

In addition, the department operates two pumpout vessels, one on the north shore and one on the south shore. Call on Marine channel 9 for assistance.

The control of storm water and septic system discharge is particularly important in Oyster Bay Harbor in order to maintain its viability as one of the last remaining strongholds of the Long Island shellfishing industry. In most years, more than 90% of New York State's annual oyster catch comes out of Oyster Bay Harbor. For pumpout information, call the Department of Environmental Resources at 677-5943.

Safe Boating Courses

The Oyster Bay Power Squadron offers Basic Boating Courses. The Power Squadron generally schedules fall and spring classes. For further information, call 935-0475.

Safe Boating Courses are available through the Coast Guard Auxiliary. For information about courses in your area, call 1-800-336-BOAT.

Shellfishing

The Oyster Bay Town Clerk issues commercial and recreational shellfishing permits. Applicants for commercial or recreational permits, which are renewable annually, must be 14 years of age or older and residents of the Town. Proper ID and proof of residency must be shown.

Commercial permits are issued only at the Town Clerk's Office in Oyster Bay. Recreational permits are issued in the Town Clerk's Offices in Oyster Bay and Massapequa. Senior residents over the age of 60 may obtain a permanent ID card, for recreational

clamming only, for a one-time fee of \$7.50.

Shellfishing restrictions include a minimum thickness for hard clams of 1 and 1/2 inches. Anything smaller must be put back.

Bay scallops may also be taken from the third Monday in September until March 31.

For further information on shellfishing permits, call the Town Clerk's Office at 624-6320.

Tide Tables

The Department of Environmental Resources publishes an annual tide table, which lists the times of all high tides for both the north and south shores of the Town. The charts are available, free to the public, at Town Halls North and South, Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park, John J. Burns Town Park, and the Department of Environmental Resources in Syosset.

Please Remember To:

- ◆ Dispose of trash and recyclables in receptacles provided when you're at the beach. When on your boat, stow these items for proper disposal when you come ashore.
- ◆ Use slow-release pesticides and fertilizers on your lawn and garden and don't bag grass clippings.
- ◆ Harvest only legal-sized shellfish and finfish.
- ◆ Avoid walking on the dunes when at the beach.
- ◆ Use the Town's free mobile and dockside pumpout stations when you're boating in Oyster Bay waters.

- ◆ Never dump oil, gasoline or other hazardous chemicals in storm drains, on the ground or into recharge systems. Anything that goes on or under the ground on Long Island is eventually carried into surrounding waterways or into our groundwater drinking supply.
- ◆ Dispose of waste oil and other hazardous household chemicals through the Town's S.T.O.P. (Stop Throwing Out Pollutants) Program. For a schedule of upcoming S.T.O.P. collection dates and locations, call the Department of Environmental Resources at 677-5943.

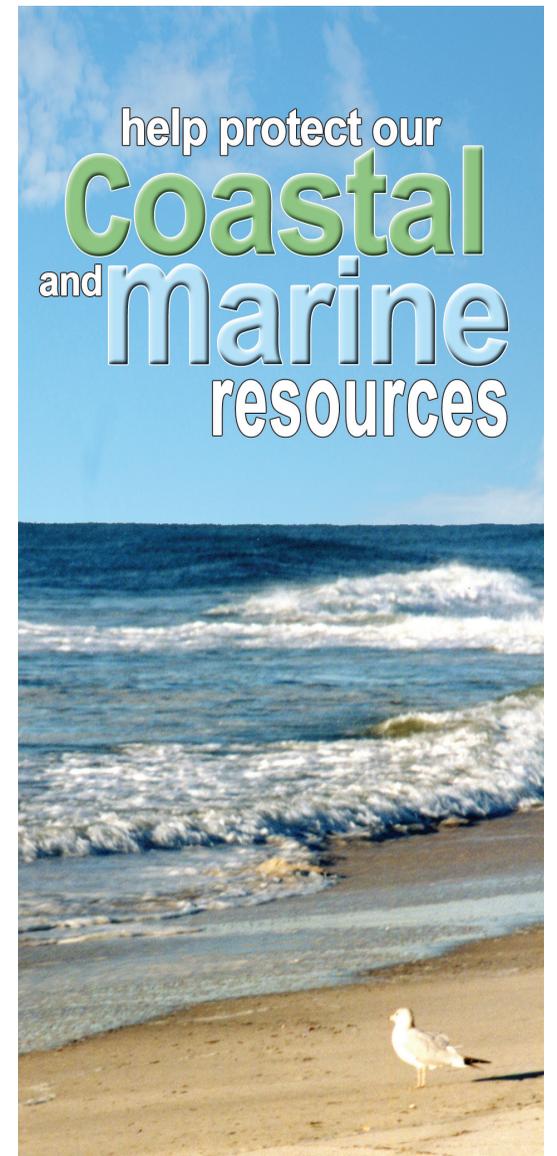
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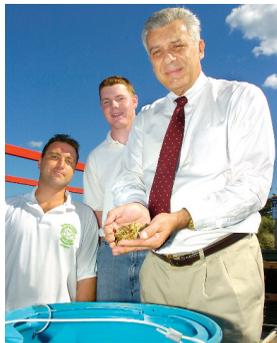
The Town Code provides for an Environmental Conservation Officer and staff from the Town's Department of Environmental Resources to patrol Oyster Bay Harbor, Hempstead Harbor, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island Sound and South Oyster Bay. Their chief responsibilities are to promote the protection of our marine environment through environmental surveillance and, where necessary, through the issuance of summonses for illegal shellfishing and other environmental violations.

In cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Nassau County Department of Health, regular surface water quality testing is conducted. With the assistance of the Coalition to Save Hempstead Harbor and the Hempstead Harbor Protection Committee, a water monitoring program is conducted regularly in Hempstead Harbor. Results can be found on www.hempsteadharbor.org.

Bay Management Program

The Town's Department of Environmental Resources conducts a Bay Management Program within the Bay Management area off West Shore Road in Oyster Bay Harbor. Seed clams and mature clams are transplanted to this area for cleansing or spawning and future availability, on a limited basis, to local baymen.

Clams from uncertified waters are periodically relocated to certified waters



to enable them to cleanse themselves. Also, clams growing in certified waters in colder portions of the harbor are transplanted to warmer certified waters in the harbor to promote better spawning.

The department also conducts an annual Seed Clam Program aimed at replenishing the hard clam population. Approximately five million seed clams are set out in protected north shore and south shore waters. Within four years, the seeds mature into harvestable clams. In 2007, the Town began planting 250,000 oysters in both north and south shore waters.

Beaches

The Town of Oyster Bay has many picturesque beaches on both shorelines. South shore beaches include Tobay Beach, which offers both ocean and bayside facilities, and Philip B. Healey Beach at Florence Avenue. Located on the north shore are Centre Island, Ransom and Stehli Beaches, all in Bayville; Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Park and Beach in Oyster Bay; and Tappen Beach in Glenwood Landing. For information on facilities at each of these, call the Parks Department-Beach Division at 797-4110.

Boating Facilities

Boat slips are available at Tappen, Roosevelt and Tobay Marinas. Launching ramps are located at Tappen and Roosevelt Marinas and at John J. Burns Town Park, Massapequa. For further information, call the Parks Department at 797-4128. Moorings in Oyster Bay Harbor are available through the Department of Environmental Resources. Mooring applicants must present New York State boat registration or documentation papers. For further information, call the department at 677-5943.

Town Bay Constables enforce State laws and Town ordinances regarding boat speeding and safety and provide rescue services. They can be contacted on VHF Channel 16.



Crabbing and Lobstering

Crabbing and lobstering licenses can be obtained from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation at Stony Brook. For information, call 631-444-0475.

Dune Stabilization Program

The Town's Department of Environmental Resources conducts an ongoing Dune Stabilization Program at Tobay Beach. These efforts, which are aimed at preventing erosion and preserving the integrity of this critically important barrier beach, include the planting of dune grass, a proven dune stabilizer; its thick stems reduce wind velocity near the ground and trap windblown sand.



Additionally, signage at the beach and informational messages remind beach-goers to avoid walking on, or otherwise disturbing, the fragile dune structures.

John F. Kennedy Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary

Owned and maintained by the Town of Oyster Bay, the 525-acre John F. Kennedy Memorial Wildlife Sanctuary is located adjacent to the parking field at Tobay Beach. The sanctuary is

considered one of the northeast's most important refuges for migratory waterfowl and shore birds. The site contains creeks, dunes, salt marshes, and both freshwater and salt-water ponds. Wildlife inhabitants and visitors include herons, egrets, rails, wrens, mice, weasels, mink, fox and rabbits.

The sanctuary is open to all for bird watching, nature study, photography, etc. Admission is free, but a permit must be obtained from the Parks Department-Beach Division. Call the division at 797-4110.

Floating and Dockside Pumpout Stations

Oyster Bay Harbor and Hempstead Harbor have been designated "No Discharge Zones" by the federal Environmental Protection Agency. This means boats must use pumpout stations – stationary or mobile.

The Town's Department of Environmental Resources maintains two floating pumpout stations within Oyster Bay Harbor. These free facilities make it as convenient as possible for boaters to discharge wastes in a manner that protects the delicate marine ecology of the harbor.

The unmanned floating stations are in operation 24 hours a day throughout the boating season. The stations are equipped with hand pumps and easy to follow directions.



The Town also maintains stationary pumpout stations at Theodore Roosevelt Marina in Oyster Bay, Tappen Marina in Glenwood Landing and Tobay Marina on the south shore.

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