# NYC FLEET NEWSLETTER

## DCAS, PARKS, FEDS PARTNER TO REMOVE ABANDONED BOATS

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After Hurricane Sandy, DCAS worked with NYC Emergency Management to remove nearly 3,500 damaged private cars and boats from locations citywide. This was in addition to processing the disposal and replacement of 600 City vehicles destroyed by the storm.

Those units were all removed from land. However, a large number of boats and debris piles remained on the waterside needing removal and disposal.

In the last two years, DCAS, Parks and NYCEM have partnered with FEMA and NOAA at the federal level, as well as New York State DEC to fund and organize removal of boats and debris at water locations citywide. These removals began this summer.



DCAS Fleet and Procurement developed and bid the City's first requirement contract for removal of boats and debris on water. The winner vendor was Custom Marine which uses barges and cranes to do the removals.

DCAS and Parks worked on a funding agreement with NOAA and FEMA to support the removals.

Parks Natural Resources Group (NRG) and Marina Divisions have worked together to organize the removals, including obtaining DEC permits, and overseeing daily work on the water.

To date, 25 boats and 108 cubic yards of debris have been removed from three areas of The Bronx, with regular removals continuing.



Many thanks and congratulations to all the agencies that partnered together to begin to address this difficult operational challenge and to help clean our City's waterfront.

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