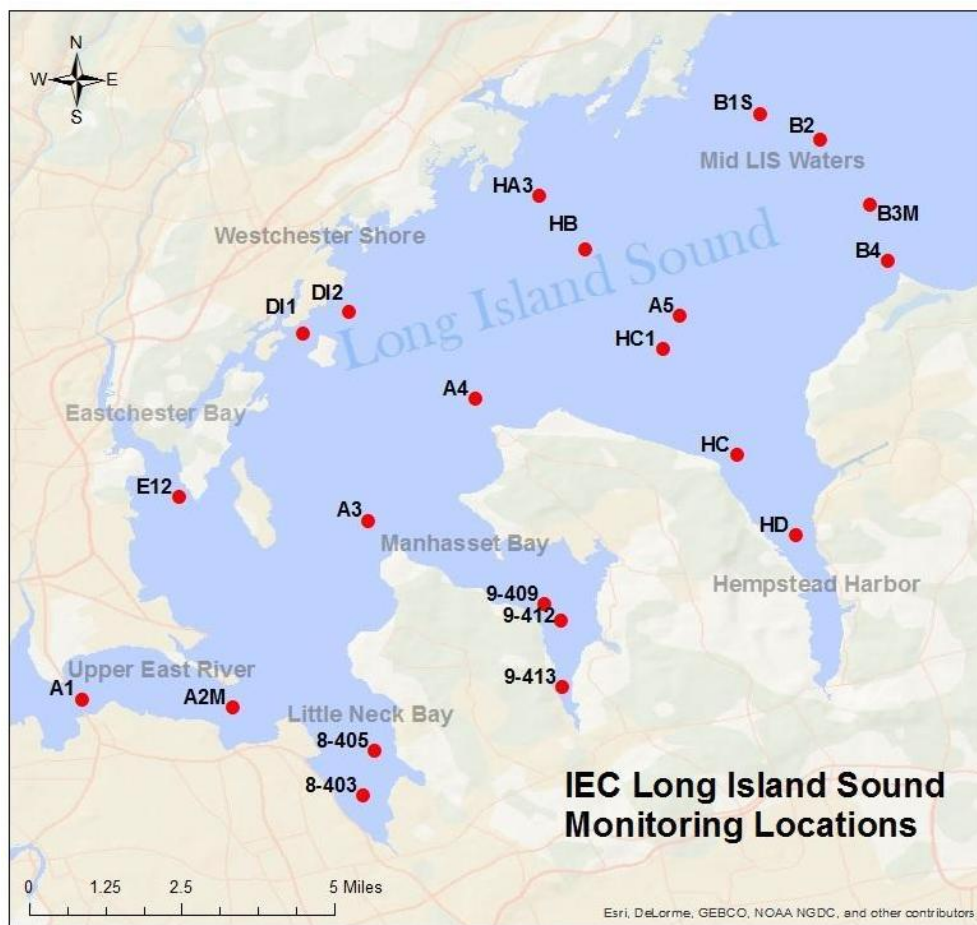




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Western Long Island Sound Monitoring 2026 Summer Survey Biweekly Summary Surveys #3 & #4 Survey Dates: July 10, 2026 & July 14, 2026



STATION	LATITUDE	LONITUDE
8-403	40.7778	-73.7608
8-405	40.7888	-73.7582
9-409	40.8240	-73.7175
9-412	40.8200	-73.7135
9-413	40.8041	-73.7133
A1	40.8013	-73.8045
A2M	40.7992	-73.7913
A3	40.8433	-73.7590
A4	40.8725	-73.7343
A5	40.8923	-73.6853
B1S	40.9403	-73.6667
B2	40.9343	-73.6520
B3M	40.9187	-73.6403
B4	40.9054	-73.6360
DI1	40.8883	-73.7748
DI2	40.8930	-73.7642
E-12	40.8487	-73.8045
H-A3	40.9207	-73.7187
H-B	40.9080	-73.7090
H-C	40.8590	-73.6717
H-C1	40.8853	-73.6903
H-D	40.8402	-73.6572

Table 1. List of IEC Western Long Island Sound sampling station coordinates in decimal degrees

As a part of the Long Island Sound Partnership’s ongoing water quality monitoring program, the Interstate Environmental Commission (IEC) started its 36th consecutive summer of weekly ambient monitoring surveys in the western Long Island Sound and the upper East River on Wednesday, June 24th, 2026.

Throughout the summer of 2026, IEC staff will perform 12 weekly surveys at each of the 22 stations in the far western Long Island Sound to assess seasonal hypoxic conditions. Hypoxia occurs when dissolved oxygen (“DO”) concentrations drop to less than 2-3 mg/L. Marine organisms need oxygen to live and low oxygen levels can have serious consequences in a marine ecosystem.

The 12 surveys include weekly *in situ* measurements of water temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, pH, turbidity, and Secchi disk depth. Measurements at each station are taken half a meter below the surface, at mid-depth, and half a meter above the bottom depending on total station depth.

Biweekly surveys will include collection of additional samples for parameters relevant to hypoxia at 11 of the 22 stations (stations listed in **bold** in Table 1). These samples will be analyzed for nutrients, Biochemical Oxygen

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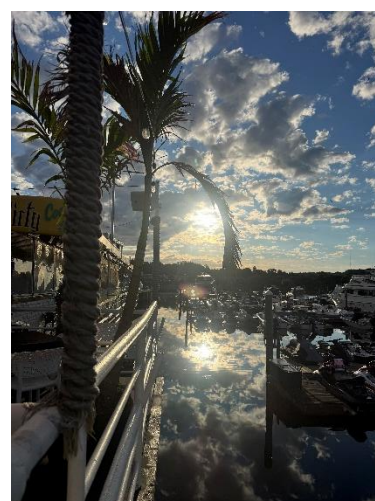
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Demand (BOD), Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and chlorophyll α , in addition to the suite of *in situ* parameters listed above.

Nutrient parameters that will be analyzed include Ammonia, Nitrate+Nitrite, Particulate Nitrogen, Orthophosphate/DIP, Total Dissolved Phosphorus, Particulate Phosphorus, Dissolved Organic Carbon, Particulate Carbon, Dissolved Silica, and Biogenic Silica.

In October 2022, IEC also began collecting samples for dissolved inorganic carbon (DIC) and total alkalinity to monitor coastal acidification. In aquatic ecosystems, **DIC** acts as a source of carbon for photosynthesis and has a function in controlling the pH. Increasing levels of anthropogenic CO₂ gas emissions are leading to coastal acidification, which can pose a significant threat to marine life, including calcifying organisms like corals and shellfish that make hard shells and skeletons by combining calcium and carbonate from seawater. **Total Alkalinity** is the capacity of water to resist, or buffer against, a change in pH when acidity is added. As CO₂ from the atmosphere and from decay of algal blooms increases in the Long Island Sound, Total Alkalinity guards against pH changes and coastal acidification.

Proposed 2026 Summer Schedule		
Date	Survey Number	Parameters
06/24/2026	1	<i>In situ</i> , Nutrients, Chlorophyll α , BOD, TSS, Total Alkalinity
07/01/2026	2	<i>In situ</i> Parameters Only
07/10/2026	3 (Canceled)	<i>In situ</i> Parameters Only
07/14/2026	4	<i>In situ</i> , Nutrients, Chlorophyll α , BOD, TSS, Total Alkalinity
07/21/2026	5	<i>In situ</i> Parameters Only
07/28/2026	6	<i>In situ</i> , Nutrients, Chlorophyll α , BOD, TSS, Total Alkalinity
08/04/2026	7	<i>In situ</i> Parameters Only
08/11/2026	8	<i>In situ</i> , Nutrients, Chlorophyll α , BOD, TSS, Total Alkalinity
08/18/2026	9	<i>In situ</i> Parameters Only
08/25/2026	10	<i>In situ</i> , Nutrients, Chlorophyll α , BOD, TSS, Total Alkalinity
09/03/2026	11	<i>In situ</i> Parameters Only
09/10/2026	12	<i>In situ</i> , Nutrients, Chlorophyll α , BOD, TSS, Total Alkalinity



Sunrise at Manhasset Bay Marina



Hazy field conditions in Little Neck Bay following the Canadian wildfires

SURVEY #3 (CANCELED) 07/10/2026

WLIS Survey #3 2026 was canceled due to a YSI equipment malfunction and inclement weather. A comparative summary to the 2025 data is not available.

SURVEY #4 AT A GLANCE 07/14/2026

Hypoxia (DO < 3.00 mg/L)	1 station exhibited hypoxia at surface depth Manhasset Bay – 9-413 2 stations exhibited hypoxia at bottom depth: Manhasset Bay – 9-413 Hempstead Harbor – H-D
Lowest surface DO concentration	0.83 mg/L (Station 9-413 in Manhasset Bay)
Lowest bottom DO concentration	0.88 mg/L (Station 9-413 in Manhasset Bay)
Average surface DO concentration	5.81 mg/L
Average bottom DO concentration	4.12 mg/L
Average surface water temperature	22.10 °C
Average bottom water temperature	21.10 °C
Average water column ΔT	1.005 °C
Average surface salinity	26.73 ppt
Average bottom salinity	26.90 ppt
Lowest surface pH	6.49 (Station 9-413 in Manhasset Bay)
Lowest bottom pH	6.47 (Station 9-413 in Manhasset Bay)
Average surface pH	7.33
Average bottom pH	7.15

Survey #4 Narrative Summary

The survey began at 07:00 and ended at 11:45, with the most recent low tide at 06:08 and 06:26 at New Rochelle, NY and Kings Point, NY, respectively. The weather conditions were mostly sunny with cloud coverage varying from 0% to 5% throughout the survey. The average air temperature ranged from 76 °F to 88 °F. The NOAA National Weather Service station at LaGuardia Airport, NY recorded a total of 0.00" of precipitation for both the 24- and 48-hour period prior to the start of the survey. Secchi disk measurements ranged from 0.75 meters to 2.25 meters.

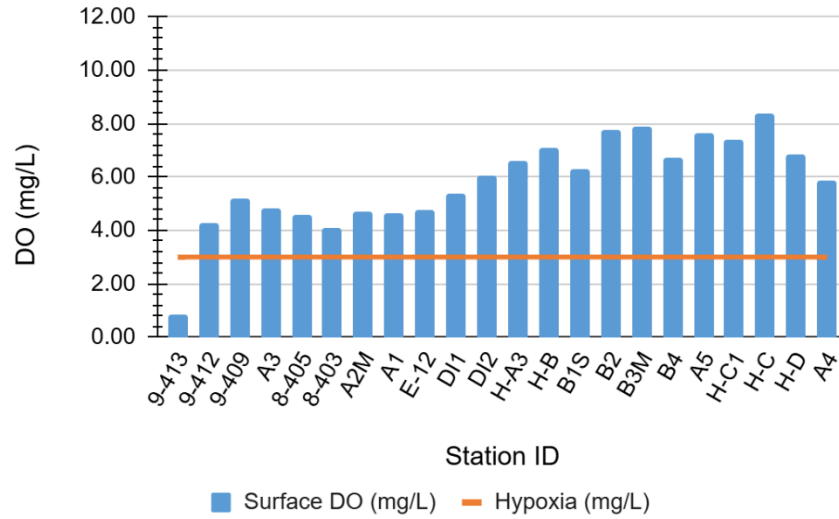
One station exhibited hypoxia at surface depth, and two stations exhibited hypoxia at bottom depth. In comparison, zero stations exhibited hypoxia at surface depth, and five stations exhibited hypoxia at bottom depth during Survey #4 in 2025. **Average surface and bottom DO were *higher* during this survey compared to Survey #4 in 2025.** Average Surface DO: 5.81 mg/L in 2026 vs 5.25 mg/L in 2025. Average Bottom DO: 4.12 mg/L in 2026 vs 3.85 mg/L in 2025.

The average surface water temperature was *lower* during this survey compared to Survey #4 in 2025 and the average bottom water temperature was *higher*. Average Surface Temperature: 22.10 °C in 2026 vs 22.87 °C in 2025. Bottom: 21.10 °C in 2026 vs 20.69 °C in 2025.

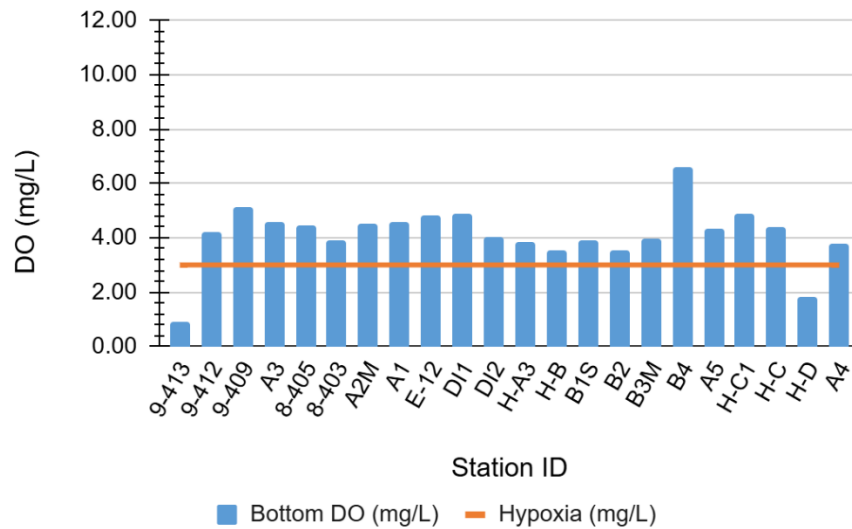
Average surface and bottom salinity were *higher* during this survey compared to Survey #4 in 2025. Average Surface Salinity: 26.73 ppt in 2026 vs 25.46 ppt in 2025. Average Bottom Salinity: 26.90 ppt in 2026 vs 25.95 ppt in 2025.

Average surface and bottom pH were *lower* during this survey compared to Survey #4 in 2025. Average Surface pH: 7.33 in 2026 vs 7.53 in 2025. Average Bottom pH: 7.15 in 2026 vs 7.38 in 2025.

WLIS Surface Dissolved Oxygen, Survey #4 07/14/26



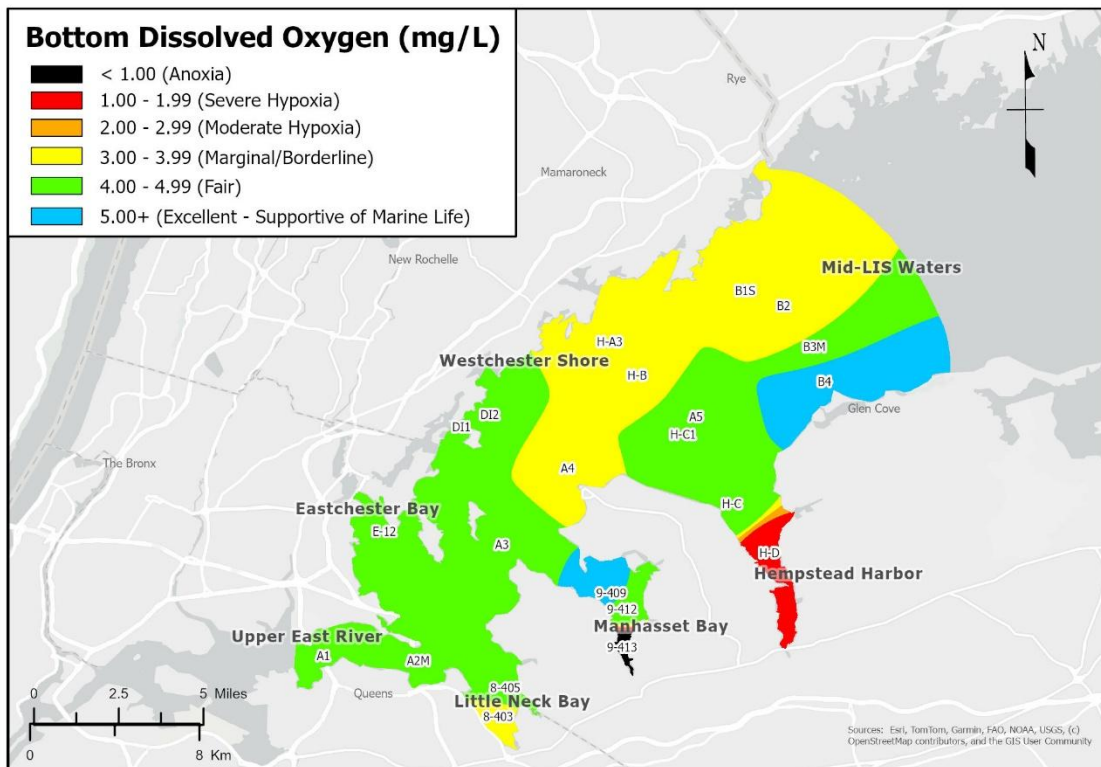
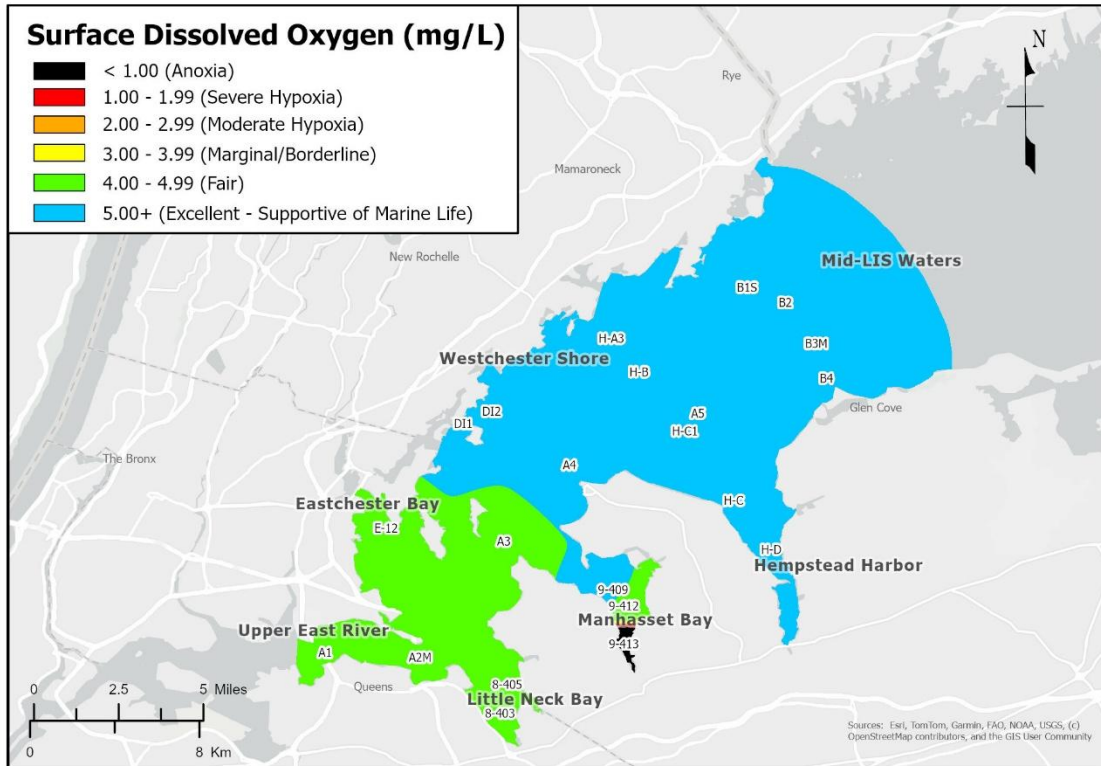
WLIS Bottom Dissolved Oxygen, Survey #4 07/14/26



The Long Island Sound Partnership defines hypoxia as DO values which are below a concentration of 3.00 mg/L.

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Weekly Survey #4: July 14, 2026



IDW Interpolation, Power 10

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