



**Town Shellfish Crier
September 29, 2022**

1. October News

- Bay Scallop season opens this Saturday, October 1.
- South Lieutenant Island opens to oyster harvest on October 1. Until October 19, vibrio control rules will apply.
- Beginning October 1, all South Wellfleet opens to recreational shellfish harvesting seven days a week.
- Hats, other spat collecting devices and all associated gear need to come out of the Cove by Monday, October 17, 2022. The Cove will open on Oct. 31 to wild commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting.

2. Lieutenant Island Puddle Update

With many thanks to the Wellfleet Conservation Commission and Mass Audubon Wellfleet Bay Wildlife Sanctuary, the puddle at Lieutenant Island is filled! Audubon advises low tire pressure and four-wheel drive as it will be more like beach driving. The area opens on Saturday to all commercial and recreational shellfish harvesting.

3. Neoplasia-Resistant Quahog Study Led by Dr. Roxanna Smolowitz and Cape Cod Cooperative Extension

The Marine Team of Barnstable County Cape Cod Cooperative Extension was on the Wellfleet flats bright and early last week with the Town of Wellfleet Shellfish Department and Roger Williams University! This is the beginning of an experiment to see if different strains of quahog seed are more resistant than others to neoplasia, a leukemia-like disease that kills the clams, even though it is not harmful to humans. This information will be useful to shellfish farmers across Barnstable County and beyond. Aquacultural Research Corporation (ARC) is also an invested partner and spawned clams that survived neoplasia in Wellfleet as well as a control set of clams for this study. We are so thankful to all for this scientific collaboration!

4. COASTSWEEP 2022 Beach Clean-up on October 10, 2022

The Wellfleet Conservation Trust in partnership with the Friends of the Herring River, Open Space Committee, Conservation Commission, Recycling Committee, Shellfish Advisory Board, and Mass Audubon Wellfleet Sanctuary is hosting the "CoastSweep" Beach Clean-up, sponsored by the Mass. Office of Coastal Zone Management, on **Monday, October 10, 2022, at 9 a.m.** Volunteers should meet at Mayo Beach at 9 a.m. to check-in and receive a beach assignment. Let's all chip in to keep our beaches shellfish gear-free!

5. Alas, summer has ended, and Deputy Shellfish Constable Adrienne Tardif is Moving on

Adrienne served with us as an AmeriCorps member in the 2018-2019 season. She joined us in August as a seasonal, part-time Deputy Shellfish Constable for the recreational shellfishery and proved herself to be a valuable asset to our team. We'll miss her lots but wish her well in her future endeavors.

Contact Nancy at nancy.civetta@wellfleet-ma.gov or 617-901-7193 with ideas on how the Shellfish Department can help or improve shellfishing. Thank you!

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