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Hampton Bay Days Seeks Volunteers for Clean the Bay Day Saturday June 7

Hampton, Virginia- Hampton Bay Days, the city's largest annual festival, is currently seeking volunteers for Clean the Bay Day. The event, scheduled 9:00 a.m. – 12 Noon on Saturday, June 7, allows for members of the community to take a hands-on approach in caring for our region's most valuable and celebrated resource, the Chesapeake Bay.

Each year, boaters, families, service groups, and concerned citizens volunteer their time to help rid the area's waterways of pollution. Help restore the natural beauty of our bay by donating some of your time next weekend.

"The Chesapeake Foundation is thrilled to have partners like the Hampton Bays Days participate in Clean the Bay Day," said Christy Everett of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. "Thanks to partners like these we're able to clean up hundreds of miles of shoreline across the state of Virginia in one day."

For more information on how to volunteer for Clean the Bay Day, contact the Hampton Bay Days office at 757-727-1641. For web surfers, try www.cbf.org. For more information on the 26th annual Hampton Bay Days, check out www.baydays.com.

Clean the Bay Day began in 1988 when a group of concerned citizens banded together to help preserve the health of the bay by physically cleaning the city's waterways of litter. To date, over 87,755 volunteers have removed 4,263,345 pounds (2,025.6 tons) of debris from 4,255 miles of shoreline and waterways in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed.

In 1982, Hampton Bay Days was created as a unique outlet to educate the public on the importance of the Chesapeake Bay in the Hampton Roads region, as well as the rest of Virginia and Maryland. The goal of the festival was, and still is, to provide an

entertaining atmosphere while ultimately serving a greater purpose, highlighting aspects of the Bay and promoting its upkeep and preservation. Over the years, Hampton Bay Days has grown into one of the most anticipated festivals of the summer. Over 500 hometown volunteers help put on the event each year.

Partially bordered by the Hampton Roads harbor and Chesapeake Bay, Hampton is located in the center of the Hampton Roads metropolitan area. Hampton is the site of America's first continuous English-speaking settlement and is home to such visitor attractions as the Virginia Air & Space Center, Riverside IMAX ® Theater, the Cousteau Society, Hampton History Museum, harbor tours and cruises, Hampton University Museum, Fort Monroe, The American Theatre, and the award-winning Hampton Coliseum and Hampton Roads Convention Center. Hampton was twice-named All-America City, the nation's oldest and most prominent community recognition award.

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