



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) regularly tests waterbodies in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton for the bacteria *enterococcus*. CCOM processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab and then shares the results on the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) online portal. *Entero* levels at 104 and above are considered a risk to human health; it is often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures.

Intensive monitoring and/or remediation projects are planned or in place at the locations marked with an asterisk ()*

| LOCATION | ENTERO LEVEL | INDICATION OF |
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| MONTAUK | | |
| Lake Montauk: Harbor* | 0 | Low Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: Causeway South* | 10 | Low Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek* | 86 | Medium Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach* | 41 | Medium Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: East Creek* | 2,755 | High Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: South Beach* | 10 | Low Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: West Creek* | 175 | High Bacteria |
| Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones* | Not Tested | |
| Ditch Plains: East of Jetty | 10 | Low Bacteria |
| Surfside Place: Beach | 256 | High Bacteria |
| Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe* | Not Tested – DRY | |
| Fort Pond: Industrial* | 10 | Low Bacteria |
| Fort Pond: Ramp* | 74 | Medium Bacteria |
| Tuthill Pond | Not Tested | |
| LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd. | Not Tested | |
| LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd. | Not Tested | |
| LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach | 0 | Low Bacteria |
| LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert | Not Tested – DRY | |
| AMAGANSETT | | |
| Napeague Harbor: East | 20 | Low Bacteria |
| Napeague Harbor: West | 0 | Low Bacteria |
| Fresh Pond: Beach* | 121 | High Bacteria |
| Fresh Pond: Creek* | 107 | High Bacteria |
| EAST HAMPTON | | |
| Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach | 98 | High Bacteria |
| Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp* | 201 | High Bacteria |
| Pussy’s Pond* | 573 | High Bacteria |
| Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive | 0 | Low Bacteria |
| Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor* | 20 | Low Bacteria |
| Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing | 0 | Low Bacteria |
| Northwest Creek: Ramp | 10 | Low Bacteria |
| Northwest Creek: Culvert | Not Tested – DRY | |



Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), in partnership with the Gobler Lab at Stony Brook Southampton, monitors Fort Pond for toxic blue-green harmful algal blooms (cyanobacteria). CCOM delivers samples to the Lab, which shares bloom occurrences online through the NYS DEC HAB Notification page. Blue-green levels at 20ug/L and above are at high risk of a bloom and triggers toxicity testing; DEC considers a concentration of 25ug/L and above as a bloom.

| LOCATION | BLOOM STATUS | BLUE-GREEN LEVEL | INDICATION OF |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fort Pond: Industrial | No Bloom | 23.76 | High Risk |
| Fort Pond: Ramp | No Bloom | 23.46 | High Risk |
| Big Reed Pond | Not Tested | --- | --- |
| Little Reed Pond | Not Tested | --- | --- |

To learn more about CCOM's water quality programs, please visit the website at www.PreserveMontauk.org