



# Cleanliness is Next to Godliness

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This expression goes back to Biblical days - when there were fewer people and even fewer boats. If each generation wants to hand over these creeks and bays to their children and grandkids in the condition that we were entrusted them with, there are a few simple rules, rubrics and guidelines to follow - even if your neighbor doesn't... And Sandy just upped the challenge as storm drains spew debris and God-knows-what-else, which we'll be cleaning up well into 2013.

## How Many Fish Are There in the Sea, Mr. Answer-Man?

When we were kids, we thought that question had no answer. Now we know that the bio-mass is going down and, with some specific species, faster than the bigger fish can make little fishes... So, just take what you can eat that day... Use circle hooks to make it easier/safer (for the fish) to release those you throw back... consider calling local fisheries managers (I bet the Riverhead Aquarium is a good place to start) and offering to join their tag-and-release program - help with the long term data collection process... Be part of the solution...

## What To Do With the "Do-Do"...

A lot of mariners, half seriously and half in jest, justify off-loading human waste into our waters based on the old saw, "do you know what the FISH are doing in these waters?" Admittedly, the marinas are now charging for pump-outs... but, come on, bunky, you can call the Southampton Pooper Boat on channel 78 and he'll pump you out for free... If that isn't convenient, (you do have to be in the Town of Southampton waters to be serviced and that means you have to travel as far east as Hart's Cove), call 1-800-ASK-FISH and ask where



there are pump out stations in your area... and if you put a "user-friendly" head on your boat, you can probably get your better half to come out with you more often... Be part of the solution...

## "Good to the Last Drop? Why???"

Have you ever squeezed off a few more ounces at the fuel dock - just to see half of it (or more) spill over the side? Forgetting Coast Guard regulations and fines, think about this for a minute... you're burning some number of gallons an hour - and you're trying to top up the last few ounces...? What does that represent... 20 seconds of steaming...? And fill your jerry cans on the hard, not on your boat... if someone throws even a small wake at you while fueling the can in your boat, it is better than even-money that gasoline is going to end up in your boat and/or in the water (where your bilge pump will send it before you can spell "big trouble!") Keep some absorbent pads aboard... Be part of the solution...

## Garbage In, Garbage Out...

If you brought it out, bring it in... don't throw excess anything over the side, even if it is "bio-degradable"... treat your boat as a temple on God's great sea and leave no mark behind that you were there... Be part of the solution...

## Come Upons...

If you come upon flotsam in the water, grab your boat hook and bring it aboard... dispose of it as if you had dropped it over the side... clean up, even if your neighbor won't...

Why? Well, as Cicero said 20 centuries ago, "Virtue has its own reward"...

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BTW, if you are interested in being part of USCG Forces, email me at [JoinUSCGAux@aol.com](mailto:JoinUSCGAux@aol.com) or go direct to the D1SR Human Resources department, who are in charge of new members matters, at DSO-HR and we will help you "get in this thing..."

## WERTHEIM NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE WILL BE CLOSED TO GENERAL PUBLIC DURING REGULATED DEER HUNT

The Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge in Suffolk County, New York, will hold a limited entry, controlled white-tailed deer hunt. To ensure public safety, the Refuge buildings and trails will be closed during the following periods: December 14 - 15, 2012, and January 7 - 8, January 24 - 25, 2013. Only hunters with valid Refuge hunt permits will be allowed on the Refuge lands and access roads during these periods.



Additionally, a 500-foot no-hunt zone has been posted inside the Refuge boundary and along public roadways. Hunters are prohibited from hunting in or shooting into this zone. Increased law enforcement patrols will be scheduled during the hunt periods to ensure public safety and compliance with State and Refuge regulations.

Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, established in 1947, is located along the Carman's River in Suffolk County, New York. The Refuge protects one of the last undeveloped estuaries on Long Island. The founding purpose of the Refuge was to preserve habitat for migratory birds. Since that time, management programs have been expanded to other objectives, such as the protection of federally-listed endangered and threatened species, the conservation of native flora and fauna, and the provision of wildlife-dependent public uses.

For additional information, please view our website <http://longislandrefuges.fws.gov/> or contact the Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex Office at 631-286-0485.

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## Tides for Moriches Inlet starting with December 5, 2012

Day	High/Low	Tide Time	Height Feet	Sunrise/Sunset	Moon Time	% Moon Visible
Wed. 5	Low	4:28 AM	0.5	7:00 AM	Set	68
5	High	10:50 AM	2.8	4:23 PM	Rise	11:12 PM
5	Low	5:12 PM	0.2			
5	High	11:46 PM	2.6			
Thur. 6	Low	5:32 AM	0.5	7:01 AM	Set	58
6	High	11:44 AM	2.7	4:23 PM		
6	Low	6:11 PM	0.2			
Fri. 7	High	12:36 AM	2.7	7:02 AM	Rise	47
7	Low	6:48 AM	0.4	4:23 PM	Set	12:21 PM
7	High	12:41 PM	2.7			
7	Low	7:14 PM	0.1			
Sat. 8	High	1:31 AM	2.9	7:03 AM	Rise	37
8	Low	7:57 AM	0.3	4:23 PM	Set	12:53 PM
8	High	1:42 PM	2.7			
8	Low	8:12 PM	0.0			
Sun. 9	High	2:30 AM	3.2	7:04 AM	Rise	26
9	Low	8:57 AM	0.1	4:23 PM	Set	1:29 PM
9	High	2:48 PM	2.7			
9	Low	9:07 PM	-0.2			
Mon. 10	High	3:29 AM	3.3	7:05 AM	Rise	17
10	Low	9:54 AM	-0.2	4:24 PM	Set	2:11 PM
10	High	3:52 PM	2.9			
10	Low	10:01 PM	-0.3			
Tues. 11	High	4:27 AM	3.6	7:05 AM	Rise	9
11	Low	10:50 AM	-0.4	4:24 PM	Set	3:00 PM
11	High	4:52 PM	3.0			
11	Low	10:55 PM	-0.4			
Wed. 12	High	5:21 AM	3.8	7:06 AM	Rise	3
12	Low	11:45 AM	-0.5	4:24 PM	Set	3:58 PM
12	High	5:47 PM	3.1			
12	Low	11:50 PM	-0.5			
Thur. 13	High	6:13 AM	3.9	7:07 AM	Rise	0
13	Low	12:38 PM	-0.7	4:24 PM	Set	5:03 PM
13	High	6:41 PM	3.2			
Fri. 14	Low	12:45 AM	-0.5	7:08 AM	Rise	0
14	High	7:05 AM	3.8	4:24 PM	Set	6:14 PM
14	Low	1:30 PM	-0.7			
14	High	7:35 PM	3.1			
Sat. 15	Low	1:38 AM	-0.5	7:08 AM	Rise	3
15	High	7:58 AM	3.8	4:25 PM	Set	7:26 PM
15	Low	2:20 PM	-0.7			
15	High	8:30 PM	3.1			
Sun. 16	Low	2:30 AM	-0.4	7:09 AM	Rise	9
16	High	8:52 AM	3.6	4:25 PM	Set	8:37 PM
16	Low	3:09 PM	-0.5			
16	High	9:28 PM	3.0			