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FINAL REPORT FOR NEIWPC

July 27, 2009 – August 8, 2010

On August 9, 2009, the Captain John took approximately 45 guests on a three and a half hour EcoCruise tour of Raritan and Sandy Hook Bays. Guests included some Monmouth County locals, including the Monmouth County Freehold Director, residents from northern parts of New Jersey, as well as guests from New York. NY/NJ Baykeeper provided the guests with detailed maps of the watershed, relevant Baykeeper newsletters and pamphlets, as well as drinks and snacks. The tour was narrated by Debbie Mans, Baykeeper and Executive Director. Meredith Comi, NY/NJ Baykeeper's Oyster Program Manager, also spoke about Baykeeper's work restoring oyster reefs in Raritan Bay. Dennis Reynolds, of the NY/NJ Baykeeper staff, provided guests with a history of local lighthouses and Sandy Hook. This 2009 trip allowed Baykeeper staff the opportunity to educate the public and answer questions about the Hudson-Raritan Estuary. This grant also allowed Baykeeper to provide complimentary tickets for this trip to The Muschett Foundation, a longstanding funder for programs along the Raritan River, and an area restaurant owner who donates his services for events.

On July 11, 2010, NY/NJ Baykeeper hosted a Staten Island Eco-Tour. There were about 50 guests in attendance from New York as well as New Jersey. Debbie Mans guided guests on the Captain John while circumnavigating Staten Island, through the waters of Raritan Bay, the Arthur Kill and the Kill van Kull. The Raritan Riverkeeper, Captain Bill Schultz, also spoke about points on both Staten Island and New Jersey. NY/NJ Baykeeper provided the guests with detailed maps of the watershed and points in Staten Island, relevant Baykeeper newsletters and pamphlets, as well as drinks and snacks.

On August 8, 2010, the Captain John took almost 100 guests on a three and a half hour light house tour in Raritan Bay and New York Harbor. The tour was narrated by Debbie Mans, Baykeeper and Executive Director, Dennis Reynolds, of the NY/NJ Baykeeper staff, and Captain Bill Schultz. Speakers provided guests with a history of local lighthouses and Sandy Hook, plus environmental information about Raritan Bay. The guests enjoyed visiting Old Orchard, West Bank, Romer Shoal and Sandy Hook Lighthouses. Most of these lighthouses can only be seen by boat, and this tour gave passengers a chance to see them up close. NY/NJ Baykeeper provided the guests maps of the lighthouses in the New York and New Jersey harbors, relevant Baykeeper newsletters and pamphlets, as well as drinks and snacks. NY/NJ Baykeeper was able to provide complimentary tickets to Carol Johnston and guests with the Ironbound Community Corporation based in Newark, and Kevin Moore with NJ Environment Justice Council.

We look forward to our 2011 Eco-Cruise season, where we plan to hold 2 to 3 more cruises throughout the Hudson-Raritan Estuary.



Capt John EcoCruise



Romer Shoals Light



Kill Van Kull-Shuten Island commercial/industrial shoreline. Locals accessing the shore and water



Keyport Harbor