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Marinas Sail Through Evaluation to Maintain Clean Marina Status

(Sandy Hook, NJ).....Eleven New Jersey Marinas recently completed a rigorous review by the New Jersey Clean Marina Program to maintain Clean Marina certification. The marinas include Baywood Marina, Brick; Brennan Boat Works, Brick; Bridge Marina, Lake Hopatcong, which is still the first and only freshwater marina in New Jersey to be designated a Clean Marina by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP); Brown's Boat Yard, Inc., Parlin; Green Cove Marina, Brick; Hagler's Marina, Brant Beach; Morrison's Beach Haven Marina, Beach Haven; Ocean Gate Yacht Basin, Inc. Ocean Gate; Sherman's Boat Basin, Brick; Silver Cloud Harbor Marina, Forked River and Southwick's Marina, Beach Haven Gardens.

As a certified Clean Marina, these facilities limit their environmental impact and ensure a clean and safe environment for customers by closely following the principles of the program, including staff training, customer education, robust recycling efforts, spill prevention, waste wash water treatment energy conservation efforts and more.

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Once a marina has achieved Clean Marina certification it must be reevaluated every three years in order to retain its status designation. There are currently forty-seven marinas throughout the state that have successfully completed the certification process. Mike Danko of the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium (NJSGC) who works with the NJDEP to implement the Clean Marina Program evaluates the marina's conservation and environmental efforts and reviews its compliance with federal and state regulations.

"I'm impressed by the way these marinas have all embraced the Clean Marina Program and we're hoping their success and enthusiasm for it will encourage others, particularly fresh water marinas, to participate," said Danko.

The NJ Sea Grant Consortium is an affiliation of colleges, universities and other groups dedicated to advancing knowledge and stewardship of New Jersey's marine and coastal environment. NJSGC meets its mission through its innovative research, education and outreach programs. For more information about the organization and its activities, visit NJSGC on the web at njseagrant.org or on social media at facebook.com/NJSeaGrant and twitter.com/NJSeaGrant

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