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Boaters Needed for Mississippi Coastal Cleanup

BILOXI, Miss. – Calling all boaters! In addition to land-based volunteers, the Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force is searching for volunteers with boats to aid in the island portion of the 21st Annual Mississippi Coastal Cleanup to be held from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 17, 2009.

Private boaters are needed for cleanup of Horn Island, Petit Bois Island, Deer Island and the west end and southern tip of Cat Island. Boaters must sign up in advance to participate. To volunteer for Cat, Horn and Petit Bois call Stacy Speas at 228-230-4118. For Deer Island call Jolie Spiers at 228-324-9640.

Volunteers will be supplied with trash bags, data cards, pencils, latex gloves and a free cooler tote provided by Chevron Pascagoula Refinery. Following the cleanup, volunteers must show their meal ticket for a free lunch courtesy of High Cotton Grill, at Courthouse Pier parking area in Gulfport, between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. only the day of the event. Boaters will also receive a coupon compliments of Domino's Pizza.

Mississippi residents under age 21 must have their parents sign a registration form, available on-line at the Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Web site, www.mscoastalcleanup.org, and submit it prior to the cleanup. Children 12 and under are reminded that they must wear a life jacket if they are cleaning the island from a boat under 26 feet in length. For more information call 1-877 BEACH 05.

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The Mississippi Coastal Cleanup Mississippi Marine Debris Task Force is made up of representatives from Ashman & Son Construction; Chevron Pascagoula Refinery; City of Biloxi; City of Gulfport; City of Moss Point; City of Ocean Springs; City of Pascagoula; Coastal Rivers; Delbert Hosemann Secretary of State; DMR Marine Patrol; Eco-Tours of South Mississippi; Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve; Gulf Islands National Seashore; Hancock County Beautification Committee; Hancock County Board of Supervisors; Hancock County Chamber of Commerce; Hancock County Solid Waste; Harrison County Beautification Commission; Harrison County Board of Supervisors; Harrison County Sand Beach Department; Harrison County Sheriff's Department; Harrison County Utility Authority; Heritage Trails Partnership; Jackson County Board of Supervisors; Jackson County Chamber of Commerce; Jackson County Solid Waste Department; Keesler Air Force Base; Mississippi Air National Guard CRTG-Gulfport; Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium; Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality; Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; Mississippi Department of Rehabilitation Services; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College; Mississippi State University Coastal Research & Extension Center; Naval Construction Battalion Center; NOAA Fisheries; North Gulfport Community Land Trust; Office of Congressman Gene Taylor; Rotary International District 6840; Sea Coast Echo; University of Southern Mississippi-Gulf Coast Research Laboratory; Waste Management

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