



## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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**WHAT:** Eleventh Annual Urban Angler Program Eco-cruise  
*Eco-cruise helps students understand how man and nature co-exist.*

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 8, 2004

**WHERE:** Robbins Reef Yacht Club  
Avenue A (Between 11th and 12th Streets)  
Bayonne, NJ

**TIME:** 12 p.m.

### **PHOTO OPPS AND INTERVIEWS AVAILABLE**

Bayonne, June 4, 2004 – Seventh grade students from #14 School in Bayonne will participate in the Urban Angler Program’s Eco-cruise on Tuesday, May 8th at 12 p.m. at Robbins Reef Yacht Club.

The Urban Angler program is a watershed education/urban fishing program that educates youth by using local natural resources to create a greater awareness of their watershed.

“The program is a multi-disciplinary approach that teaches students about biology, chemistry, geography and mathematics,” said James Monkowski, who heads up the Urban Angler program and is the City’s environmental specialist.

Piloted in Bayonne, the award-winning program is in its eleventh year. For the fourth year in a row, events were held at The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor.

“The Peninsula is the perfect setting to host an event like this,” said Nancy A. Kist, Executive Director, Bayonne Local Redevelopment Authority (BLRA). “It offers students a perfect combination of all the elements they will come across throughout the program.”

The program consists of four phases including classroom experience, storm drain stamping and waterfront cleanup, aquatic biology, and water quality monitoring and the Eco-cruise.

“The Eco-cruise is a big hit with the students because it shows them a perspective they’ve never seen before,” said Monkowski.

As part of the program, students recently went fishing at a pier on The Peninsula at Bayonne Harbor, catching several crabs and a 21-inch striped bass while learning about aquatic biology and ethical responsibilities.

Funding is provided by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Bayonne Municipal Utilities Authority (MUA).

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