



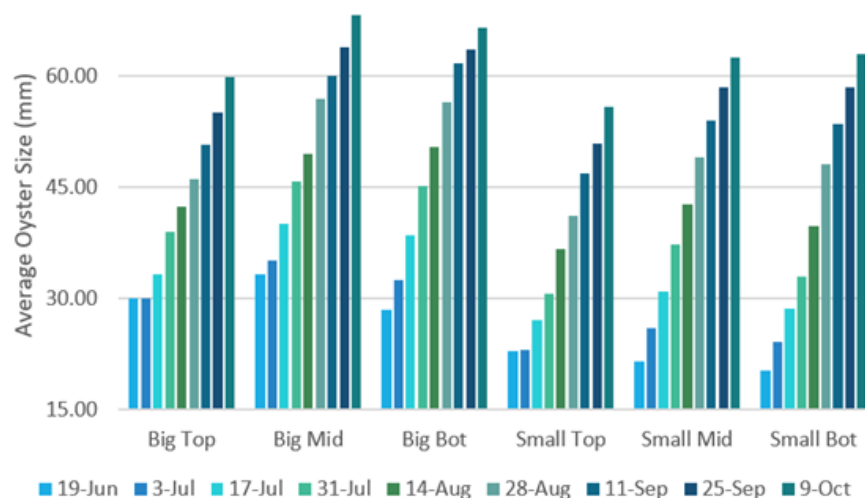
Fall 2021 Edition

What We've Been Up To!

Oh boy, what haven't our Coastal Stewards been up to!? These last few months our team has come together for multiple great turnouts at our last events of the year. On September 12th at McAllister Park in Port Jefferson, Coastal Steward LI took part in a major effort to contribute to the global cleanup of coastal debris. It was fantastic to see that over 60 people came to volunteer to help make a difference! A huge thanks to all our volunteers for helping us remove 3,740lbs of debris from our local beaches. Our team headed to Centennial Park the following weekend to host an underwater cleanup that saw 17 scuba divers from The Dive Club head to the bottom of Port Jefferson Harbor and collect garbage that has sunk below. On October 23rd and 24th a total of 3,180lbs of debris was removed from Centennial Park and Mt. Sinai Harbor.

Throughout the summer our Shellfish Restoration Program has counted, measured, cleaned and raised 80,000 oysters! 20,000 of them were deposited in Mt. Sinai Harbor and the other 60,000 went to various locations in Port Jefferson Harbor. The graph below shows that all of our oysters had nothing short of a season of successful growth as they grew to over 60mm in length. If you've volunteered with us in the past or read our previous newsletters, we mentioned that the oysters we raise have a black stripe on their shell, which is a genetic marker allowing us to know that they are ours. While determining a habitable spot for our oysters in Mt. Sinai harbor our President, Denis Mellett, discovered groups of oysters with the black stripe around 3 to 4 years old with spat (juvenile shellfish) attached to them! This tells us that the work we are doing is paying off and the oysters that we are growing are successfully reproducing in the wild!

As Thanksgiving is approaching, we at Coastal Steward would like to thank our volunteers and sponsors from the bottom of our hearts for all the help and assistance they have given us this past year! Thank you to Director of Shellfish Restoration, Bruce Folz, Director of Beach Clean Ups, Patty Kuchcicki, Morrison Foundation, Maggio Environmental Services, etc....





Interested in Joining Us?

No events are scheduled for the rest of 2021, but be sure to head over to our website and click on our [News and Events tab](#) to stay updated. Don't forget to bring your friends and family to volunteer with us and get in the outdoors!



Support Coastal Steward!

We'd like to take this opportunity again to thank all of our volunteers and those who have donated to CSLI in the past. By supporting us, we can continue our mission of restoring and preserving LI's coastline through education, raising public awareness and community action.

You can support us by making a tax-deductible donation to our organization that supports our marine education programs. Click [here](#) to help make a difference with us!

We're now registered with Benevity, and if your company has partnered with them, you may be able to utilize your employer's match program when you donate! Go to [benevity.com](#) for more information.

Another way to help our non-profit (501(c)(3)) is by using 'AmazonSmile' whenever you order something from Amazon.com. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to CSLI. And there's no extra cost!

Simply navigate to <https://smile.amazon.com> and click on the 'Get started' button. After signing in, you will need to choose 'Coastal Steward Long Island' as the charitable organization. There's a 'Learn more about AmazonSmile' link at the bottom of their page to get more information.



Did You Know?

You can purchase your very own Coastal Steward apparel! Head over to [Tidal Tees Apparel](#) where we have a collection of items and a 100% of the profits come back to us!



Interesting Information

Have kids that you need to keep busy during the cold months or are just looking to get out in nature?

- Visit your local beaches to clean washed-up debris. The harsh winter winds stir up the Sound which brings a large amount of garbage onto the shores.
- Long Island is a hot spot for winter migratory birds! Head down to the beach to check out the visiting water fowl like the long-tailed duck, scoters, and ruddy ducks!

