

**CT DEEP 2016  
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Blue Crab (*Callinectes sapidus*)



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## INLAND REPORT

**LARGEMOUTH BASS** fishing is reported as fair to good. Places to try include Mashapaug Lake, Colebrook Reservoir, Congamond Lakes, Lake Saltonstall, Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, Candlewood Lake, Lake Wononskopomuc, Batterson Park Pond, Black Pond (Meriden), Lake Lillinonah, Breakneck Pond (great hike in location), Griggs Pond, Lake Waramaug, West Hill Pond, Park Pond, Crystal Lake (Ellington), Gardner Lake, Moodus Reservoir, Stillwater Pond, Winchester Lake, Squantz Pond, Maltby Lake 2 & 3, Wood Creek Pond, Pachaug Pond, Ball Pond, Quonnipaug Lake, Silver Lake (Meriden) and Halls Pond.

**Tournament angler reports** are from Amos Lake (hard work finding fish, 4.4 lb lunker), Mansfield Hollow Reservoir (evening-night tourney, good bite in the rain, 4.25 lb lunker), Moodus Reservoir (tough day on upper Moodus, a bit better on lower Moodus, 2.29 lb & 2.05 lb lunkers), Pachaug Pond (slow to fair, 2.7 lb lunker), Quaddick Lake (good fishing, 4.5 lb & 4.4 lb lunkers), Candlewood Lake (fair, 3.65 lb lunker), and Highland Lake (the day and night tournaments found good fishing for largemouth, with 5.44 lb lunker and 3 other fish over 4 lbs for the day guys, and a 3.47 lb lunker for the night folks).

**SMALLMOUTH BASS** fishing remains fair (hopefully improving). Try out at Mashapaug Lake, Lake McDonough, Highland Lake, Bantam Lake, Candlewood Lake, Lake Lillinonah, Naugatuck River, Quinebaug River, and the Housatonic River.

**Tournament angler reports** are from Candlewood Lake (fair for smallmouth, 4.4 lb & 3.38 lb lunkers) and Highland Lake (slow-fair for smallmouth, 4.03 lb lunker).

**NORTHERN PIKE** fishing is reported to be good when using large live golden shiners. Places to try for "Northerns" this weekend include Lake Lillinonah, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, and Connecticut River Coves.

### ZEBRA MUSSELS REMINDER

**Zebra mussels are now found in a number of locations scattered throughout the Housatonic River and its impoundments including Lake Lillinonah (since 2010), Lake Zoar (since 2010) and Lake Housatonic (since 2011).**

Prior to their discovery in Lakes Lillinonah and Zoar in 2010, zebra mussels had been found (1998) in CT only in East Twin Lake and West Twin Lake (Salisbury). Anglers fishing in any of these waters and western Connecticut in general **should use extra care to avoid transporting water, aquatic vegetation, and possibly zebra mussels to new locations.** Information

For more information including precautions that should be taken to prevent the spread of zebra mussels to additional waters, visit [www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies](http://www.ct.gov/deep/invasivespecies) or the Aquatic Invasive species section of the 2016 CT angler's Guide( [www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide](http://www.ct.gov/deep/anglersguide)).



**KOKANEE** are being caught at West Hill Pond (3 colors). Beads, Mooselook Wobblers, DB Smelt, Flash King lures (blue & silver) are producing. Try fishing corn over lights at nights.

**WALLEYE** are being reported from Batterson Park Pond, Squantz Pond, and Beach Pond.

**CHANNEL CATFISH** are providing decent action on live shiners, chicken livers, and chunk bait from the Connecticut River Hartford to Haddam, Lower Bolton Lake and Batterson Park Pond.

**PANFISH** are providing excellent summer time action. Any local pond open to fishing near you will give you some action. The kids love this non-stop action and it will keep them occupied for hours. Any type of inexpensive fishing pole or drop line is all you need to catch these fish. Suggested locations include: Tyler Lake, Batterson Park Pond, Amos Pond, Barber Pond, Baummer Pond, Black Rock Lake, Burr Pond, Dooley Pond, Halls Pond, Lake of Isles, Lower Fulton Park Pond and McGrath Park Pond. Check out and download the FREE- CARE "Let's Go Fishing" Workbook available on the DEEP website at [www.ct.gov/deep/care](http://www.ct.gov/deep/care)

**TROUT-LAKES & PONDS** – There are big trout around for anglers to catch. Some lakes to try include: East Twin Lake, Mashapaug Lake (riggers @ 20-25'), Colebrook Reservoir (riggers @ 25'+, Mooselook silver/blue), Lake McDonough (7-8 colors), Valley Falls Park Pond, West Hill Pond, Highland Lake (4 colors), Beach Pond (early @ 20-25'), Long Pond (Kobra 14), Crystal Lake (Ellington; 7-8 colors, troll @ 2mph), Mohawk Pond, Beach Pond, Black Pond (Woodstock) & Bigelow Pond.

**TROUT- RIVERS & STREAMS** – Rivers **remain at or near record low levels statewide, even with recent localized rain events (see stream flow graphic on page 5)**. Fish should be concentrating in pockets of deeper water and deep runs (more typical of late summer). Good catches of Brown Trout reported in the **West Branch Farmington River (just stocked last week with 2,000 fish)** as well as the Mill River (Fairfield), West and East Branches of Salmon Brook, and Salmon River. Just about all types of gear are working well. Mealworms, night crawlers, live minnows, small castmasters and phoebe goldfish, and many dryflies and nymphs.

**Farmington River** - Fishing continues to be excellent with the "survivor browns" providing a thrill to those who connect (16-20 inches). There are also plenty of rainbow and stocked browns ready to please. West Branch flows are clear and moderate (currently 244 cfs at Riverton, with the Still River adding 17 cfs). Water temperatures are in the low 60's°F (much colder above the Still River confluence in Riverton).

**Hatches/patterns** include: Isonychia (#12-14) working their way upstream, Vitreus [a.k.a. pale evening dun] (#16-18, from 5:00pm to dark), Tan Caddis (#16-18, good all day), Sulfurs, (Invaria #16-18, hatches mid-day and Dorothea #16-18). Successful patterns include: Light Cahill (#10-14), March Brown nymphs (#10-12), Gray Fox (#14, afternoon), Blue Wing Olives (#18-24, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #14-18, all day; green #22-26, evening), Midges (#20-32), Blue Quill (#16-18) and Pale Evening Duns (*Epeorus vitreus* #16-18, afternoon and early evenings) and the ole reliable red and

### **ROCK SNOT-update**



#### ***Cymbella Janischii* is beginning to bloom.**

The West Branch Farmington River has 3 species of "Rock Snot". Two species of "Didymo" are essentially restricted to the section of river from Hogback Dam to the confluence with the Still River in Riverton. Didymo must have very cold water AND little to no phosphorous in the water.

The third species, *Cymbella janischii*, (native to the Pacific Northwest and not found east of the Rocky Mountains) was very abundant (summer 2015) from New Hartford upstream to Peoples State Forest and is present again now. *Cymbella* can tolerate warmer water temperatures and higher levels of nutrients (conditions found in many of our rivers and streams) and has a high potential to be spread to other places.

**When fishing the Farmington River we ask all anglers to be extra diligent about cleaning and drying their waders before fishing other trout waters.**

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**Housatonic River** – Water temperatures will be rising for the foreseeable future (low flow and hot sunny days). As such many trout will be seeking out the tributaries and thermal refuges while water temps are out of their comfort zone. These areas are critical to their survival when going gets rough. Water clarity is clear. Water temperatures are currently in the low 70's with flows at a **very low** 209 cfs at Falls Village and 282 cfs at Gaylordsville.

**Hatches/patterns:** Major insect hatches are here and are providing excellent fly fishing, but mostly in the late evening for trout. Try poppers for Smallmouth Bass during the day, they will provide non-stop action and help hone your skills.

Other flies include: Alder/Zebra Caddis (#8-10) is underway (should last up to 4 weeks) and will produce some great fishing. Alder flies are very active during hot days. Additional bugs include the Sulphurs (#14-18, evening), Blue Wing Olive (#16-18, cloudy days, early morning; spinner fall in evening), *Isonychia* (#10-12 late afternoon & evening, just starting), Light Cahill (#12-14, evenings), Adams (#12-16, evening), March Brown (#10-12, afternoon) and Gray Foxes (#14-16). Black Caddis, Green caddis (#16-18, early morning & evening) are on the water.

**Anglers are reminded that the thermal refuge areas on the Housatonic, Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers are now closed to fishing (as of June 15). These areas will reopen on September 15. There is no fishing within 100 feet of signs indicating such closure at or near the mouths of tributaries to these rivers. Additionally, a thermal refuge has been established on the Salmon River in East Haddam, located around a spring entering the Salmon River approximately 220 feet south of the unused paved boat launch at the state-owned property formerly known as the Sunrise Resort off of Route 151. The refuge includes all water within 100 feet from the end of the pipe as posted. The Salmon River refuge will be closed to fishing and access through September 15.**

## CONNECTICUT RIVER

Top water catches of **STRIPED BASS** in the lower river continue on live bunker or live eels. Anglers in the Middletown area have been catching **CATFISH** in the holes. **CARP** including some nice "mirror" and "fantail" have been caught between Middletown and Haddam. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** are putting on a good show in the northern part of the River. Try top water plugs and 4", Mr. Twisters, Wacky Style salted worms in motor oil or chartreuse for these feisty jumpers. **BOWFIN** are starting to be more aggressive towards lures and bait resulting in increased catch and calls to the Inland Fisheries Division. The Bowfin (*Amia calva*) has an elongate body, fairly hard (bony plates) head, and long fins on the dorsal and ventral surface. They have some similarity to the infamous "snakehead". A change in the fishing regulations now allows anglers to harvest bowfin (a very tasty fish) if they desire. There are no size limits, daily limits, and the season is open year round.

### REMINDER TO ANGLERS-

#### FISHING IN OR CASTING INTO PERMITTED SWIM AREAS IS PROHIBITED.

State regulations prohibit fishing in or into a swim area that's been permitted by DEEP. Additionally, vessels cannot be operated within a permitted swim area, and there's a 100 foot "no-wake" zone around the perimeter. Swim areas that have been permitted by DEEP will be marked by white buoys with orange markings, and there should be a permit number posted on the buoys. They may or may not have small orange barrier floats to further demarcate the area. Should questions arise concerning the validity of the swim area (*no permit numbers or the area appears to have been changed/enlarged or keeps moving*), please contact DEEP's Boating Division at 860-434-8638.



**NOTES & NOTICES:**

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**BASHAN LAKE (drawdown).** Bashan Lake remains drawn down (slow refill continues – lake currently remains down approximately 4 feet – note that refill rate is dependent on rainfall amounts) following dam repairs and the state boat launch remains closed.

**BRANFORD RIVER (boat launch).** **ADVANCE NOTICE...**The Branford River state boat launch will be closed for renovations beginning Monday, July 18, 2016. This closure is currently expected to last to November 14, 2016. Alternative nearby launch sites include the Guilford Town boat launch and the East River State boat launch, both in Guilford.

**COVENTRY LAKE (invasive species alert).** Hydrilla, a very highly invasive aquatic plant, has been found growing in Coventry Lake. All lake users should take extra care to check and clean their boats (including canoes, kayaks and rowing sculls), trailers, and fishing equipment before leaving the boat launch, or leaving the lakeshore.

**DOOLEY POND (drawdown).** A drawdown of Dooley Pond to facilitate dam repairs is ongoing (expected to last to September 1). The state boat launch is currently closed.

**GLASGO POND (drawdown).** A drawdown of Glasgo Pond to facilitate dam repairs is ongoing (began September 2015). Launching of boats is difficult to impossible.

**HIGHLAND LAKE.** The annual Highland Lake boat Parade will be held on **Saturday, July 9** from **8 pm to 9:30 pm**. Beginning and ending at Holland Beach, boats will complete a clockwise circuit along the shoreline.

**LAKE HOUSATONIC (fireworks display).** A fireworks display is scheduled for Sunday evening, July 10, in the vicinity of 32 Birchbank Road.

**THAMES RIVER (fireworks display – Groton-New London).** The annual fireworks display is scheduled for Saturday evening (actual fireworks display is from 9:30 pm to 10:00 pm), July 9 on the river in Groton-New London. Expect congestion in nearby portions off the river and a closed safety area.

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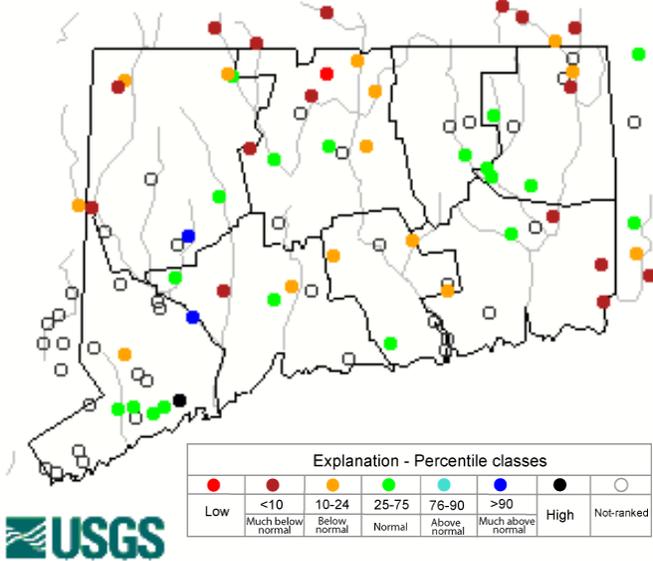
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**NEW!** Youth Fishing Passport [Fishing Challenge Scorecard](#): Download the new scorecard for your Youth Fishing Passport Holder on the program web page at [www.ct.gov/deep/yfp](http://www.ct.gov/deep/yfp). Top anglers will receive a great prize pack of fishing gear.

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Stream flow conditions as of 7/07/2016

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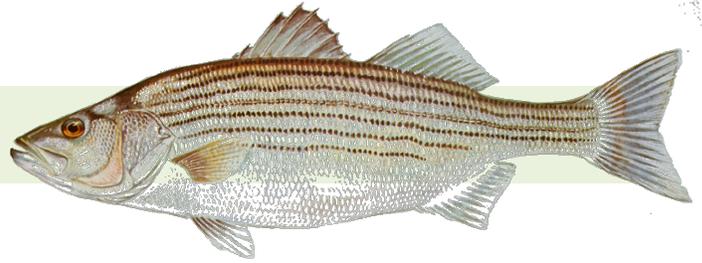


Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt> A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example streamflow greater than the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile means only ¼ of the streamflow values were above the value and thus would be considered “above normal”. Stream flow between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> are considered to be “normal flows” and those 25<sup>th</sup> or less are considered to be “below normal”.



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## MARINE FISHING REPORT



Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) have reached the 70's °F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:

<http://www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html>

[http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat\\_data/?nothumbs=1](http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1)

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html>

### IMPORTANT NOTES to ANGLERS:

**WHALES** have been reported in Long Island Sound (juvenile humpback whales have been spotted on the New York side of the sound), please see check [WHALE WATCHING GUIDELINES](#).

**Note:** All marine mammals are protected by the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. Following these recommended operational guidelines helps minimize chances of harassing or injuring whales and violating Federal law. Guidelines apply to all large whales from Maine through Virginia, except North Atlantic right whales. It is illegal to approach a right whale within 500 yards (1500 feet) unless granted specific exemption or authorization.

**STURGEON.** There are many reports of **leaping sturgeon** in the lower CT River (Essex to the mouth). A common spring behavior for these **endangered fish species (Atlantic and shortnose)**...as they attempt to gulp air for their primitive swim bladder. Anglers are incidentally snagging or catching these sturgeon while bottom fishing. Please release all sturgeon with unavoidable harm as their populations are slowly recovering and are at VERY low levels. They are a protected species. Thank you.

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**STRIPED BASS** fishing remains good coming off the new moon. It is extremely important to find the pods of menhaden (bait) and fish under them (follow the birds). Shore anglers continue to catch bass in the lower tidal rivers, especially in the evening and at night. Western sound (Darien to Milford) catches are also improving daily for anglers using chunk and live bait during the evening/night. **Dawn and dusk is prime time for large stripers on the reefs, rip areas and lower coastal tidal rivers. Live lining eels, bunker or hickory shad has been the ticket.** There is plenty of bunker throughout LIS including the lower tidal rivers to hold fish. Stripper areas include the Watch Hill reefs, lower Thames River, the Race, Plum Gut, Pigeon Rip, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, **Hatchett Reef**, lower Connecticut River (Great Island), Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef (outer), Westbrook, Sixmile Reef, Falkner Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor (including Sandy Point), Charles Island area, Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground, Bridgeport Harbor, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef and Connecticut River by the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier.

**STRIPED BASS ANGLERS FISHING IN RHODE ISLAND WATERS** - are advised that the state of Rhode Island has adopted the following regulations pertaining to striped bass. These regulations apply to all Rhode Island state lands and waters including the waters around Block Island: **"Any person recreationally harvesting a striped**

**bass thirty-four (34) inches or larger shall at the time of harvest have the right pectoral fin removed at a point as close to the body of the fish as possible.”**

**SUMMER FLOUNDER (fluke)** fishing is good in Long Island Sound. Better around Block Island Sound and off Montauk. Mid to western LIS anglers are reporting good numbers of smaller, sub-legal sized fish and a few keepers mixed in, up to 8 pounds. (Darien/Stratford/New Haven/Woodmont area). You got to put your time in and be mobile moving from spot to spot. Fishing deeper tends to improve your chances for a “doormat” fluke. Fluke spots include south shore of Fishers Island (Isabella Beach, Wilderness Point), Watch Hill to Napatree Point, off the Stonington breakwater, mouth of the Mystic River to Groton Long Point, Lower Thames River channel, Gardiners Bay over to Greenport, NY, Twotree Channel, Black Point/Niantic Bay, Long Sand Shoal, Westbrook-Clinton area, Falkner Island area, New Haven Harbor to West Haven, off the mouth of the Housatonic River, Norwalk Islands, and across over to Port Jefferson, NY. Try drifting with a white or pink Bucktail Jig and attach a Berkely 3”- 4” Gulp Mullet in chartreuse, white or pink color. Fresh squid and or silversides (spearing) have also been producing some nice fluke. **Minimum size is 18 inches and the daily creel limit is 5 fish per person.**

**BLACK SEA BASS** fishing continues to be excellent everywhere in Long Island Sound. Fishing over any deep water structure (gnarly bottom preferred) in 30 to 110 ft around slack tide will produce some trophy-sized “humpbacks”. Fish shallower and you will catch some keeper-sized sea bass along with fluke, sea robins and smooth dogfish (aka sandsharks). It’s important to continue to move from structure to structure to find these beautiful and awesome eating fish. Remember, **CT black sea bass regulations are as follows...15 inch min. length, 5 fish daily limit from May 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>.** Berkely Gulp (swimming mullet), on a jig along with squid with a spinner works great for these “Bucketmouths”. Clams and sandworms also work well. New York waters are open now.

**SCUP (porgy)** fishing is very good in Long Island Sound. Like sea bass...they are very abundant. Hook up with your local party/charter boat to get into some of the best fishing ever! Porgy fishing has also been reported at these shore fishing locations: **Rocky Neck State Park**, Harkness Memorial State Park, **Meigs Point Hammonasset**, Sherwood Island State Park and **Fort Trumbull State Park**. Locate your favorite [Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities](#) for these hard fighting and excellent eating “Reef Slammers”. **These “panfish of the sea” are easily caught on sandworms/cut squid or any other small piece of bait.**

**WEAKFISH** fishing is good with 20-34 inch size fish being caught in the east and central sound. Central and western sound catches are improving as the population rebounds from low abundance. Many are caught while anglers bottom fish for fluke. Good fishing in Niantic, New Haven Harbor by the breakwaters over to Woodmont/Milford Point and along Stratford shoals to Darien. One of the best eating saltwater fish you will ever catch.

**BLUEFISH** fishing is very good with more and more bluefish arriving as we speak. They can also be found under the many pods of adult menhaden found throughout the sound. It’s only a matter of time before “alligator” sized blues start to show up. The Race, Plum Gut, many of the major rocky reefs, rips, and shoal areas in LIS will harbor bluefish. Speed squidding diamond jigs, trolling parachute jigs or umbrella rigs, and using fresh bunker or hickory shad chunks on three-way bottom rigs have all been effective. Other bluefish spots include the Sluiceway, Gardiners Bay, Peconic Bays, and the north shore of Long Island along with the Stratford Shoal area. My recommendation is to hook up with a [Party or Charter Boat](#) and enjoy some of the best FISHING you will ever experience. **Yes, the “Snappers” (juvenile bluefish) have arrived!** Harbor Blues (15 - 24 inches) are also very common in lower estuaries.

**HICKORY SHAD** fishing is ok in the **Black Hall River, Lieutenant and Branford River, lower Connecticut River by the DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier and in Clinton Harbor**. These incredible hard fighting fish are on the move...moving up and down river systems. Connecticut Tarpon (Hickory shad) can be found mixed in with schoolie striped bass and snapper bluefish. Flood or the beginning of the Ebb tide is typically the best time and lure choices are a willow leaf (silver or copper), kastmaster (single hook), small plastic jigs (white, red or

chartreuse), and or shad darts in various colors. You will be impressed with these “high flyers”. Its great shore fishing and you get to meet a lot of anglers and trade fishing stories (“secrets”).

**STRIPED SEAROBIN** fishing is always good in LIS for this “hardhead fish with spines and large pectoral fins”. These beautiful and strange looking fish are now very common especially when bottom fishing at many of Connecticut’s shore fishing sites. With many fish measuring over 20 inches, 3 pounds and “barking up a storm” (grunting noise they make when handling them). **They love sandworms, squid and any live or dead bait.** They are also very good to eat. Please be careful when handling them...be mindful of their spines located on top of their head and gill cover.

**BLACKFISH (tautog)** fishing season is open in Connecticut waters. **The daily creel limit is 2 fish per person and the minimum size is 16 inches.** Tautog love eating crabs...try green, Asian and hermit crabs for bait. Look for tautog in shallow water as they begin spawning over shellfish beds, pilings with mussel beds and rock (reef) piles (5 to 30 ft).

**WHITE PERCH** fishing remains good. Spend some time relaxing in any coastal estuary with a little piece of bait (shrimp/sandworm), enjoying some jumbo white perch. Wow, they are good eating. Perch are found in estuaries, tidal rivers and coves along the Connecticut shoreline. Productive spots include the Pawcatuck River (Stanton Weir Pit/Point), Mystic River, upper Thames River and Niantic River, lower Connecticut River (**DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier**), Black Hall River, Lieutenant River, North/South Cove and Hamburg Cove. Grass Shrimp and or a small piece of sandworm fished on the bottom are the keys to success.

**BLUE CRAB** fishing is awesome. Crabs are done molting and have now begun mating, becoming more active in the tidal creeks and rivers. With a little time...you can catch a lot of blue crabs of legal size. Also, please remember it’s mating season for the crabs and release all egg-bearing females (sooks or lemon bellies). There are some large “jimmies” (male crabs) being captured (8.50 inches spike to spike) along with some impressive sooks (females). **Remember...all egg bearing females must be released with unavoidable harm. Minimum carapace length is 5 inches for a hard shell crab.** Please contact your local bait and tackle shop for most updated information (local hot spots), legal crab traps and bait to use for your fun-filled crabbing. Legal gear types include: scoop (dip) net, hand line, star crab trap, circular (topless) trap not exceeding 26 inches in diameter. Maryland Style Crab traps are prohibited. **Chicken with the skin on it (along with a long handle net) and a small circular crab trap is the preferred method to capture these tasty crabs.** [Blue Crab Fact Sheet](#)

**SHARK SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN COASTAL WATERS OF CONNECTICUT:** Sand Tiger and Sandbar (Brown) Shark are protected and prohibited species and must be released unharmed. **IF YOU DON’T KNOW, PLEASE LET IT GO!** Please visit the [NMFS coastal shark information page](#) for more information.

**NOTABLE CATCHES:**

<i>Species</i>	<i>Length (in.)</i>	<i>Weight (lb)</i>	<i>Angler</i>
American Eel	37.5”	3 lbs., 8 oz.	Albert Zuppe
Hickory Shad	21”	3 lbs.	Albert Zuppe
Scup (Porgy)	17”	2 lbs., 10 oz.	Jennifer Zuppe
Striped Searobin	20.5”	3 lbs., 14 oz.	Jennifer Zuppe
Bluefish	33”	12 lbs., 8 oz.	Evan Kamoen

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**SPECIAL NOTES & REMINDERS**

- **To find a saltwater shore fishing spot close to where you live, go to the following website:** <http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/>.
- **In addition, Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing sites and other fishing information including a site map go to the following website** <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/saltwaterfish/map.htm>
- Please see page 60 of the [2016 CT Angler's Guide](#) for CT tides.
- **When fishing under bridges: 33 CFR 165.153(d)(8) Bridge foundations.** Any vessel operating beneath a bridge must make a direct, immediate and expeditious passage beneath the bridge while remaining within the navigable channel. No vessel may stop, moor, anchor or loiter beneath a bridge at any time. No vessel may approach within a 25-yard radius of any bridge foundation, support, stanchion, pier or abutment except as required for the direct, immediate and expeditious transit beneath a bridge.
- **Marine fishing License Reciprocity:** Though Connecticut has reciprocity with neighboring states (New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts), residents of Connecticut are required to have a CT Resident Marine Waters Sport Fishing License to fish in the Marine District. [Connecticut State Boundary Line in Long Island Sound](#).

**For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations:** Anglers should consult the 2016 Connecticut Anglers Guide which is now available at most Town Clerks Offices, DEEP offices and at tackle stores selling fishing licenses. Current regulations, electronic versions of the Angler's Guide and additional information can be accessed on the DEEP website at: [www.ct.gov/deep/fishing](http://www.ct.gov/deep/fishing).

**Go online, click: [2016 CT Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations](#)**

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**[See a Tangled Turtle? Call the Hotline!](#) 1-860-572-5955 ext. 107**

This is the time of year when leatherback, loggerhead, green, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles return to northern waters, with many sightings around Long Island Sound.

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