

2010 NYC Water Trail Map Helps Kayakers Paddle Safely in NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Waters

May 23, 2010 NY, NY. A new map of the NYC Water Trail is now available to those planning a human-powered boating trip in the New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary. The water trail network provides opportunities for recreational boaters, specifically kayakers, rowers, and canoeists, to enjoy the rivers, creeks and bays of the New York-New Jersey Harbor Estuary.

The 18 x 24 inch map, designed by Going Coastal shows the water trail on one side, while the other side contains a description of 49 safe, legal launch and landing sites, and includes details such as site facilities and potential hazards. The new map is a useful planning tool for those who want to explore the world's greatest natural harbor from sea level. Information about permit requirements, policies, and local boating clubs and outfitters is included on the map.

The NYC Water Trail project, originally established by the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, supports a growing water trail system to assist the public with accessing and traveling the waters of New York Harbor by human-powered boat to promote appreciation, conservation and protection of the Estuary's unique natural resources.

Going Coastal, Inc. created the map in partnership with NYC Department of Parks and Recreation, the NY-NJ Harbor Estuary Program, NYC Department of Environmental Protection, Partnerships for Parks, and the NYC Water Trail Association to show residents and visitors that great water recreation is available close to home. The print map compliments an interactive map maintained by the NYC Parks online at <http://www.nycgovparks.org>. Many of the area boating clubs offer free, walk-up paddling and rowing programs throughout the warm weather months. A calendar of events is available on the website <http://nycwatertrail.org>.

Maps are available at NYC city, state and national park sites, as well as NJ Palisades and Liberty State Parks. The map is also offered at the NYC & Co. visitor centers and is on hand at most area paddling and rowing programs. It can also be downloaded at <http://www.goingcoastal.org>. To request a map, send an email message to info@goingcoastal.org.

Going Coastal, Inc. is a publishing and educational nonprofit dedicated to connecting people to coastal resources to raise awareness of the immense value of the coastal environment, encourage a sense of community and common history and promote active conservation. A focus on publishing and coastal cartography informs their programs, which include the shoreline access guidebook "Going Coastal NYC" (Fordham University Press, 2009), "A Maritime History of New York" and various maps for boaters, kayakers, anglers and maritime history buffs.

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