Green Boating Practices for Barnegat Bay's Ecologically Sensitive Areas

Ecologically Sensitive Areas are locations where unique wildlife and submerged aquatic vegetation, such as eel Point Pleasan grass, is found. These areas provide shelter and feeding grounds for numerous fish and wildlife, including shellfish, crabs, fish and shorebirds. Take these actions to help keep the **Bay vibrant and healthy:** NW • Maintain 100' distance (approximately six car **Point** Island lengths) from natural shorelines, Bay islands Mosquito and sensitive ecological areas. Cove • Do not chase, harass or disturb nesting birds Heightsand other animals with your vessel. Gate • Buoy mooring chains and lines to prevent them from scraping on the Bay bottom. **Berkeley** • Use pump-out boats and facilities to discharge wastewater from holding tanks. Island **Beach** • Reduce throttle to "no wake" speed when close **North** to a shoreline or in small rivers to help prevent erosion. Lacey Do not operate in shallow water where your prop or pump intake can stir up bottom **Beach** South sediments and destroy aquatic plants. Ocean • Reduce air pollution by cutting your engine and not idling in open water. **Barnegat** Light Barnegat **Beach** North **Forsythe WMA** North **Forsythe** South Legend **Bottom** Intracoastal Waterway Liftle Egg Harbor **Boat Scars** Rivers & Streams Municipal Boundary Island **County Boundary** Long Barnegat Bay Watershed Mgmt. Area Beach 1 **Ecologically Sensitive Area** NJDEP LU / LC - Urban Long Subaquatic Vegetation Density Beach 2 Medium Long New Jersey Open Space Beach 3 State Open Space -laver Natural Lands Trust Open Space County & Municipal Open Space Nonprofit Open Space **Story** Federal Lands **Islands** USFWS - Edwin B. Forsythe **East Story** Islands West Long **Beach** South

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