



The Strandline

New York State Marine Education Association Newsletter
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President's Note

Dear NYSMEANS,

With over 100 members, we collectively probably have thousands of years of experience in education and outreach. It's time to share your expertise!

In January, we will hold a Share-A-Thon, a great place to share ideas for lessons, activities, or tools you have used, and to learn what others are doing. As educators, we often find ourselves working in isolation. The event, taking place at Columbia University on January 21, 2012, will be an opportunity to share and learn. We are looking for presenters--complete the following [form](#), and [Nordica](#), our Education Committee Chair, will be in touch.

Additionally, NYSMEA members will be getting our first issue of Ripples, the Journal of the New York State Marine Education Association very soon. Thanks to those who submitted articles, reviewed, or edited--your help is much appreciated. Have an idea for an article? Please email me!

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Students exploring living specimens.
Credit: Cornell Cooperative Extension

Strandline (n): the high water mark; the area at the top of a beach where debris is deposited.

**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS from
your
NYSMEA family!**

Thanks to all that attended our holiday party last Saturday night. We had a great dinner, a chance to mingle with more than 60 people over mulled wine, and an outstanding lecture from Nicholas Coch (see his tv appearance [here](#))! For those that couldn't make it, we hope to see more of you in 2012!

UPCOMING EVENTS
Share-A-Thon and monthly meeting

Attend our FREE Share-A-Thon, Jan 21st!

Looking for new ideas and activities for your classroom? Join us on January 21st, 2012 at Teachers College at Columbia University for our first Share-A-Thon!



Enjoy a free breakfast and then move from table to table to see workshops presented by educators and collect lots of materials and new ideas!

Email [Nordica](#) to learn more or stay tuned for an email with details. We are also looking for workshop presenters so, if you are interested, please fill out [this form](#).

After the Share-A-Thon, we'll be having our NYMSEA Monthly Meeting, so be sure to stay for lunch and join us!

Ripples is coming soon!

Ripples, NYSMEA's journal, is scheduled to come out before the end of the year.

Here are the articles we will be featuring:

Whales, Whales, Whales!
by Alexander Mildener

Seahorses: Long Island's Fish Oddities by Chris Paparo

Geospatial Learning in the Classroom: A Call for Collaboration
by David Stolarz

[Jan 21, 2012](#)
[Columbia Univ](#)

[NYC Audubon 112th Annual Christmas Bird Count](#)
[Dec 18, 2012 at 8am](#)
[Central Park Reservoir](#)

[Easy Hike: Jamaica Bay - Winter Birds and Survival](#)
[Lead by Don Reipe](#)
[Dec 11, 2011 at 10am](#)
[Jamaica Bay Wildlife Refuge](#)

[11th Annual Bay Scallop Bowl](#)
[March 3, 2012 at 8 am](#)
[Stony Brook University](#)

[Find more events at our Calendar page.](#)

JOIN NYSMEA!

NYSMEA holds an annual conference, periodic meetings, lectures, workshops, field trips, and boat trips. Learn a lot, have a great time and meet some talented, energized educators with a passion for water, just like yours!

Not a member?
[Click here](#) and join only \$20 a year.

Position Announcement

Do you have experience in development? Are you interested in getting into this field?

NYSMEA is recruiting a new head of our Development Committee. This is a great

Ocean Literacy for All
by Meghan E. Marrero

We need your help to make this publication successful! Add to your resume with one or more of the opportunities below:

Get published! For our first issue, we are looking for diverse marine-related articles, including recaps of scientific studies, lesson ideas, and personal anecdotes.

Edit! Experienced editors needed to help review submitted articles and prepare them for publication.

Review! Peer reviewers needed to ensure that **Ripples** is a high quality journal in marine education.

Interested? Email Meghan at
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New Web postings!!

When you receive our issue of The Strandline each month it also means we've updated our Web site!

Here are a few postings that we thought might be of special interest to you all:

- New JOB postings! [here](#)
(Also, Earth911.com also posted a great article on finding a "Green Job". [Read it here](#))
- Scholarships and grant opportunities [here](#)
- Internship and volunteer opportunities [here](#)
- Upcoming NYSMEA and other events! [here](#)

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