



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF MAY 23, 2022**

Concerned Citizens of Montauk (CCOM) partners with the Surfrider Foundation Eastern Long Island Chapter and Peconic Baykeeper to monitor East End water bodies for the bacteria enterococcus. CCOM tests locations in Montauk, Amagansett, and East Hampton, processes the water samples in the CCOM office lab and shares the results with the public through press releases and the Surfrider Foundation’s Blue Water Task Force (BWTF) online portal. Enterococcus 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. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test.

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
<b>MONTAUK</b>		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	Not Tested	
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	Not Tested	
<b>Lake Montauk: South Beach*</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: West Creek	31	Low Bacteria
<b>Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>Medium Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	10	Low Bacteria
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	<10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
<b>Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*</b>	<b>1374</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Fort Pond: Industrial*	20	Low Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	10	Low Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	30	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	30	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	Not Tested	
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	Not Tested	
<b>AMAGANSETT</b>		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	10	Low Bacteria
<b>EAST HAMPTON</b>		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	30	Low Bacteria
<b>Accabonac Harbor: East of Old Stone Culvert*</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>Medium Bacteria</b>
Pussy’s Pond*	Not Tested	
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	<10	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	<10	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Culvert	20	Low Bacteria



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.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>BLOOM STATUS</b>	<b>BLUE-GREEN LEVEL</b>	<b>INDICATION OF</b>
Fort Pond: Industrial	Not Tested	---	---
Fort Pond: Ramp	Not Tested	---	---
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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