

WaterFront Center Press Release For Immediate Release

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12-Piece Salsa Band to Play at Bay Day!

Beat the high cost of fuel and entertain the whole family for free by attending The WaterFront Center's 8th annual Bay Day event on Sunday, June 1th, 2008 at Beekman Beach in Oyster Bay. The event promises something for everyone, is free, and will run from noon until 5 pm.

Two fantastic bands will fill the afternoon with lively and original music. Banda Eclipse, a 12-piece Latin band, will light up the stage with their powerful repertoire of Salsa, Merengue, Bachata, Reggaeton, Boleros and more! The Grayson Sanders Band, held up by the strength of Grayson's exciting songwriting and the stils of a uniquely funkified rhythm section, will entertain with jazz melodies, and soaring vocals.

This year, in keeping with the event's environmental theme, a special treat will be offered in an especially small package! The new super high efficiency 2008 smart fortwo car will be on display and a representative from the Smart Center Roslyn will be on hand to answer questions.

A variety of environmental and historical organizations will have activities for adults and children. The Town of Oyster Bay, New York Department of Environmental Conservation, Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary, Friends of the Bay, The Whaling Museum, The Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, and more will be represented.

The Long Island Divers Association, a non profit corporation representing the interests of divers and promoting scuba diving in the Long Island area, will be conducting diving operations and showing video of local diving sites. They will also have a display of artifacts retrieved from local shipwrecks.

Seascapes USA, a dive shop located in Syosset, will provide hands on display of diving equipment and answer questions about dive training. The Historical Diving Society and The Northeast Diving Equipment Group will have vintage diving equipment on display.

The WaterFront Center will provide several free sails aboard its historic oyster sloop *Christeen*. Each sail can accommodate 25 passengers. Tickets will be provided on a first come first serve basis at the Pier beginning at 11:30 am. The sloop *Clearwater* will also be visiting and available for dock side tours.

View a parade of local watercraft as the Power Squadron conducts its annual Blessing of the Fleet at 12:30 pm. Try your hand at kayaking with the help of Eastern Mountain Sports and the Long Island Kayak Club. At 2 pm the infamous Anything That Floats Race will take place. “Creative souls still have time to pull together a winning entry. Pull together the family, or your neighborhood friends, and make a push for a last minute entry in this wacky fun Oyster Bay tradition,” says Gaye Verdi, executive director of The WaterFront Center. Call The WaterFront Center for rules and registration.

Food will be available for purchase from the “Crabman” who specializes in crab cakes but also serves more traditional festival food. Participants are encouraged to bring lawn/beach chairs and blankets. To receive more information about Bay Day or to register for the Anything That Floats Race, please contact the WaterFront Center at (516) 922-SAIL (7245).

The WaterFront Center is a not for profit organization located in Oyster Bay and dedicated to teaching people about the marine environment and to promoting the safe, enjoyable use of marine resources. The WaterFront Center’s website outlines all of its program offerings including numerous summer camp opportunities - www.thewaterfrontcenter.org.

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