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On July 15, the 10th Annual City of Water Day will be Celebrated at More than 60 *In Your Neighborhood* Locations and on Governors Island

The Region's Largest Harbor Festival will Feature Free Boat Tours, Kayaking and Paddling, a Children's Activity Area sponsored by Disney, and the Con Edison Cardboard Kayak Race

New York, NY—On Saturday, July 15, tens of thousands of people will flock to waterfronts all over New York and New Jersey for the region's most popular family-friendly harbor festival—[City of Water Day](#).

Returning to Governors Island and more than 60 City of Water Day [In Your Neighborhood](#) locations throughout the five boroughs, Yonkers, and New Jersey, this tenth annual City of Water Day will feature 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 the Waterfront Activity Fair on Governors Island. Disney will sponsor the popular Children's Activity Area, and Con Edison will once again sponsor the Cardboard Kayak Race. New this year, Arm-of-the-Sea Theater will present "The Rejuvenary River Circus," a puppet and mask performance for children.

This year, the Waterfront Alliance is naming nine Anchor Sites among its 60+ *In Your Neighborhood* locations. Each Anchor Site features a cluster of community organizations offering numerous free activities, with one lead host. The City of Water Day *In Your Neighborhood* Anchor Sites are:

- **Castle Hill Park** on Pugsley Creek near Westchester Creek, hosted by the Bronx YMCA and Youth Ministries for Peace and Justice
- **Kaiser Park** at Coney Island Creek, hosted by the Coney Island Creek Beautification Project
- **Liberty Harbor Marina**, Jersey City, hosted by Sailors NYC
- **Millpond Park** on the Harlem River, hosted by the Bronx Council for Environmental Quality
- **Pier 42** on the East River in Lower Manhattan, hosted by Paths to Pier 42 and the Lower Manhattan Cultural Council
- **Riverbank Park** on the Passaic River in Newark, New Jersey, hosted by Newark Riverfront Revival
- **Socrates Sculpture Park** on the East River in Queens
- **South Street Seaport and Pier 16**, hosted by the South Street Seaport Museum
- **Starlight Park** on the Bronx River, hosted by the Bronx River Alliance

Check out this [interactive map](#) to view the more than 60 *In Your Neighborhood* events being presented on City of Water Day, with more than 100 organizations participating.

To promote the idea of waterfront fun tied to stewardship and advocacy at all 700 miles of the region's shoreline, the Waterfront Alliance is encouraging use of the region's first-ever [Harbor Scorecard](#), released last month. At information hubs on Governors Island, festival goers will be able to learn how their neighborhood or favorite waterfront location stacks up in terms of resiliency, water quality, and access. A Harbor Scorecard social media contest will further engage the public (search #HarborScorecard).

"City of Water Day is a day to play, and a day to acknowledge our shared responsibility," said Roland Lewis, president and CEO of the Waterfront Alliance. "We wouldn't have cleaner water, more waterfront access, and fantastic new ferry service without hard work and advocacy—and we've still got a long way to go in terms of accessibility, resilience, and environmental health. According to the [Harbor Scorecard](#), more than 400,000 New Yorkers face a 50 percent risk of a major flood by 2060. There's only one boating access site for every four miles of New York City waterfront. Billions of gallons of raw sewage are still discharged into our waterways each year. We've got a lot to do. Let this be the City of Water Day celebration that calls all of us to action."

City of Water Day HIGHLIGHTS

Free Boat Rides

From fireboats to yachts, thousands of free seats on special boat tours are offered on City of Water Day. Boat tour reservations opened at the end of June, and most seats filled up quickly. A limited number of stand-by tickets will be available at departure points on City of Water Day. See the full list of available boat tours [here](#).

Free Ferry Between Governors Island and Hoboken

Back by popular demand, NY Waterway will offer free ferry service between Governors Island and Hoboken, New Jersey (14th Street Pier). Service will run every hour on the hour from 10am–4pm from Hoboken, and every hour on the half hour from 10:30am–3:30pm from Governors Island. First-come, first-served.

Con Edison Cardboard Kayak Race

The fifth annual [Con Edison Cardboard Kayak Race](#) will take place at Governors Island during City of Water Day. At noon, 25 teams—including last year's champion House of Cardboard Kayaks, plus squads from the Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse, Billion Oyster Project, and North Brooklyn Boat Club, as well as competitors from universities, high schools, and family groups—will gather on Kayak Hill to receive identical amounts of cardboard and tape. They will spend two hours designing and building vessels, and then climb in and race each other in heats beginning at 2:30pm.

Arm-of-the-Sea Theater

[Arm-of-the-Sea Theater](#) is a hybrid performance group combining art, ecology and social action. This year, Arm-of-the-Sea will perform The Rejuvenary River Circus, an allegorical tale featuring masks and puppet characters, a bio-morphic set design, and live original music. The free performance begins at 12:30pm on Governors Island and is sponsored by the New York City Department of Environmental Protection.

City of Water Day is generously sponsored by (in formation):

Children's Activity Area – [Disney](#)

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