, Astoria Park, Gantry Plaza at Gantry State Park, LIC Landing at Hunters Point South, Worlds Fair Marina (Flushing Bay)
- **Staten Island:** Alice Austen House, National Lighthouse Museum
- **Yonkers:** Sarah Lawrence College for the Urban River (Beczak Environmental Educational Center), Science Barge (99 Dock Street)
- **New Jersey:** Laurel Hill Park (Secaucus), Newark Riverfront Park, Overpeck County Park, River Barge Park (Carlstadt)

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