

JACQUES COUSTEAU
NATIONAL ESTUARINE
RESEARCH RESERVE

**UPCOMING
EVENTS:**

- October 3rd:**
Cattus Island Festival
- October 5th:**
Ecological Evening: Water in the Pinelands
- October 10th:**
Coast Day in Cape May
- October 13th:**
Lunch n' Learn Series topic: Navigation through the Ages
- October 21st:**
World Water Monitoring Day at Bastso Village
- October 23rd:**
Discover Seven Bridges Road Van Tour
- November 9th:**
Ecological Evening: Journey to Africa
- November 13th:**
Bass River State Forest Nature Hike

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JACQUES COUSTEAU NEWSLETTER

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JC NERR in SEPTEMBER



Hello everyone, hope the fall has started off well for all of you!

The Reserve had a very busy September, which included the start up of our Lunch n' Learn series, the distribution of our Fall Public Programs (featuring Ecological Evenings and some interesting outdoor activities), and one of our highlight events of the year, RUMFS Open House.

These events were big enough to get their own articles within this edition so we'll switch things up this month and forecast some interesting things to come!

Don't miss out on the Lunch n' Learn coming up October 13th

on Navigation through the Ages. Some of you may remember this was featured as one of our Ecological Evening talks this past summer.

Incredibly engaging, speaker, Captain Donald Launer captivated our Ecological Evening audience and has been gracious enough to do it again, this time for our Lunch n' Learn.

Don't miss his exciting explanation on Navigation techniques that have been utilized over time.

You can bring a bagged lunch with

\$2 admission to the Lunch n' Learn hosted by the Tuckerton Seaport (located in the Marshelder Building ...aka new surf museum), or you can pay \$6 and get a complementary lunch (sandwiches, wraps, chips, cookies, the works!).

Other things to keep in mind are our Bass River State

Forest Nature Hike, our other Ecological Evening talks, and our popular Coast Day in Cape May!



Coast Guard leaving RUMFS Boat Basin- Open House. Taken by J.M. Smith.



Bass River State Park http://www.forevergreennj.com/C/Camping/110/U/Bass_River_State_Park/103.aspx

Reserve Current Events

The end of this month has consisted of the start of some interesting field work known as Coastal Assessment.

The Coastal Assessment project is a collaboration of research between the Rutgers Institute of



The Arabella.

Marine and Coastal Sciences (IMCS), the NJDEP, and the EPA.

The crew consists of RUMFS, JC NERR, DEP, and EPA researchers and volunteers.

The project looks at benthic (or to put plainly, sea floor) samples near sewer outflows all along the New Jersey coastline. How healthy the samples are can act as an indicator of how well we are

managing our coastline.

This year the Arabella (RUMFS offshore vessel) has taken the Coastal Assessment crew up the southern end of the New Jersey Coast and currently the crew is in a holding pattern to finish up the northern sites (over 100 sites total) once the rainy, windy, high swells and all around bad weather passes. We wish them all luck!



Incoming Crowds around Carlton Lee and George Davies! Sheila Kipper, Betty Leshner, and Fran Davies at Fish Printing! Pictures by J.M. Smith

Open House Re-cap

To start off, a HUGE thank you is in order to all of our volunteers who helped out with the largely successful Open House that happened Saturday, September 18th.

It was a beautiful day to hold the event, and despite a lack of wind to keep the gnats away, you will all be pleased to know we broke the record of attendees to this popular event—finishing with a whopping 826 people!

Of the people who participated in our exit survey (a total of 101) 87.1% attending the event

said it was their first time! 50% rated their experience as excellent, the others as very good and good!

RUMFS staffers every year joke whose station was most popular, and we gathered data on that too.

This year the winner was History and Overview of the Station—Director Ken Able’s talk he gives to visitors. This was the most popular station last year too. Unlike last year (and probably due to all the gnats) the touch tank did not come in sec-

ond place, but the Crab Talk did! Our favorite crab biologist PJ captivated the curious audience with his fast paced talk and crabs on display.

Thanks also to the Coast Guard for coming out and participating in this event.

It was a great day and a great year, everyone’s effort was truly appreciated!



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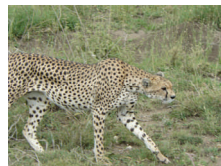
Talks of Tanzania

This is a special highlight on one of our Ecological Evening talks—on Tuesday November 9th, our very own Education Coordinator, Melanie Reding and her fiancé Chris Jage will give a talk on their journey to Tanzania.

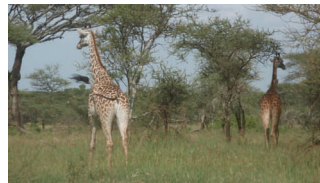
Mel and Chris started their expedition in late January, early

February of 2008. Come out to listen to their fascinating adventure and learn about the environmental issues that face the people and animals of Africa.

Here is a sneak peak taste of what is to come— check out these amazing photos!



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Photos: Cheeta, Giraffes, Verreaux Eagle Owl, and Stork. Courtesy: Mel Reding



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Till Next Month:

Hope everyone enjoys the cooling weather and changing color of the leaves.

Until our next edition!

- Jen Smith

Volunteer Coordinator



Kayaks: Photo courtesy of volunteer, Lindsey Dolan.