

The RipTide E-Info
Weeks of May 14, 21 and 28

COASTAL NEWS

Proposed power plant emissions rule promoted, Seacoast Online, June 1

Portsmouth Engineering Firm Named in National Top 500 List, Business New Hampshire Magazine, June 1

Town gets no help from ruling on nuclear plant's tax breaks, Seacoast Online, June 1

Editorial Head: Waters of Great Bay belong to all of us, opinion, Fosters Daily Democrat, June 1

Congressional committee head to chair hearing over EPA mandate for Great Bay communities, Fosters Daily Democrat, May 31

Congressional committee to hold nitrogen limit hearing in Exeter, Seacoast Online, May 31

Great Bay Pollution Topic of Special Hearing in Exeter, Exeter Patch, May 31

USA Springs auction set for July 20, New Hampshire Business Review, May 31

Northwood landowner leads by example with donation, Fosters Daily Democrat, May 31

Sewer Hookup Work Has Begun at Beach, Hampton-North Hampton Patch, May 31

25 for 25: The importance of wetlands protection, Fosters Daily Democrat, May 30

Threat of Rising Sea Lifts Seabrook to Action, Sustainable Stories; a project by the University of New Hampshire journalism program

Funding Available for New Hampshire Stormwater and Nonpoint Source Projects, N.H. Watershed Protection and Restoration Forum, a N.H. Department

of Environmental Services blog, May 29

Ready to set sail: Visitors get unique opportunity as gundalow opens its decks in Portsmouth, Fosters Daily Democrat, May 27

Absorbing the Storm, Simple Actions for Managing Stormwater in Your Own Back Yard, GREENWorks, New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

New gundalow begins public tours this weekend, press release, Seacoast Online, May 25

Federal delegates pressure EPA over nitrogen limits, Seacoast Online, May 25

New Gundalow to Offer First Day Sails, Portsmouth Patch, May 25

Exeter Around the Town, Fish ladder tours, Seacoast Online, May 25

Seabrook proceeds with harbor park designed for the disabled, Eagle-Tribune, May 25

Discovering horseshoe crabs, The Wire, May 23

Robot Monitors Toxic Red Tides (in New Hampshire), Phys.org, May 24

Huge survey aims to get read on Northeast boating, Bloomberg Business Week, May 23

Be Aware of Endangered Piping Plovers on N.H. Beaches, N.H. Fish and Game Department press release, May 23

Seabrook hails 'victory' after ruling nixes nuke plant's tax breaks, Seacoast Online, May 22

Wright-Pierce honored for engineering excellence, Seacoast Online, May 22

Forum looks at new approaches to wastewater issues, Wicked Local Cape Cod, May 20

Public Hearing June 5 on Proposed Cod and Lobster License Transfer Rules, N.H. Fish and Game Department press release, May 17

Portsmouth awaits EPA permit on nitrogen limit, Seacoast Online, May 16

[Little River testing to resume this summer](#), Seacoast Online, May 14

GRANT AND LOAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Piscataqua Region Land Protection Transaction Grants](#), Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership, proposals due June 1, 2012

[Clean Water State Revolving Fund](#); the N.H. Department of Environmental Services is soliciting pre-applications for stormwater and nonpoint source projects under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Funds are available as low-interest loans, but applicants may be eligible for principal forgiveness for a portion of the loan. [DES will hold an informational meeting](#) on June 15. Pre-applications are due by 4:00 pm on July 20, 2012.

[2013 Local Source Water Protection Grants](#), New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, proposals due November 1, 2012

RESOURCES

[Eutrophication Issues in the Gulf of Maine, fact sheet](#); Hypoxia, or low oxygen levels, was detected at six sites in Great Bay, N.H. and Wells, Maine; produced by The Gulf of Maine Council's EcoSystem Indicator Partnership

[Think Blue, Yardscaping Website](#), includes information on water-quality friendly yard practices, Cumberland County (Maine) Soil & Water Conservation District

[Initial Report-Out from NH Listens Statewide Conversation on Water](#), NH Listens, an effort to gain citizen input and recommendations for the Governor's Commission on Water Sustainability

UPCOMING TRAININGS

June 12, 1pm - 2:30pm; [Overview of Planning for Sustainability for Water and Wastewater Utilities, free webinar](#), Environmental Protection Agency

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 1, 8am-1pm; Lamprey River Flood Zone conference; workshop presenters will talk about the new 100 year floodplain maps for the Lamprey River, factoring land use and precipitation pattern changes and how flooding can be reduced; hosted by the [Lamprey River Watershed Association](#); will take place at the Raymond Baptist Church Function Hall, Raymond, N.H.; register by calling 659-9363

Thursdays in June, 6-8pm; specialty sails by the Gundalow company; Entertainment by local musicians, or special maritime and environmental expert guests on board.

June 8-9, The New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society annual meeting; topics include lake and watershed management, native and invasive aquatic species, climate change, algae and cyanobacteria, GIS mapping, stormwater management; will take place on University of New Hampshire Durham campus

June 13, 1-3 pm; A Granite State Future: Local Solutions for the Strafford Region Kick-off Summit, Rochester Community Center, Conference Room 1A, Rochester, N.H.; hosted by Strafford Regional Planning Commission

June 14, 8-11pm; Clean Water Music Series, Press Room, Portsmouth N.H.; hosted by the Piscataqua Region Estuaries Partnership

June 15, 9am-noon; Clean Water State Revolving Loan Fund Informational Meeting, NHDES Auditorium, 29 Hazen Drive, Concord, N.H.

June 19, 2-5pm; Gathering for Water Professionals, hosted by the Water Sustainability Commission, Concord, N.H.

June 20, 5-9 pm; Extreme Weather in Newfields Community Workshop; hosted by the N.H. Coastal Adaptation Workgroup; Newfields Town Hall

June 21, 10am-3pm; Climate Ready Estuaries New England Regional Workshop, hosted by the Environmental Protection Agency Region 1; intended for agencies and organizations throughout New England working on climate adaptation; will take place at Region 1 EPA office, Boston; RSVP at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KNB7D26>; contact Mel Cote for more information at Cote.Mel@epamail.epa.gov.

June 23, 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; New Hampshire Shoreland Workshop, Sponsored by the Wakefield Conservation Commission and the Acton Wakefield Watersheds Alliance, Wakefield Opera House, 2 High St., Sanbornville, N.H.

June 26, 8:30am- 4pm; Emergency Preparedness Conference, hosted by state of N.H. and additional partners; Radisson Hotel, Manchester, N.H.

June 28, 6-8:30 pm; Economic Evaluation of Options to Reduce Coastal Flooding in the Hampton-Seabrook Estuary local stakeholder group final meeting, hosted

by the N.H. Coastal Adaptation Workgroup

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