Dive into City of Water Day 2024!

City of Water Day Makes a Splash for its 17th Year in a Row on Saturday, July 13 with 60+ Local Waterfront Events

New York, NY - Save the date and get ready for a wave of excitement! The 17th annual City of Water Day is returning on Saturday, July 13. This region-wide celebration, organized by Waterfront Alliance and the New York-New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP), is dedicated to promoting a climate-resilient New York and New Jersey harbor.
Communities across all five boroughs of New York City, as well as Westchester and Rockland counties, and New Jersey, will host a wide range of events on and near the water. **From free kayaking and rowing to interactive workshops, City of Water Day offers fun and educational activities for everyone.** These 60+ local events provide community members with opportunities to engage with and enjoy their local waterfronts while learning about the importance of resilience and access.

The New York-New Jersey harbor is the heartbeat of our region, and its protection and resilience are paramount. Our mission is clear: provide waterfront access for everyone in and around our shared harbor. We aim to educate and inspire a future generation of stewards who will ensure our water ways are equitable, resilient, and ecologically restorative.

This year, City of Water Day features stewardship organizations that are raising awareness about the risks of sea level rise and climate change, exploring ways to build adaptive capacity in our ecosystems and communities.

By engaging the public in the benefits of habitat restoration, water and green infrastructure, stormwater management, and other climate-resilient solutions, we are collectively creating a more resilient New York and New Jersey harbor. We are eager to showcase our partners across the estuary who are advancing equitable waterfront access and educating the next generation of climate leaders.

“In an era marked by climate change in a region surrounded by water, engaging with our shared waterways and waterfronts is more important than ever,” said **Cortney Koenig Worrall, President and CEO of Waterfront Alliance.** “City of Water Day not only champions climate resilience, but also provides a fundamental link to one of our most significant natural resources, while fostering learning, stewardship, and memorable moments. In our mission to advocate for climate resiliency, City of Water Day offers a chance to celebrate how far we’ve come. We’re thrilled to share this day with local community members and our partners.”

“There is no better way to cool off than being on the water,” noted **Robert Pirani, Director of NY-NJ Harbor & Estuary Program at the Hudson River Foundation.** “This July 13, you can choose between more than 60 events across New York and New Jersey that celebrate the benefits of the harbor today, and bring awareness to the climate challenges we must address going forward. We are proud to be supporting our many partners in this important work.”

“City of Water Day events are great occasions for all of our communities to get out and enjoy our amazing waters,” said **EPA Region 2 Administrator Lisa F. Garcia.** “The New York and New Jersey harbor and estuary are natural jewels that should be enjoyed, explored, protected, and enhanced. I hope everyone can get out and learn more about the waters that surround us.”
“Our harbor is the reason New York became a world capital,” remarked Jen Hensley, Con Edison's Senior Vice President of Corporate Affairs. “Con Edison is proud to celebrate City of Water Day and join the Waterfront Alliance to provide real solutions that include environmental justice and environmental stewardship towards making our waterways resilient, accessible, and thriving.”

"NYC Ferry is a vital component of New York City's working waterfronts, providing millions of riders a year with a reliable commute designed to ensure we protect our shorelines and local environment," commented Executive Director of NYC Ferry James Wong. “As the official transportation sponsor of City of Water Day, we are excited to support the many [local] events happening throughout the city, and we look forward to welcoming passengers onboard during this year’s festivities.”

“New York is a city of water. With its more than 500 miles of coastline, it is foremost a port city," said Capt. Jonathan Boulware, President and CEO of the South Street Seaport Museum. "Through our partnership with Waterfront Alliance, we celebrate a multi-borough, multi-organization effort that will raise awareness of New York’s coastline, from the past during which it was our great asset, or connection to the world, to the future, during which it will be our great challenge. Throughout City of Water Day, visitors will be able to take advantage of free general admission to view two introductory galleries at 12 Fulton Street and take tours of historic ships Wavertree and Ambrose at Pier 16. Limited tickets remain to go sailing aboard the schooner Pioneer and the tugboat W.O. Decker. The Seaport Museum will also present art installations, documentary screenings, and more, across the Museum campus, on a variety of issues related to climate resilience and our shared waterfront.”

“The Seaport is proud to be a partner of City of Water Day," said Ellie Chamberland, Senior Vice President of Marketing for Howard Hughes at the Seaport. "This initiative showcases the importance of our collective dedication to preserving precious resources through community events and awareness while fostering a brighter, more eco-conscious future for all.”

Join us on July 13 and become a part of this incredible movement! Together, we can ensure a thriving, living, and recreational waterfront that is accessible and sustainable for everyone. For more information and a full schedule of events, visit https://www.cityofwaterday.org/.

City of Water Day 2024 is supported by Howard Hughes Holdings, South Street Seaport Museum, ConEdison, NYC Ferry, Community Offshore Wind, and all of our community partners in their own neighborhoods.

Let’s make a splash together!
About Waterfront Alliance:

Waterfront Alliance is a U.S. based nonprofit organization with a growing alliance of more than 1,100 partners and shared goal: to bring about real change to shorelines, waterfronts, and coastlines across the nation and in the New York-New Jersey region. Together, we build, transform, revitalize, and protect accessible waterfronts for all communities.

About New York–New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP):

The New York - New Jersey Harbor & Estuary Program (HEP) brings the benefits of the Clean Water Act to the people who live, work, and recreate on our shared waterways. Created by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at the request of the governors of New York and New Jersey, HEP is an ongoing effort to develop and implement a consensus driven plan to protect, conserve and restore the estuary. HEP is hosted by the non-profit Hudson River Foundation.

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