

State of the Bay: Past, Present and Future - Revisited

Friday, October 21st Jamaica Bay Boat Tour

The American Princess departs Riis Landing Warf in Fort Tilden at 10am. Please arrive early to allow for boarding. Boat will return to dock at 1 pm.

Agenda:

Welcome by Suzanne McCarthy, NPS Deputy Superintendent, Gateway National Recreation Area

Discussion to be lead by Jamaica Bay Unit Coordinator, Dave Taft (NPS)

- General Discussion about Jamaica Bay in historical terms and its connection to NYC Watershed description, dredging, filling, development, marsh loss, JFK airport, wastewater/storm water
- Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge designation and management implications
- Jamaica Bay as important regional ecological resource, biodiversity, importance to migratory bird species, endangered/threatened species.
- Jamaica Bay as a recreational resource for NYC

Boat Route:



Loop 1:

- along Rockaways to Joco
- First marsh restoration in Big Egg
 - Oyster Reef Experiment

Loop 2:

- Broad Channel
- Yellow Bar, Black Wall, Ruler Bar Restoration

Loop 3:

- Elders Point
- Floyd Bennett Field
 - DEP storm water capture improvements
 - DEP tributary improvements
 - Closure and capping of PA/FA landfills
 - Elders Pt E/W Restoration

