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CCOM MONTHLY WEBINAR SERIES – NOVEMBER 2020

WHAT: TOXIC ALGAE IN OUR PONDS

WHEN: November 12, 2020 4pm-5pm

WHO: CCOM and Dr. Chris Gobler / Stony Brook Southampton

MORE INFO: [PreserveMontauk.org/Events](https://www.preservemontauk.org/Events) to join the Zoom virtual meeting

Harmful Algal Blooms (HABs), also known as cyanobacteria or blue-green algae, have myriad negative effects: fish kills, low-oxygen “dead zones,” and respiratory and intestinal illness in humans and animals, to name just a few.

Are you worried about the toxic effect that HABs can have in our local waters? Please join our Zoom virtual meeting on Thursday, November 12th at 4pm to hear from Dr. Chris Gobler of the Gobler Laboratory at Stony Brook Southampton, a world leader in the testing and understanding of cyanobacteria.

Two years ago, CCOM partnered with the Gobler Laboratory at Stony Brook Southampton to ensure consistent testing is performed to monitor Fort Pond and Big Reed Pond for the presence of HABs. In recent years, thanks to our partnership, the swimming portion of the EventPower MightyMan Montauk Triathlon was moved to a safer location after a bloom was detected in Fort Pond. We hope that with better understanding and appropriate actions our community and visitors can return to enjoying our waters safely.

In September 2020, CCOM launched a new Monthly Webinar Series featuring a different topic and speaker for each meeting. These 1-hour online events are a great way for CCOM staff and partner organization to engage with community members on key environmental issues related to CCOM’s work. The Monthly Webinar Series will be a mainstay event, and upcoming topics and recordings of previous meetings can be found at:

www.preservemontauk.org/publications/webinars