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**WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF JUNE 12, 2023**

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; 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           |
| <b>Lake Montauk: East Creek*</b>             | <b>110</b>   | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| Lake Montauk: South Beach*                   | <10          | Low Bacteria           |
| Lake Montauk: West Creek                     | 10           | Low Bacteria           |
| Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*               | 10           | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert</b>      | <b>5475</b>  | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |
| Ditch Plains: East of Jetty                  | <10          | Low Bacteria           |
| Surfside Place: Beach                        | <10          | Low Bacteria           |
| Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*                | Dry          |                        |
| Fort Pond: Industrial*                       | 20           | Low Bacteria           |
| Fort Pond: Ramp*                             | <10          | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>Tuthill Pond</b>                          | <b>63</b>    | <b>Medium Bacteria</b> |
| 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              | Not Tested   |                        |
| LI Sound: Soundview Drive Culvert            | Not Tested   |                        |
| <b>AMAGANSETT</b>                            |              |                        |
| Napeague Harbor: East                        | 20           | Low Bacteria           |
| Napeague Harbor: West                        | 10           | Low Bacteria           |
| Fresh Pond: Beach*                           | <10          | Low Bacteria           |
| Fresh Pond: Creek*                           | 31           | Low Bacteria           |
| <b>EAST HAMPTON</b>                          |              |                        |
| Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach          | 10           | Low Bacteria           |
| Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*             | <10          | Low Bacteria           |
| Accabonac Harbor: East of Old Stone Culvert* | Not Tested   |                        |
| 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           |
| <b>Northwest Creek: Culvert</b>              | <b>107</b>   | <b>High Bacteria</b>   |



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 trigger toxicity testing; DEC considers a concentration of 25ug/L and above as a bloom.

| DATE      | LOCATION              | BLOOM STATUS     | BLUE-GREEN LEVEL | INDICATION OF |
|-----------|-----------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 6/12/2023 | Fort Pond: Industrial | No Bloom Present | 0.86             | Low Risk      |
| 6/12/2023 | Fort Pond: Ramp       | No Bloom Present | 1.43             | Low Risk      |

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