



# The NASSCO Tidepool

A Collection of Environmental News from the Shipyard and Our Community

## Environmental Engineering Mission Statement

General Dynamics NASSCO Environmental Engineering is dedicated to maintaining an Environmental Management System that continually strives to go beyond regulatory compliance.

General Dynamics NASSCO Environmental Engineering is committed to conducting all operations in a manner that safeguards the health and safety of all employees and the public, preserves natural resources, and protects the environment. This commitment to protecting the air, water, and land is carried out through energy conservation initiatives, recycling programs, and on-going process improvements.

## Negocio Verde Marina Workshop a Success!



*Matt Pendergraft of the Port of San Diego explains marina inspections to boaters at the Bay Club Marina in Shelter Island.*

On Saturday, July 7<sup>th</sup> the Negocio Verde Environmental Justice (EJ) Task Force held its first free Marina Pollution Prevention (P2) Workshop for Marina Managers, Boat Owners and Subcontractors.

This was a multi-media environmental workshop with information provided on preventing air, storm water and Bay pollution as well as proper handling of hazardous & universal wastes.

The workshop was hosted by Marty Cole, Marina Manager of the Bay Club Marina in Shelter Island. Following the workshop, the Task Force was asked to conduct similar workshops at the Half Moon Anchorage and the Sea World Marina for their boat owners.

Members of the Negocio Verde EJ Task Force are Angela Baranco, US EPA, Region 9; Kacey Christie, General Dynamics NASSCO, Susan Hahn County of San Diego Dept. of Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials Division; Kevin Heiss, San Diego Air Pollution Control District; James Justus, Inner City Business Association, Alicia Ortiz, BAE Systems San Diego Ship Repair; Marie Vicario, Southwestern College, Environmental Technology; and Michele White Port of San Diego, Environmental Services Dept.

General Dynamics NASSCO has served as the chair of this committee since its inception as a subcommittee of the US EPA Barrio Logan EJ Demonstration Project in 2001. The Task Force meets twice a month at the US EPA Border Liaison Offices in Little Italy for more information contact, Kacey Christie, Environmental Engineering Specialist at 619-544-7963.

## Coronado Ferry Heron Rescue

By Kacey Christie, Environmental Engineering Specialist,

I am very lucky to have one of the best commutes; it begins on the ferry from Coronado to San Diego and then ends with a trolley ride to NASSCO. Before I board the ferry I pick up the discarded fishing line on the pier because it is so hazardous to birds and other wildlife.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, I came face-to-face with that hazard. On that morning, there was a huge tangle of fishing line on the pier that went into the Bay. As I pulled in the line it was very heavy and I thought that there was a fish tugging on the line. It turned out to be a black-crowned night heron with both of its legs tangled together in the line. Amazingly the bird was still alive.

Having visited the Project Wildlife website at [www.projectwildlife.org](http://www.projectwildlife.org). I knew that rescuing wild shore birds such as seagulls and herons is dangerous as they have very sharp beaks and actually will aim at your face and eyes. I placed him on the pier and placed my empty backpack on his neck to keep him from biting me. The captain of the ferry lent me his knife and I managed to cut him free with the assistance of the deck hand. It was very rewarding seeing him fly away.

If I wasn't able to obtain and knife and free him safely, I would have called Project Wildlife's hotline number at (619)225-9202. I have this phone number stored in my cell phone's address book. I recommend that everyone keep this number in your cell phone, as you never know when you'll come across injured wildlife.



*A black-crowned night heron.*