



**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
**WATER TESTING RESULTS: WEEK OF JULY 10, 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>		
<b>Lake Montauk: Harbor*</b>	<b>6488</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
<b>Lake Montauk: Causeway South*</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>Medium Bacteria</b>
<b>Lake Montauk: Little Reed Pond Creek*</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: Nature Preserve Beach*	10	Low Bacteria
<b>Lake Montauk: East Creek*</b>	<b>1396</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Lake Montauk: South Beach*	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: West Creek	<10	Low Bacteria
Lake Montauk: Stepping Stones*	20	Low Bacteria
<b>Lake Montauk: Benson Dr. Culvert</b>	<b>6488</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Ditch Plains: East of Jetty	<10	Low Bacteria
<b>Surfside Place: Beach</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>Medium Bacteria</b>
<b>Surfside Place: Outfall Pipe*</b>	<b>24196</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
<b>Fort Pond: Industrial*</b>	<b>1145</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
<b>Fort Pond: Ramp*</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
<b>Tuthill Pond</b>	<b>52</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	Low Bacteria
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*	20	Low Bacteria
<b>Fresh Pond: Creek*</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
<b>EAST HAMPTON</b>		
Accabonac Harbor: Louse Point Beach	Not Tested	
Accabonac Harbor: Shipyard Ramp*	Not Tested	
Accabonac Harbor: East of Old Stone Culvert*	Not Tested	
Landing Lane	Not Tested	
Three Mile Harbor: Folkstone Drive	Not Tested	
<b>Three Mile Harbor: Head of the Harbor*</b>	<b>2755</b>	<b>High Bacteria</b>
Three Mile Harbor: Settler's Landing	10	Medium Bacteria
Northwest Creek: Ramp	<10	Low 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. 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
7/7/2023	Fort Pond: Industrial	No Bloom Present	13.85	Low Risk
7/7/2023	Fort Pond: Ramp	No Bloom Present	17.59	Medium Risk
7/10/2023	Fort Pond: Industrial	No Bloom Present	15.76	Medium Risk
7/10/2023	Fort Pond: Ramp	No Bloom Present	13.96	Low Risk

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