Established in October 2002. The team consists of staff from the Northern, Central and Southern regional Bureaus of Water Compliance and Enforcement. All 3 bureaus have at least one U.S. Coast Guard licensed master captain.

The team has 7 vessels ranging from 12 feet to 25 feet that can navigate all navigable waters of the state and the Atlantic Ocean.
Why does the DEP Waterway Enforcement Team exist?

- To strengthen the enforcement of environmental regulations along New Jersey’s rivers, streams, and bays, and enable the Department to get a view of the regulated community, pollution sources, and impacted river banks/coastal regions, not otherwise or normally seen from “the street”.
- To collect water samples and other photographic evidence of violations.
- Routine monitoring, surveillance and patrol.
What does the DEP Waterway Enforcement Team do?

- Conducts surveillance looking for direct sources of pollution, improperly stored material/waste, or illegally developed/filled lands.

- Responds to specific complaints of suspected pollution sources or illegally developed/filled lands.

- Assists other agencies such as the Attorney General’s Office, State Marine Police, and County Prosecutor’s Offices in investigating illegal pollution/land use activity.

- Assists other DEP Divisions which have a need to conduct operations on the water.
What problems have the DEP Waterway Enforcement Team observed?
Illegal drum storage
Abandoned drums
Unpermitted discharges
Illegal Solid Waste disposal
Air Pollution violations
CSO issues
Land Use Issues
Wildlife issues
Emergency Response
Erosion issues
Monitoring/Sampling/Evidence Collection
NJDEP - WET VESSELS
Duranautic on Passaic
Boston Whaler at Barnegat Bay Blitz and on Hackensack
Guardian on the Hackensack and Hudson
Grady White in Raritan Bay
WET Team ready for any weather
Sea Ark on the Arthur Kill
Guardian at the GW Bridge
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