

More Good Stuff

Additional Activity Ideas for Down Jersey Maritime History

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- Write an essay on the history of one of the oyster towns (Bivalve, Shellpile, Port Norris, Mauricetown).
- Design a flow chart/diagram showing the oyster harvest process from gathering to packaging.
- Build a scale model of an oyster boat, or other traditional craft.
- Create a diorama of an ecologically accurate oyster bed.
- Collect oyster recipes and compile a recipe book. Can also collect recipes for clams, crabs, fish, etc.
- Illustrate four types of ships built along the Maurice and Cohansey Rivers.
- Create a time line illustrating the effect of oystering on the Down Jersey economy.
- Investigate the changes in transportation and demonstrate the impacts of these changes on traditional maritime activities.
- Investigate the carrying capacity of the region: Look at impacts on the environment (i.e. caviar, oysters, etc.).
- Visit the Delaware Bay Schooner Project/Museum.
- Compose a sea chanty (a traditional maritime song).
- Draw a map of the Delaware Bay and mark the lighthouses and channel buoys.
- Create a time line tracing the technological changes in navigation.
- Choose a creative writing project — a poem, a short story, etc., around the maritime history theme.
- Investigate the maritime history of your home town. Are there any ties to the water, the estuary that helped in the settlement of your home town?