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WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF AUGUST 22, 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. Entero levels at 104 and above are considered a risk to human health. High levels are often due to heavy rains, extreme high tides, and/or warm water temperatures. Levels <10 are considered below the detection limit of the test. *Intensive monitoring and/or remediation projects are planned or in place at the locations marked with an asterisk (*)*.

LOCATION	ENTERO LEVEL	INDICATION OF
MONTAUK		
Lake Montauk: Harbor*	1,246	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Causeway South*	1,515	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*	74	Medium Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: East Creek*	<24,196	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	30	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	<24,196	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	<24,196	High Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert	<24,196	High Bacteria
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	185	High Bacteria
Surfside Place: Beach	10	Low Bacteria
Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*	<24,196	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Industrial*	191	High Bacteria
Fort Pond: Ramp*	11,199	High Bacteria
Tuthill Pond	11,199	High Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Tuthill Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Fort Pond Bay, Navy Rd.	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Beach	<10	Low Bacteria
LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert	<24,196	High Bacteria
AMAGANSETT		
Napeague Harbor: East	<10	Low Bacteria
Napeague Harbor: West	185	High Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Beach*	52	Medium Bacteria
Fresh Pond: Creek*	359	High Bacteria
EAST HAMPTON		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	31	Low Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	187	High Bacteria
Accabonac Harbor: East of Old Stone Culvert*	504	High Bacteria
Pussy’s Pond*	Inaccessible	
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	2,046	High Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*	<10	Low Bacteria
Three Mile Harbor: Settler’s Landing	<10	Low Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	41	Medium Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Culvert	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. Samples with blue-green levels at 20ug/L and above indicate the water body is at high risk of a bloom and are therefore tested for toxins. The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) considers a concentration of 25ug/L and above as a bloom.

LOCATION	BLOOM STATUS	BLUE-GREEN LEVEL	INDICATION OF
Fort Pond: Industrial	Bloom Present		High Risk
Fort Pond: Ramp	Bloom Present		High Risk

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