

Mary, I want to take this opportunity to thank you and your courageous crew of multi talented people. You have had to overcome numerous obstacles, getting and outfitting the Barge, fund raising for supplies, security, insurance and equipment. Mary you and your crew persevered and had extremely successful visits to all 5 boroughs and Governor's Island. You have gotten your message out, to School groups, Community Boards, Political Leaders and the General Public; on how to live on the Barge using Solar/Wind power, seeding and growing your own food and water purification. In addition you have made people aware of the danger of polluting our valuable finite waterways with chemicals, raw sewerage, deteriorating piers, bulkheads, abandoned/partially sunken vessels, and sunken vessels/barges. You are to be commended for all your efforts in educating our youth and general public to our environmental pitfalls. I and my crew are looking forward to working with you and Waterpod next year on an improved Waterpod Barge and new and exciting programs.

My very best, FJC, CDM D. Cotto, DM O. Santana.

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