

Sacred Waters Honor Journey

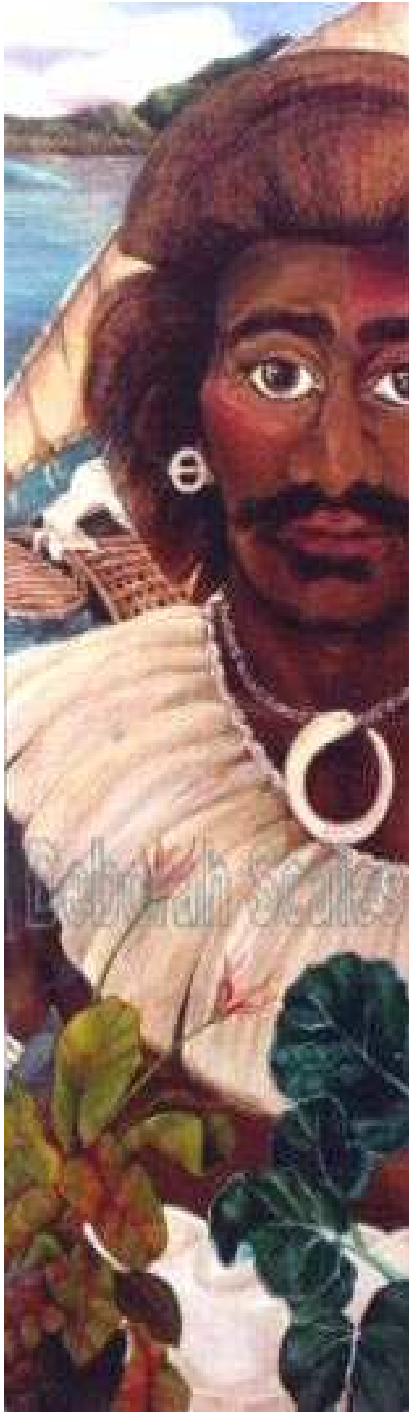


From the Source to the Sea

Water is a sacred gift, fundamental and indispensable for sustaining all life. It's the life-giving fluid of our planet needed by all organisms, humans, animals, and plants alike. Our very existence is intimately connected with - - and dependent upon - - the quality of water.

The Sacred Waters Journey is the 2nd annual voyage from the rivers to the sea to promote stewardship and deepen our relationship with our vital, living waters. The goal is for all participants from all parts of the world to paddle along riverways in canoes or kayaks and to reach the sea by **Saturday, June 8th for Oceans Day** and to join the participating maritime vessels.

PLEASE NOTE: We are seeking organizers for every river possible. Organize a river journey for your region whether it is for a day or a week and paddle your way to the tidal waters for Oceans Day on June 8th. If you can't get to the ocean, then get wet on any body of water—a river, lake, pond, or stream in solidarity for clean water on June 8th.



PURPOSE

- Create greater reverence, appreciation and love for our beautiful water systems throughout the world.
- Create greater awareness regarding the urgent global state of Water.
- Provide opportunities for cross-cultural perspectives, sustainable solutions, and the sharing of traditional knowledge.
- Inspire and implement actions to protect, manage, and restore the integrity and quality of our freshwater and marine eco-systems with an emphasis on establishing marine protected areas.
- Assist and sponsor youth in the necessary skills as future stewards.
- Promote declarations that honor our earth and water, such as the Earth Charter, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Indigenous Peoples Kyoto Water Declaration.
- Involve music, dance, and art in our experience of water as well as prayer and ceremony.
- Recognize and support Indigenous Peoples and their traditional roles as stewards of their ancestral lands with emphasis on customary river and marine management systems.
- Recognize and support the vital links between cultural and biodiversity.
- Support the revival of traditional maritime vessels.
- Create peaceful relations around our mutual interdependence with water, with a focus on trans-boundary river basins.
- Create awareness of the interconnectedness of all creation and that we are all one.

2012 Sacred Waters Honor Journey
THE DELAWARE BAY TO SUNSET BEACH, CAPE MAY



Chief Bob Redhawk of the Lenap'e Nation

A United Nations World Oceans Day Event
UNITED WORLD EFFORT FOR 7 GENERATIONS

The theme of this event is connecting the rivers to the sea and how we can strengthen this interdependent relationship. The intention is to recognize the potential of this international treasure, where the Delaware Bay meets the ocean. Participating organizations include: The Delaware River Gateway, The Lenape' Nation, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary, The Jersey Shore Sea Kayak Association, South Shore Jersey Bay Shore Coalition, and the Delaware River Keeper Network.

Many of the organizers have a long history of working for clean waters on the upper and middle Delaware River region and moving away from an industrial river to one of recreation and beauty with the establishment of the Federal Wild and Scenic Designations along the Delaware. It is now time to look to the sea. The 2012 event was a networking event in order to make this vital link to bring our efforts together to establish Federal Special Protections Waters for the lower Delaware and the Bay.

JOIN US FOR THE 2013 EVENT. DETAILS WILL BE POSTED BY JANUARY 2013.

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