

Wharf Clean Up



Divers assemble beneath the Verrazano Bridge for a clean up of the historic jetty.

Quayside learning: Budding ecologists received a lesson in transforming an eyesore into a sight for sore eyes when students from Fort Hamilton High School and professional divers spruced up a forgotten, historic wharf as part a local beach clean-up program.

Divers plunged into chilly waters along the wharf shores, exploring the aquatic environment while transmitting live, underwater video images to a unique surface viewing system.

They narrated their observations to a rapt, on-shore audience and collected specimen samples, which were later examined "to provide a snapshot" of the Lower Bay's ecology.

Following the beach clean up, students conducted an environmental assessment by investigating and documenting plant life and aquatic species discovered along the tiny beachfront.

For many years, Denyse Wharf served as an army post. Since 1984, Fort Hamilton High School, 83rd Street and Shore Road, and former Assistant Principal Thomas Green have been pursuing a proposal to construct a marine science center on the site.



Members of the Fort Hamilton High School Marine Science Club join grime-busting in Bay Ridge.



Science Club Director Robert Garcia displays artifacts unearthed during the beautification program.