



Fisheries Quarterly

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We are CCE Fisheries, a department within Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County's Marine Program. All throughout the year, the Fisheries Team focuses on all things fisheries – testing new and upcoming fishing gear, collecting biological data on the species most important to our fishing industries, holding events to introduce local seafood to Long Islanders, and so much more. We're here to ensure the voice of our local marine fishing industry is heard, whether it be for new fishing regulations, or coexisting with ocean construction projects. This newsletter will share the progress we've made towards these goals every quarter!

At a Glance

- CCE brings derelict lobster gear removal efforts back east.
- CCE hosts multiple events to promote local seafood and the Long Island Seafood Cuisine Trail
- Commercial and for-hire captains still have a chance to get free training and an iPad for submitting electronic vessel trip reports (eVTR).



About the Cover: (from left to right) Fisheries Specialist Kristin Gerbino, Marine Program Director Chris Pickerell, Assistant Marine Program Director Lorne Brousseau, Fisheries Director Scott Curatolo-Wagemann, and Fisheries Volunteer Andrew Van Bladel stand under the CCE Fisheries booth at this year's Oyster Jamboree.



- September 25

Tide & Vine Dinner

at Meadowlark North Fork
5-8pm

- October 9-12

Long Island Fall Festival

at Heckscher Park

(Huntington)

5pm-10pm (October 9)

11am-10pm (October 10-11)

11am-5pm (October 12)

- October 17 & 18

Oyster Bay Oyster Fest

at Theodore Roosevelt

Memorial Park & Beach

11am-6pm

- October 23

MoCa Lights 2026

at Toast Coffee & Kitchen

7-9pm

- October 24

Bats, Barnacles &

Broomsticks Halloween Party

at the Long Island

Aquarium

10am-4pm

Over The Hump: Derelict Lobster Gear Removal Update

Having completed our first 10 trips in central LIS out of Mount Sinai, we will be conducting a total of 20 trap removal trips in eastern LIS near Mattituck. While CCE has historically removed many traps from this area of LIS, this will be the first time that removal efforts will be combine local lobstermen's knowledge and side scan sonar technology.

Featured Mollusk:



Channeled Whelk (*Busycotypus canaliculatus*)



Above Left: A young American lobster resting in a bushel basket alongside this issue's Featured Mollusk.
Above Right: Fisheries Intern Kendall Somol displays a young American lobster found in a derelict trap removed from central Long Island Sound.

Tide & Vine Dinner at the Vineyard

What happens when you pair fresh local seafood with the finest Long Island wines?

You get the **Tide & Vine Dinner** at Meadowlark North Fork! Indulge in a five-course tasting experience showcasing the versatility and quality of our local seafood. Each course is thoughtfully paired with small-batch Meadowlark North Fork wines.

Join us for a magical evening on Friday **September 25 from 5-8 pm** at Meadowlark North Fork presented by reknown Chef Ryan Carroll of Wild Events and the Cornell Marine Program. All proceeds support of the Choose Local F.I.S.H. initiative.



Go to www.localfish.org or
[Click here to purchase tickets!](#)

\$195 per ticket
Tickets limited



Summer Events from East to West

Summertime is always a particularly busy time of year for the CCE Fisheries Team, both on and off the water. Long days and warm weather means Long Islanders are out and about, providing perfect opportunities for our team to engage with the public at events all across Long Island to share project updates, local fish recipes, and even samples of locally caught seafood!

LIFC 2026 Summer Rooftop Celebration

CCE's Fisheries Team once again had the honor of attending the Long Island Food Council's annual Summer Rooftop Celebration at the AriZona Beverages headquarters in Woodbury. This unique event celebrates all reaches of Long Island's food scene and provides opportunities to sample all sorts of local food and beverages, including a new recipe of our own: seafood risotto made with local calamari and Montauk red shrimp.



Back to the Bays Day

In support of CCE Marine's Back to the Bays stewardship program, our Fisheries Team attended the annual Back to the Bays Day at Whales Tale in Hampton Bays. This lively event is a celebration Long Island's bays and marine wildlife through live music, local seafood, and art, such as fish print t-shirts crafted with locally harvested species.

Oyster Jamboree 2026

This August, the CCE Fisheries Team was invited to attend Long Island's second annual Oyster Jamboree at Port Jefferson's Harborfront Park in celebration of that most iconic of Long Island's seafoods: the oyster. Patrons from all across Long Island came to sample fresh oysters from local harvesters such as North Fork Big Oysters, Peconic Gold Oysters and the Hampton Oyster Co., among others. The jamboree was a great opportunity for CCE Fisheries to promote local harvesters and the fruits of their labor.



Free Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting Trainings

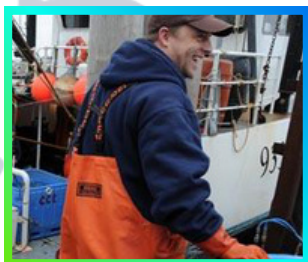
NY for-hire and commercial fishermen still have an opportunity to meet with the CCE Fisheries Team for help with electronic vessel trip reporting (eVTR). Electronic reporting became mandatory for for-hire fishermen on January 1, 2025. CCE is supporting the transition to electronic reporting by providing iPads at NO COST to fishermen needing to make the switch!

Continual trainings will be conducted through December 2026, so come join us!

If you are a fisherman interested in receiving training and a free iPad to use for electronic reporting purposes, please register for an upcoming training session. Dates for upcoming trainings can be found at:

<https://ccesuffolk.org/marine/fisheries/evtr>
or contact Tara McClintock
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