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## TOUR FOR THE SHORE STARTS NEW YORK LEG IN STATEN ISLAND, MANHATTAN, BROOKLYN

*Long distance paddle, cycling event from  
Cape May, NJ to Montauk, NY raises awareness for a “Clean Ocean Zone”*

(Point Lookout, NY)—New York residents, environmental advocates and elected officials have gathered the last few days in Staten Island, Coney Island, Jamaica Bay and Point Lookout, New York as part of the “Tour for the Shore.” The Tour is an unprecedented public awareness citizen action campaign along the shores of New Jersey and the South Shore of Long Island. Marine advocacy groups from Montauk, NY to Cape May, NJ, and lead organizer, Clean Ocean Action, are looking to bring attention to the need for a clean ocean and educate the public about the New Jersey/New York Clean Ocean Zone Initiative. The fifteen-day campaign started in New York at Conference House Park on Staten Island, Pier 40, and Coney Island before stopping this evening in Point Lookout, NY.

Facing threats from ocean blasting for oil and gas development, pollution, and reckless development, the Clean Ocean Zone initiative was created by concerned citizens along the New York and New Jersey coastlines to lock-out harmful pollution and industrial activities off the coast while locking-in permanent protection for future generations. The ultimate goal is for the citizen-drafted federal law to be enacted.

The Tour for the Shore made its way to Staten Island, New York on Thursday, August 16. “South Beach has been the beach with the best view by far,” stated **Margo Pellegrino, outrigger canoeist**. She enjoyed passing by the Statue of Liberty, although Margo believes Lady Liberty should be holding a paddle.

**Sean Dixon, Coastal Policy Attorney and cyclist** is excited to bike on the nearly 500 miles of bikes lanes throughout New York. **John Malizia, Staten Island Tuna Club Marine Fisheries Director and Fishermen’s Conservation Association Vice President**, “is proud to be a Staten Islander. South Beach is beautiful, the water is clean and we do each cleanups throughout the year. It is a great area and it’s growing.”

“There are over 4,000 wrecks in the New York/New Jersey Bight. I prefer it to the Caribbean. There is so much beauty in the bight and protection is not guaranteed, which is why I support the Clean Ocean Zone,” said **Tony Rose of Staten Island Sport Divers**.

The Tour will finish in Montauk, NY on Friday, August 24th, 2012. To finish strong, there will be a 100-mile “Century Ride” from Babylon, NY to Montauk kicking off at the break of dawn on Friday the 24th – bringing Dixon and other cyclists to Montauk at the same time as Pellegrino and other paddlers-at-sea.

To find out more about this summer's tour and to find out how to participate, please visit [www.cleanoceanaction.org](http://www.cleanoceanaction.org) or call Clean Ocean Action at 732-872-0111. For information about press events in your area, please visit <http://cleanocean.wordpress.com/tour/press/>. To follow Margo on her journey click [here](#).

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