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**WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2021**

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 Surfriider 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          |
|--|------------------|------------------------|
| <b>MONTAUK</b>                               |                  |                        |
| Lake Montauk: Harbor*                        | Not Tested       |                        |
| Lake Montauk: Causeway South*                | Not Tested       |                        |
| <b>Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*</b> | <b>238</b>       | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| <b>Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*</b>  | <b>158</b>       | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| <b>Lake Montauk: East Creek*</b>             | <b>3,076</b>     | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| <b>Lake Montauk: South Beach*</b>            | <b>73</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| <b>Lake Montauk: West Creek*</b>             | <b>52</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*               | 20               | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert</b>      | <b>1,607</b>     | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| Ditch Plains: East of Jetty                  | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| Surfside Place: Beach                        | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*                | Not Tested - DRY |                        |
| Fort Pond: Industrial*                       | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Fort Pond: Ramp*</b>                      | <b>512</b>       | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| <b>Tuthill Pond</b>                          | <b>52</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| <b>LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.</b>  | <b>75</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| <b>LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.</b>     | <b>63</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach              | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert            | Not Tested - DRY |                        |
| <b>AMAGANSETT</b>                            |                  |                        |
| Napeague Harbor: East                        | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Napeague Harbor: West</b>                 | <b>191</b>       | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| Fresh Pond: Beach*                           | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| Fresh Pond: Creek*                           | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>EAST HAMPTON</b>                          |                  |                        |
| Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach          | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*</b>      | <b>81</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| <b>Accabonac Harbor: General Store*</b>      | <b>105</b>       | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| Pussy’s Pond*                                | Not Tested       |                        |
| Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive           | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*       | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing         | 0                | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Northwest Creek: Ramp</b>                 | <b>85</b>        | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| Northwest Creek: Culvert                     | Not Tested - DRY |                        |



Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM), in partnership with the Gobler Lab at Stony Brook Southampton, monitors Fort Pond and Big Reed Pond for toxic blue-green 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    |
|------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Fort Pond: Industrial</b> | <b>No Bloom</b> | <b>24.28</b>     | <b>High Risk</b> |
| <b>Fort Pond: Ramp</b>       | <b>Bloom</b>    | <b>28.84</b>     | <b>High Risk</b> |
| Lake Montauk: South Beach    | Not Tested      | ---              | ---              |
| Stepping Stones Pond         | Not Tested      | ---              | ---              |
| Big Reed Pond                | Not Tested      | ---              | ---              |
| Little Reed Pond             | Not Tested      | ---              | ---              |

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