

2024 Volunteer Training Workshop Harmful Algal Blooms on Cayuga Lake

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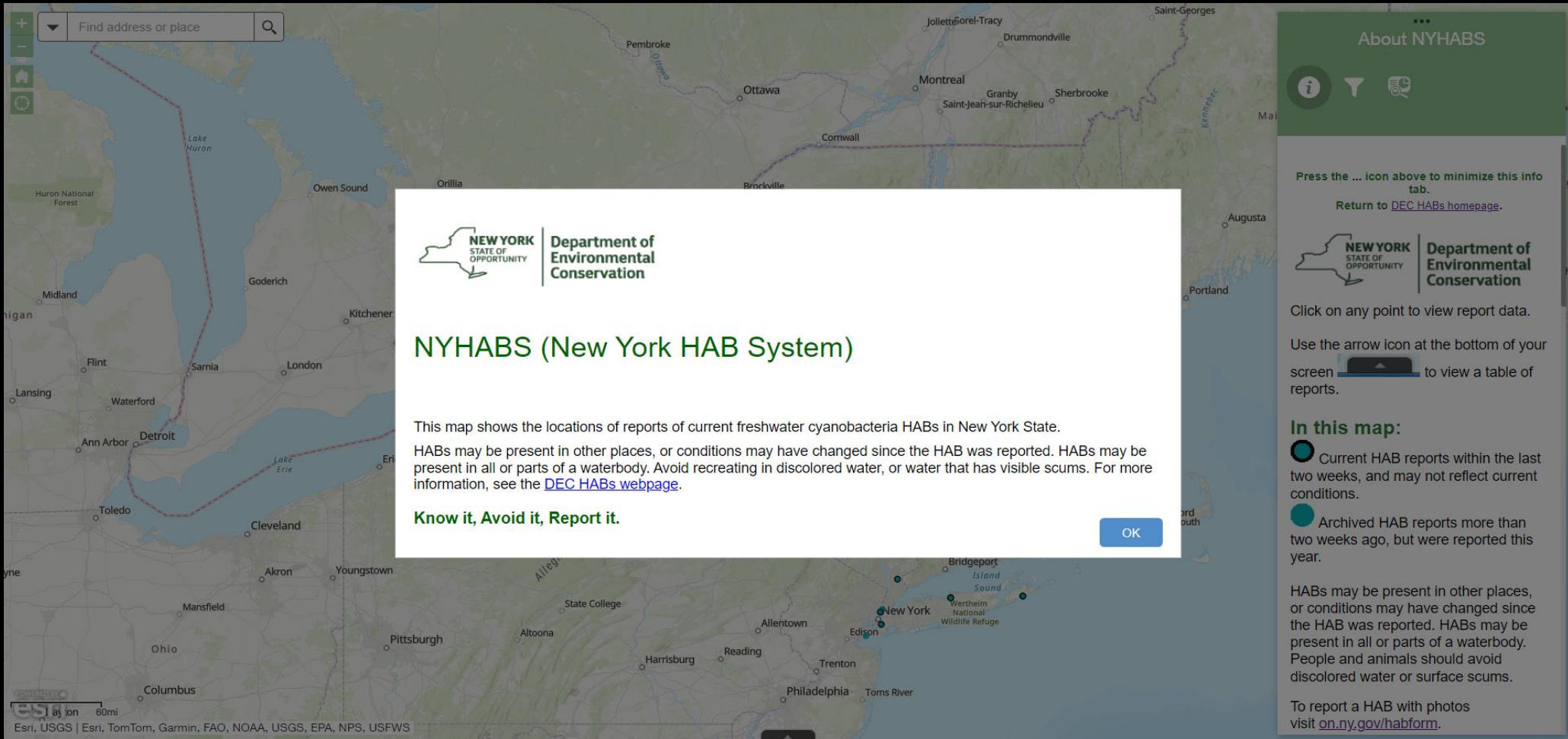
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Community Science Institute (CSI)



Photo by Seneca Falls Homeowner, 6/3/24 HAB

2024 HABs Updates as of 1 pm 6/18/24





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NYHABS (New York HAB System)

This map shows the locations of reports of current freshwater cyanobacteria HABs in New York State. HABs may be present in other places, or conditions may have changed since the HAB was reported. HABs may be present in all or parts of a waterbody. Avoid recreating in discolored water, or water that has visible scums. For more information, see the [DEC HABs webpage](#).

Know it, Avoid it, Report it.


OK

About NYHABS

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Press the ... icon above to minimize this info tab.

Return to [DEC HABs homepage](#).



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Click on any point to view report data.

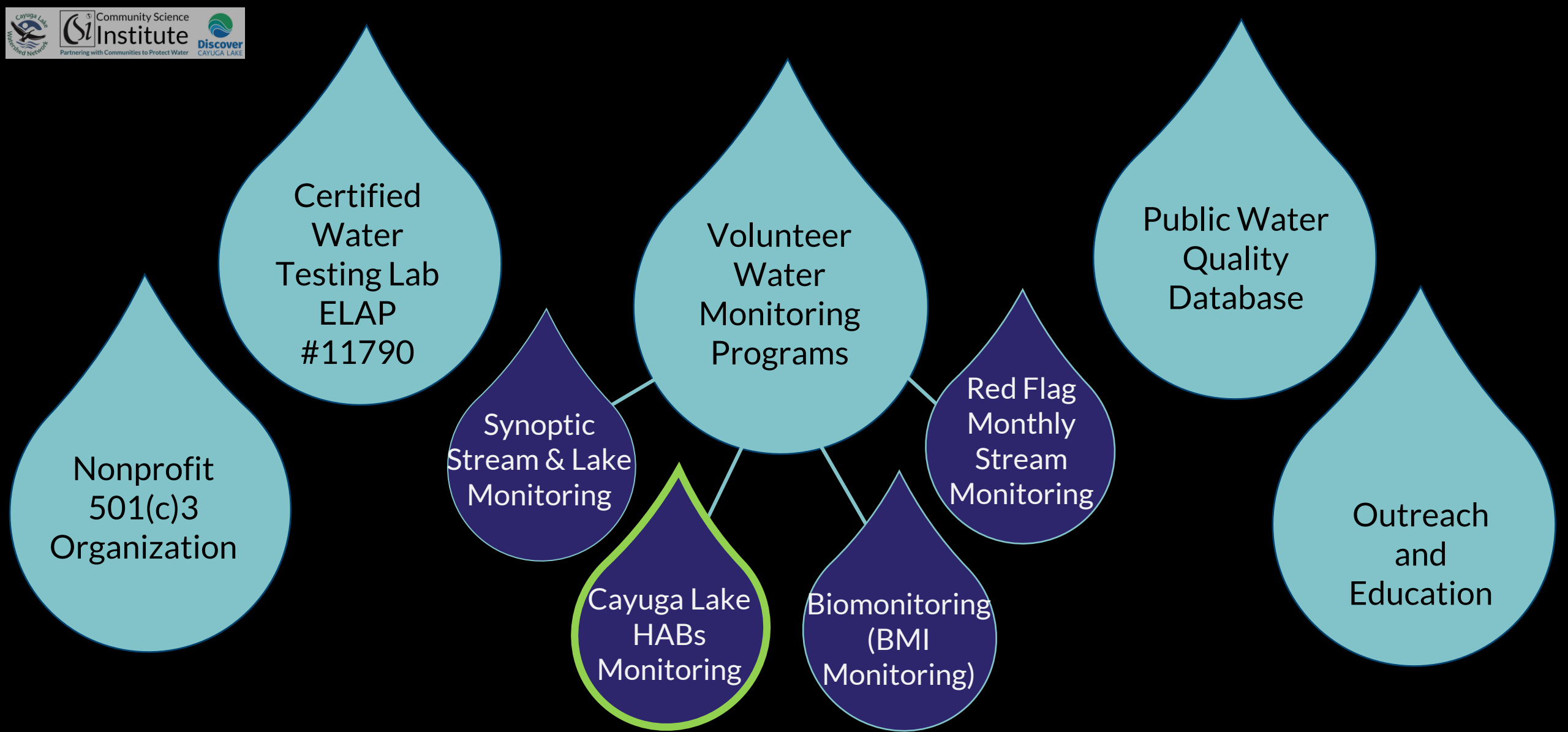
Use the arrow icon at the bottom of your screen  to view a table of reports.

In this map:

- Current HAB reports within the last two weeks, and may not reflect current conditions.
- Archived HAB reports more than two weeks ago, but were reported this year.

HABs may be present in other places, or conditions may have changed since the HAB was reported. HABs may be present in all or parts of a waterbody. People and animals should avoid discolored water or surface scums.

To report a HAB with photos visit on.ny.gov/habform.



Community Science Institute's Mission

To empower community members to protect water through volunteer stream and lake monitoring

Cayuga Lake HABs Monitoring Program

- Began in 2018
- Purpose is twofold:
 - Provide timely public health information on HABs on Cayuga Lake
 - Collect data on trends in HAB formation and characteristics on Cayuga Lake to further scientific understanding

CSI's publicly available Cayuga Lake HABs map - updated in real-time!



What is a Harmful Algal Bloom?

Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

1. What is a “harmful algal bloom”?

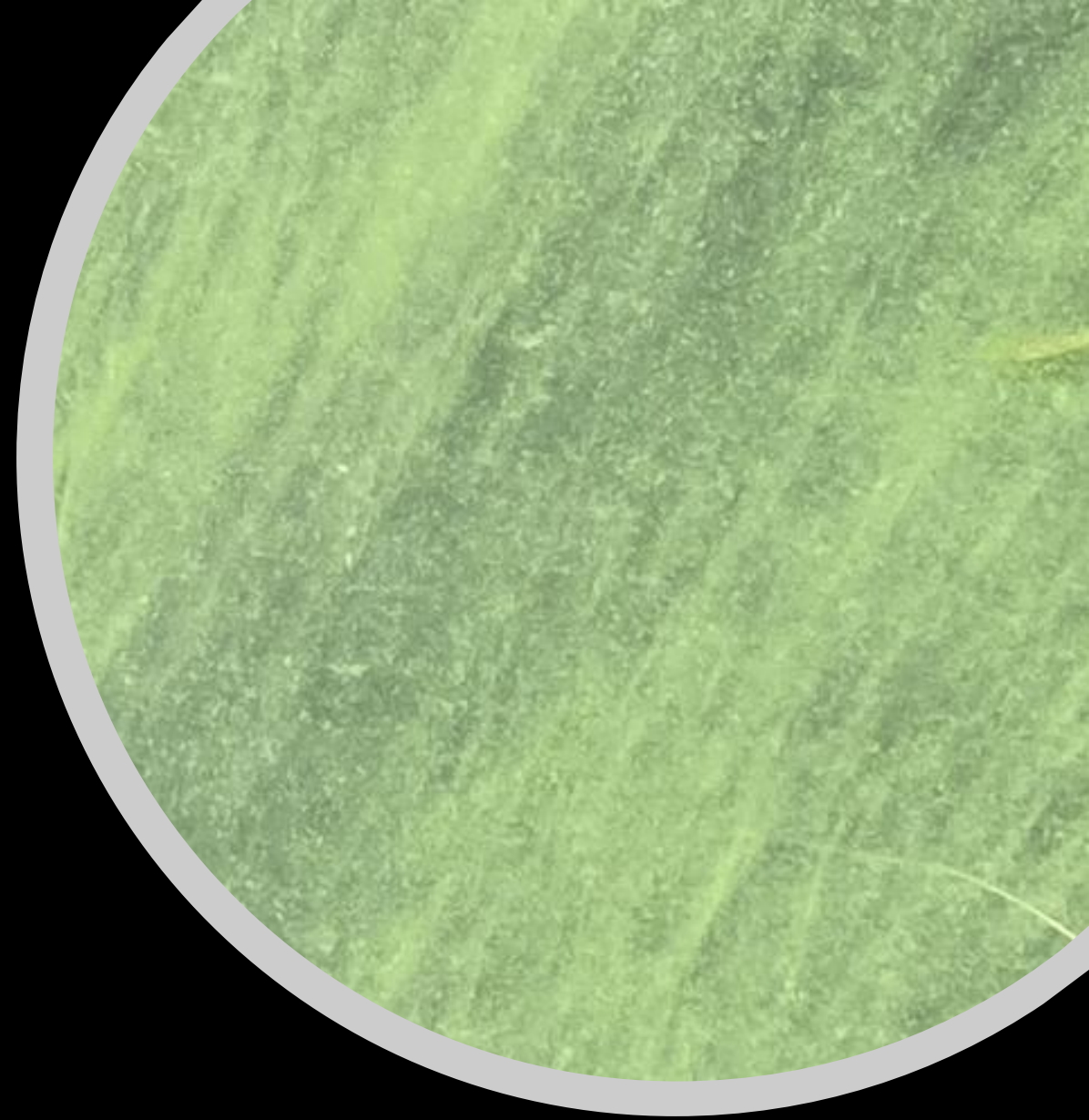
- Cyanobacteria and HABs ecology
- Impacts of freshwater HABs

2. Identifying HABs

- Things that are NOT HABs
- Things that ARE HABs

3. Reporting HABs

- CSI’s Cayuga Lake HABs Monitoring Program
- Volunteer duties

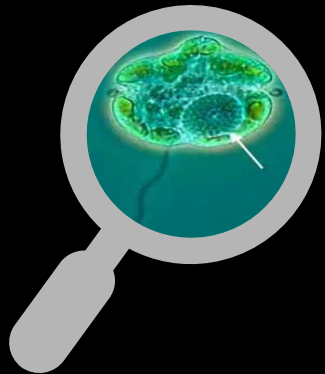


What is a “Harmful Algal Bloom”?

It’s largely a misnomer!

Marine “harmful algal blooms”
Aka “red tides”

Dinoflagellates



Diatoms

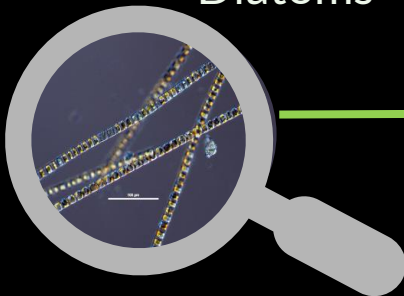


Photo by Flickr User AJC1

Freshwater “harmful algal blooms”

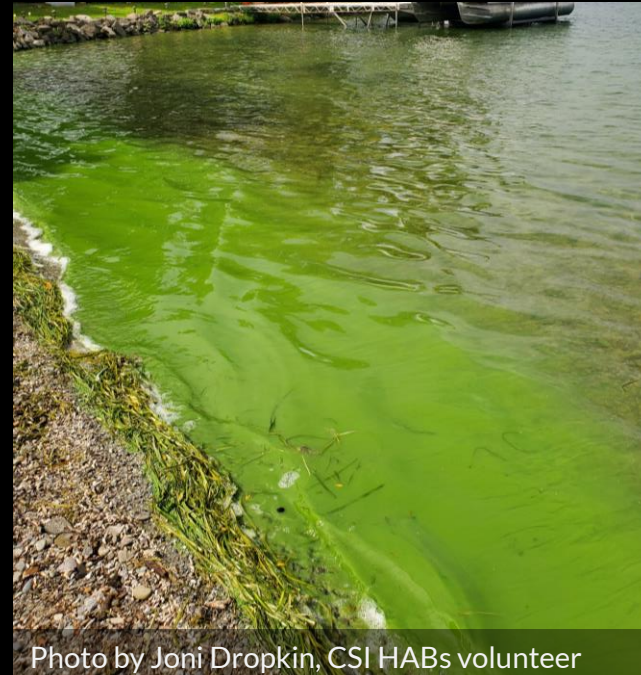
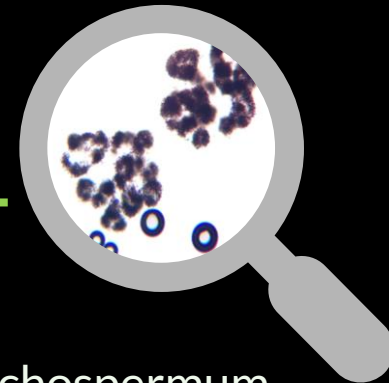


Photo by Joni Dropkin, CSI HABs volunteer

Microcystis



Dolichospermum



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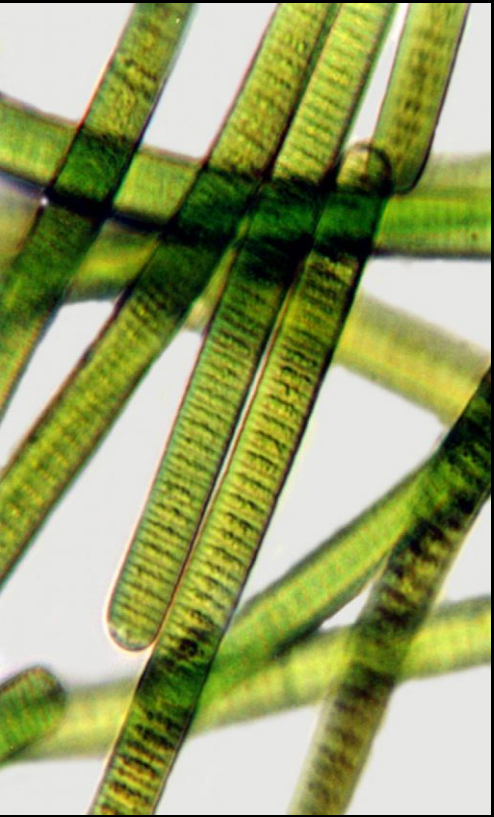
Photo by Ken Riemer, CSI HABs volunteer

Cyanobacteria



Photos by Holly Davidson and Joni Dropkin, CSI HABs volunteers

What are cyanobacteria?



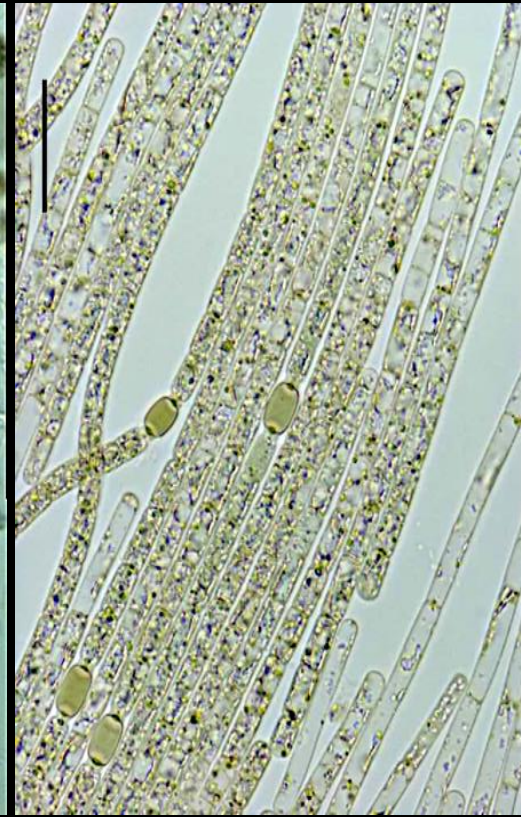
Oscillatoria



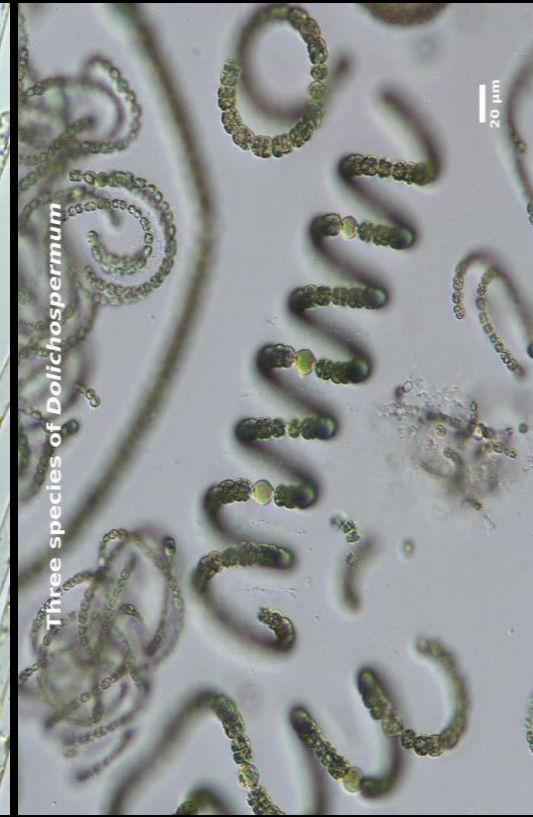
Microcystis



Woronichinia



Aphanizomenon



Dolichospermum

Cyanobacteria

Part of a healthy, balanced, normal freshwater ecosystem



Cyanobacteria produce chemical compounds

Beneficial compounds	Harmful compounds (“cyanotoxins”)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-cancer drugs• Anti-viral drugs (can help treat HIV)• Antibacterial drugs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Liver toxins• Neurotoxins

Namikoshi and Rinehart 1996, Singh et al. 2011

Impacts of HABs



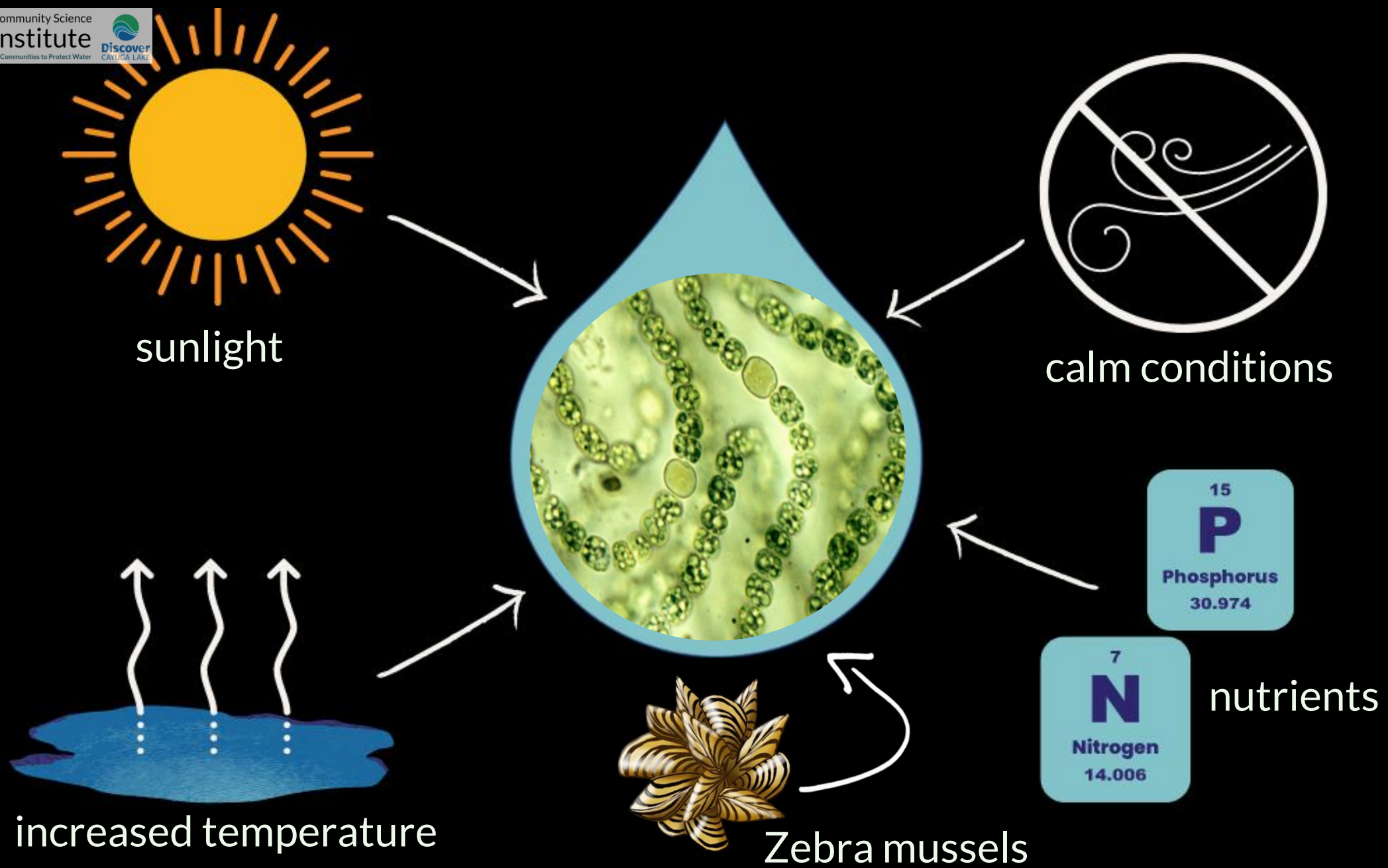
Impacts on human health



Economic impacts



Ecological impacts





What is a "HAB"?

H: Harmful

- Toxins, economic, aesthetic, ecological

A: Algal

- Freshwater HABs refer to cyanobacteria. Not true algae.

B: Bloom

- Proliferations of cells, dense concentrations

Photo by Michelle Jenkins, CSI HABs volunteer



When do they become “harmful”?

A “HAB” is an explosive population growth of these cyanobacteria, which may produce toxins

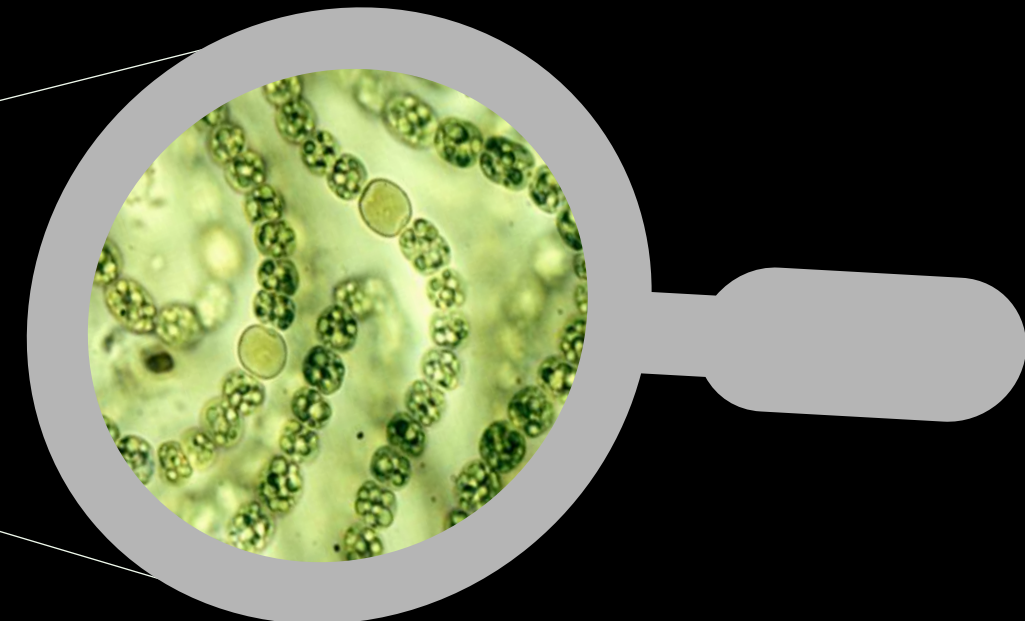


Photo by Dave Shafer, CSI HABs volunteer



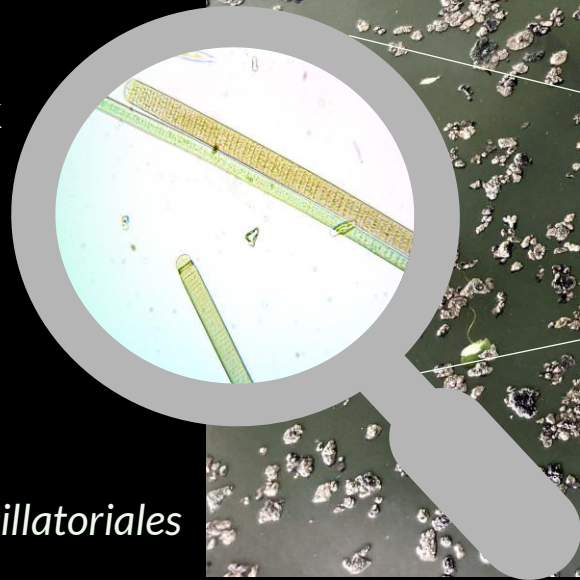
NEW to HABs Harriers in 2024: Clump or Benthic Cyanobacteria

An atypical HAB to look out for

- Reported by CSI volunteers in 2022 and 2023
- Some samples collected for microscopy and microcystin/anatoxin analysis by CSI 2022-2023
- This summer CSI is inviting volunteers to help report and sample
- Sampling protocol later in the presentation...

What does this phenomenon look like from the shore?

- Floating clumps of material that are sometimes mistaken for goose poop
- More substantial than typical HABs.
- WILL attach to the end of a stick pulled slowly through a clump (unlike other HABs).
- Can be seen any time of year, NOT just during the typical late summer HAB season



Oscillatoriales



Test Your Skills



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Yes!



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Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

Test Your Skills

No!

Muddy water,
storm water



Test Your Skills



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Reporting HABs

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Yes!

“Clump HAB”



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Reporting HABs

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What is a Harmful Algal Bloom?

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Reporting HABs

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No!

Pollen



Test Your Skills



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Reporting HABs

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Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

Test Your Skills

No!

Blue-green algae



Test Your Skills



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Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

Test Your Skills

Yes!



What is a Harmful Algal Bloom?

Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

Test Your Skills



What is a Harmful Algal Bloom?

Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

Test Your Skills

Maybe?

What would
you do?



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Reporting HABs

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Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

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No!

Lily pads, muddy
water,
stormwater



Test Your Skills



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No!

Blue-green
algae or
filamentous
algae (or both!)



Test Your Skills



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Identifying HABs

Reporting HABs

Test Your Skills

No!

Pollen



Test Your Skills



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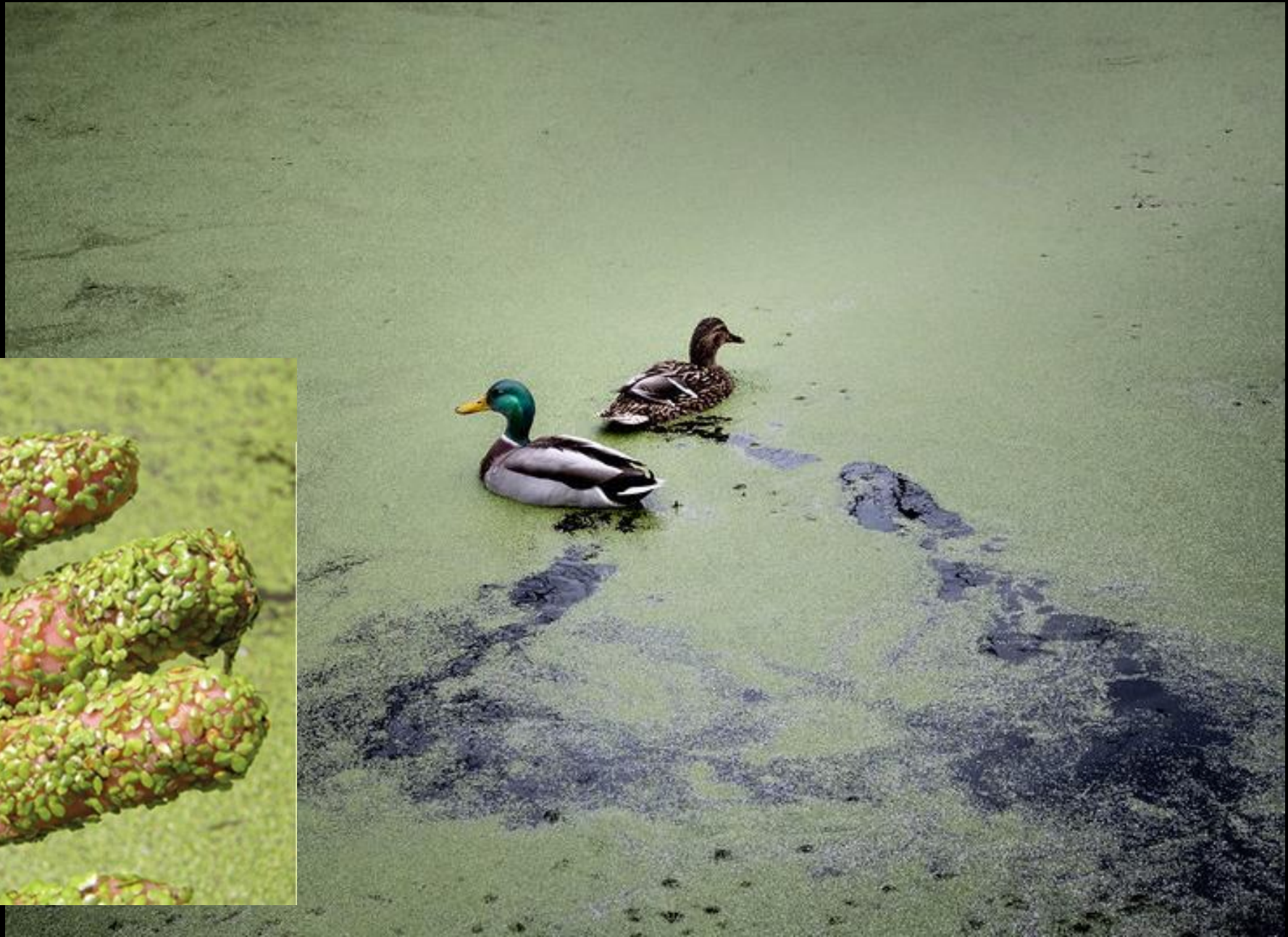
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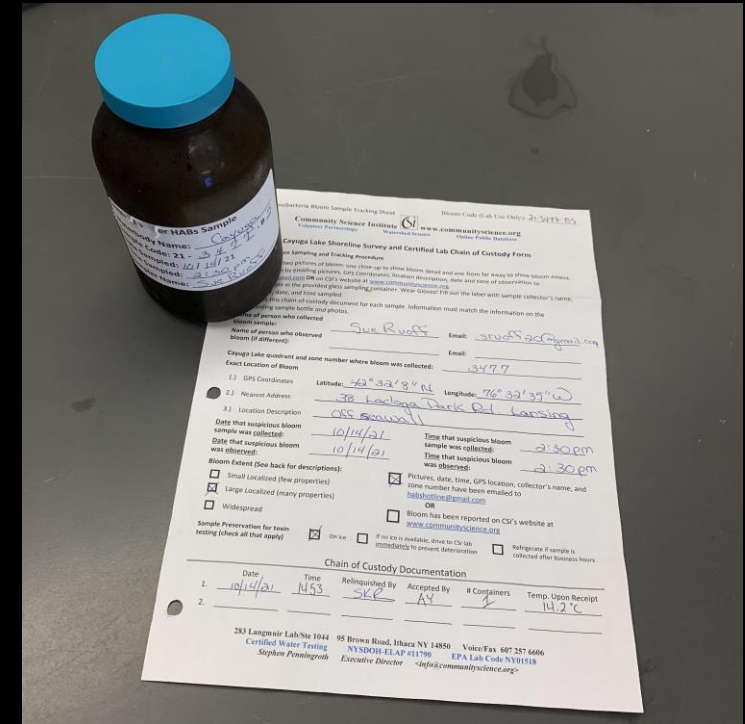
No!

Duckweed



Survey Period & Frequency

- The NYSDEC monitoring season begins July 1st and ends September 30th, 2024
- The **2024 Cayuga Lake HABs** monitoring season: begins the week of Sunday, June 30th, and continues through the last week of September, ending the season officially on Saturday October 5th.
 - Includes weekly monitoring
 - Ideally occurs on the same day of the week at approximately the same time of day
 - Includes sample collection + submitting HAB Report Form
 - Submit No Bloom Report in weeks where no HAB is detected
 - “PRE and POST” season:
 - Includes monitoring on an “as-needed” or “as available” basis
 - Submit report only if HAB is suspected
 - No samples collected during “pre” season, but samples may be collected during “post” season depending on available resources. TBD
 - Do not need to submit “No Bloom Report” during “pre” season, only “post” if you’re remaining involved



What about the **Clump or Benthic Cyanobacteria**?

- At **ANYTIME**, if you observe floating clumps that you suspect to be a HAB:
 - Take some photos showing the extent of clump distribution and a close-up of one clump
 - Collect a sample using the supplied bottle OR a clean container like a mason jar or food storage container
 - Simply just scoop some of the clumps up into the cup
 - Treat the sample like other HABs samples, and keep it cool
 - Fill out the appropriate sample report form
 - E-mail Adrianna to alert her that a **Benthic/Clump HABs** has been collected
 - Ensure delivery of the sample and form to the lab



Sample Code (lab use) _____

COMMUNITY SCIENCE INSTITUTE
HAB Clump – Sample Tracking Sheet

Directions for sample collection:

1. Take photos of clumps and extent of area with clumps and complete all fields above dotted line on *HAB Clump Sample Tracking Sheet*.
2. Complete label on *HAB Clump Sample* container (red lid).
3. Following HAB sampling protocols, collect as much clump material as possible in container. Keep sample as cool as possible at all times.
4. Send email with photos to adrianna@communityscience.org saying that you've collected a sample and indicating how and when you will transport sample to the lab (on ice or otherwise cooled) within 24 hours.
5. Transport sample and tracking sheet to the lab.

HAB Clump Sample
 Collected By: Joe Cyano
 Location: HAB Zone 3142
 Time: 3:30pm
 Date: 7/23/24

Sample Collected by: _____
 Email address: _____
 Date: _____ Time: _____ Cayuga Lake HAB Zone (if applicable): _____
 Description of Event Sampled: _____

Where Sample was Collected: _____
 Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____

Sample Collected From Shore Wading From Dock

Site Photos:
 *** email photos to adrianna@communityscience.org ***
 Close-up of clumps Showing extent of floating clumps Showing Location

Notes: _____

Lab Use:

	Date	Time	Initials	Notes
Received at Lab				
Microscopy				
Frozen				
Sent for analysis				
Results				

HABs Harriers: Monitoring for Harmful Algal Blooms on Cayuga Lake

If you do see a bloom:

1. Fill out Cayuga Lake HAB Report via Google Forms (no longer just sending info to HABshotline@gmail.com!)
2. Take photos (1 up close, 1 further away to capture the big picture)
3. Collect a sample
4. Fill out the Chain of Custody form
5. Get that sample to CSI!
Drive it yourself, or coordinate with your Quad Leader/Water Carriers to ensure the sample stays cool and arrives to the CSI lab ASAP



If you do see a bloom:

2024 Cayuga Lake Harmful Algal Bloom Reporting Page

You can access the form via an internet browser

- Click the link in your email, and it should open up in Google Chrome, Safari, FireFox.
- I will send the link out as often as needed
- Bookmark the form to save it!



2024 Cayuga Lake Harmful Algal Bloom Reporting Page

Discover CAYUGA LAKE | Community Science Institute | CAYUGA LAKE WATERSHED NETWORK

Cayuga Lake HABs Report

B I U ↺ ↻

Please fill out this form as completely as possible. If you are experiencing difficulty advancing the survey or submitting, please check that you have answered each question that has a red asterisk (*) is answered. That is a required question. We are transitioning away from accepting HAB information via email, and prefer it be submitted via this form for better data organization. Thank you for taking the time to report, and for your diligence in the field!

First Name *

Short answer text

Last Name *

Short answer text

Email Address *

Short answer text

HABs Photos examples



Close up



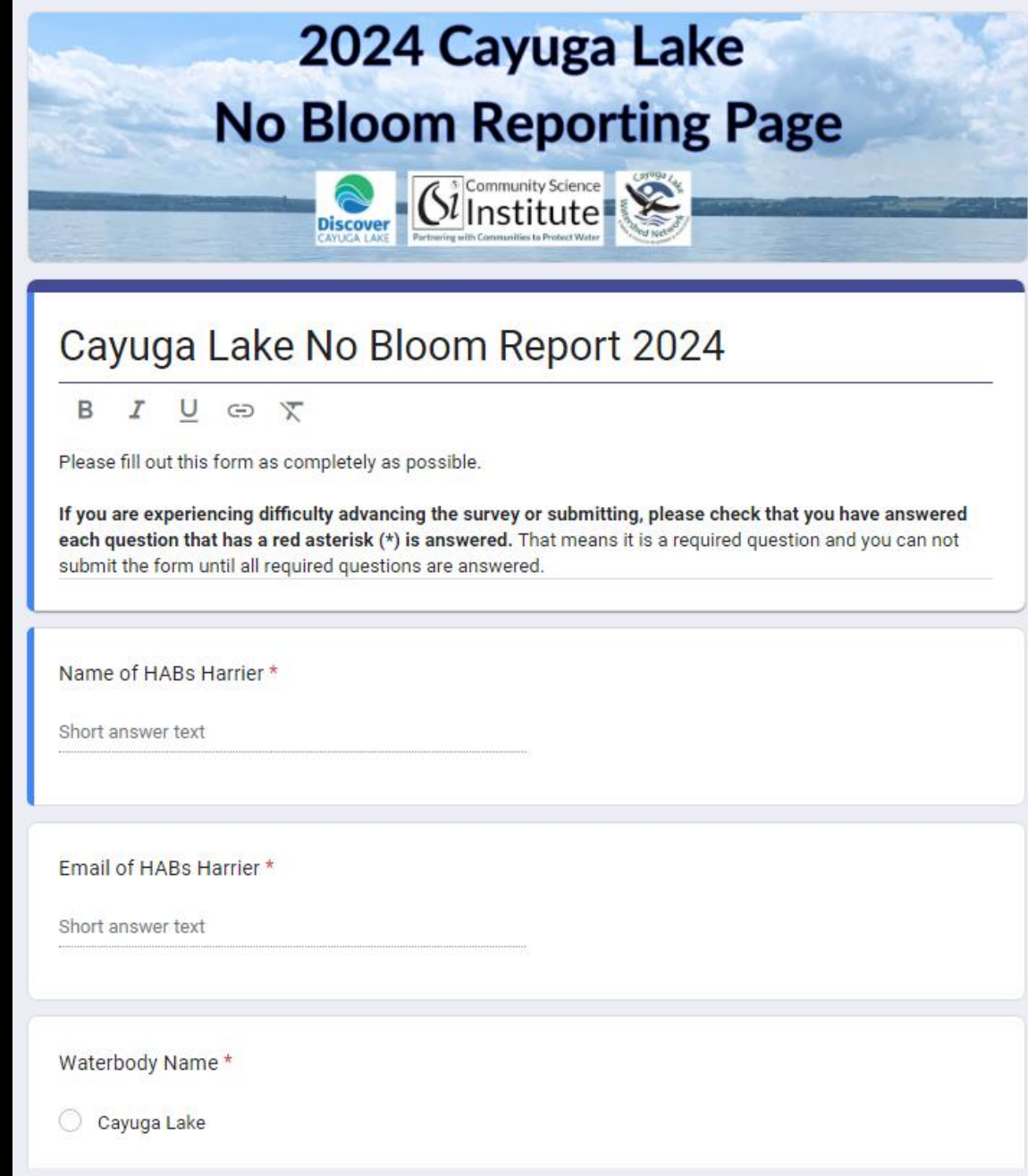
Far away

If you do not see a bloom:

No Bloom Report

Like the Bloom Report Form, you can also access this form via an internet browser on your phone/tablet



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2024 Cayuga Lake No Bloom Reporting Page

Discover CAYUGA LAKE Community Science Institute Partnering with Communities to Protect Water Cayuga Lake Watershed Network

Cayuga Lake No Bloom Report 2024

B I U  

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Name of HABs Harrier *

Short answer text

Email of HABs Harrier *

Short answer text

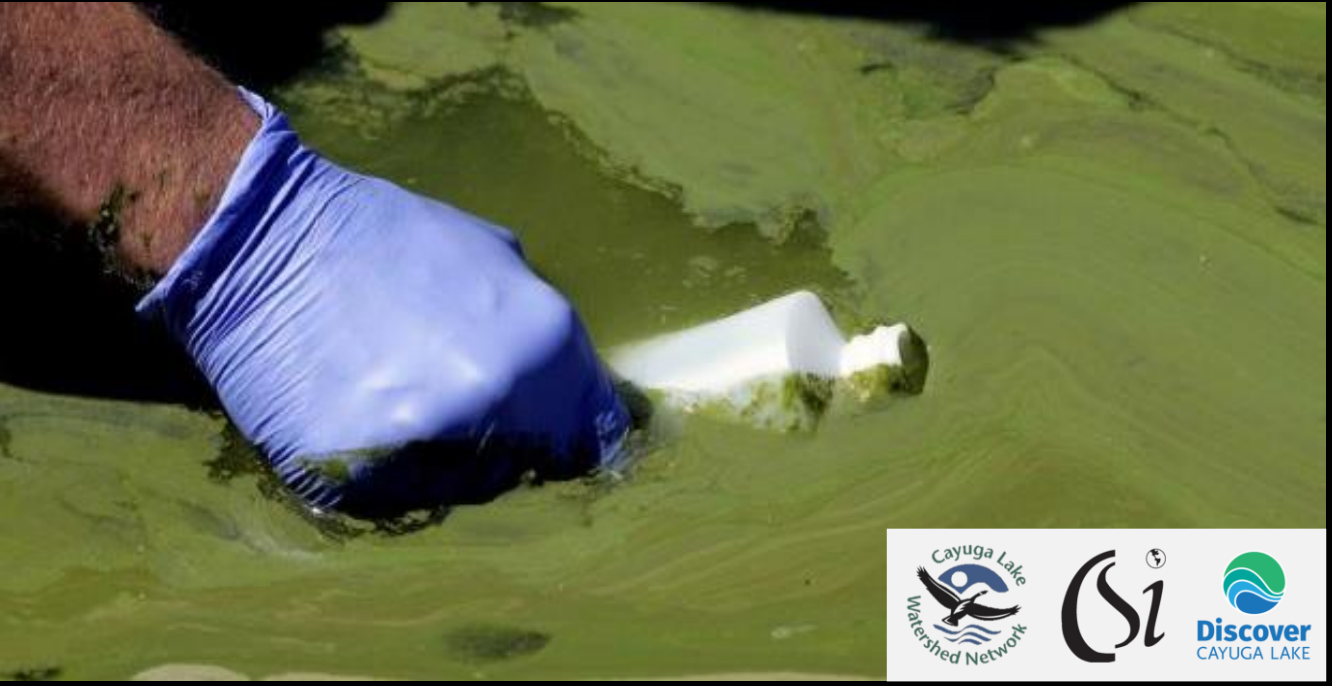
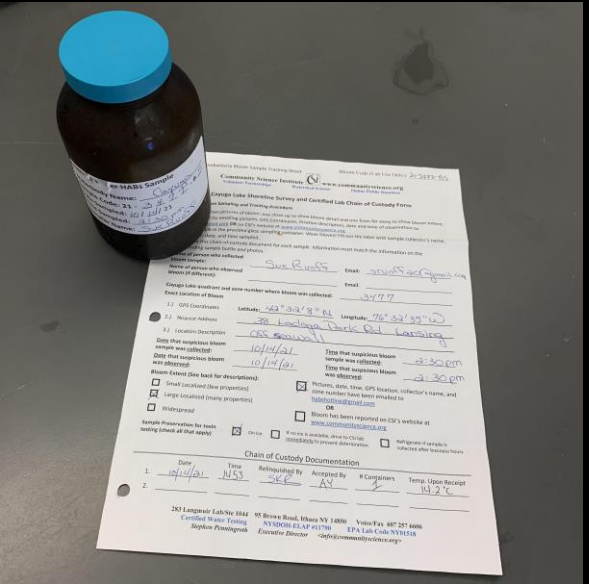
Waterbody Name *

Cayuga Lake

Collecting the sample

AFTER you've submitted the Bloom Report online:

- Label the bottle first
- Wear gloves!
- Sample the densest part of the bloom
- Make only ONE pass through the water, not multiple passes
- Fill out the Chain of Custody Form




Chain of Custody Form

- GPS Coordinates
- Description
- Date and time of collection
- Bloom Extent



Volunteer
 Suspicious Cyanobacteria Bloom Sample Tracking Sheet

Bloom Code (Lab Use Only): _____


Community Science Institute www.communityscience.org
 Volunteer Partnerships Watershed Science Online Public Database

Cayuga Lake Shoreline Survey and Certified Lab Chain of Custody Form

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Cayuga Lake quadrant and zone number where bloom was collected: _____

Exact Location of Bloom

- 1.) GPS Coordinates Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
- 2.) Nearest Address _____
- 3.) Location Description _____

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Sample Preservation for toxin testing (check all that apply) On ice If no ice is available, drive to CSI lab *immediately* to prevent deterioration Refrigerate if sample is collected after business hours

Chain of Custody Documentation

	Date	Time	Relinquished By	Accepted By	# Containers	Temp. Upon Receipt
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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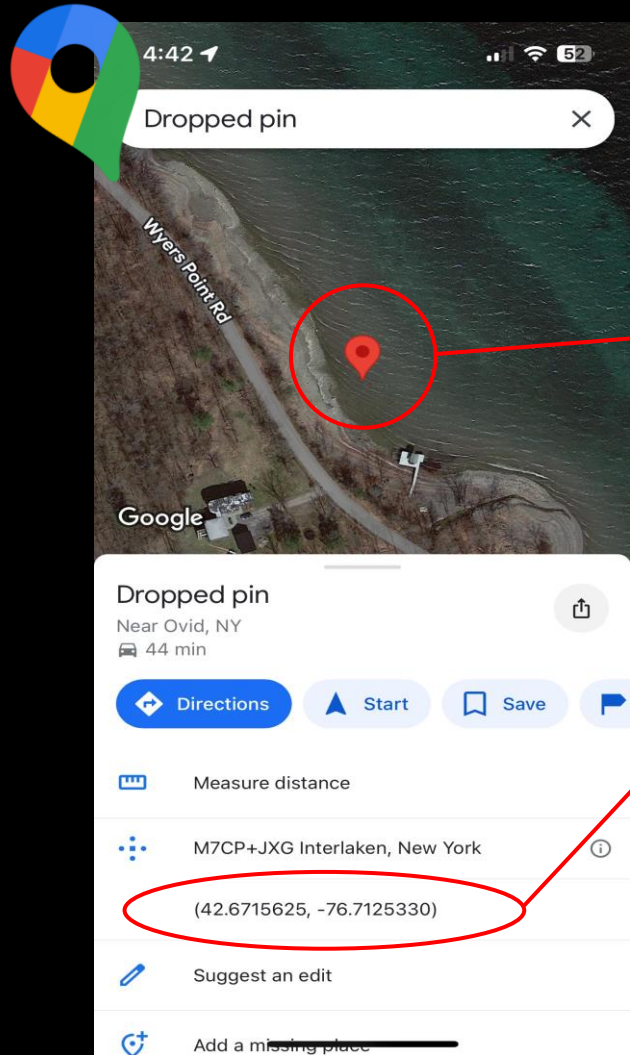
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Chain of Custody Form

If you're NOT using a smartphone:

If you're using a smartphone:

1. Open www.google.com/maps



1. Open Google Maps or whatever map/navigation map you use

2. Press and hold on the map where your HAB location is and a "pin" will appear

3. GPS Coordinates of the point will populate somewhere on the screen, depending on which app you use.

2. Double-click a spot on the map.

3. GPS Coordinates of the point will pop up below.



Chain of Custody Form

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- Report bloom by emailing pictures, GPS Coordinates, location description, date and time of observation to habshotline@gmail.com OR on CSI's website at <http://www.communityscience.org/habreport/>
- Collect sample in the provided glass sampling container. Wear Gloves! Fill out the label with sample collector's name, zone number, date, and time sampled.
- Complete this chain-of-custody document for each sample. Information must match the information on the corresponding sample bottle and photos.

Name of person who collected bloom sample: _____ Email: _____

Name of person who observed bloom (if different): _____ Email: _____

Cayuga Lake quadrant and zone number where bloom was collected: _____

Exact Location of Bloom

- GPS Coordinates Latitude: _____ Longitude: _____
- Nearest Address _____
- Location Description _____

Date that suspicious bloom sample was collected: _____ Time that suspicious bloom sample was collected: _____

Date that suspicious bloom was observed: _____ Time that suspicious bloom was observed: _____

Bloom Extent (See back for descriptions):

Small Localized (few properties) Pictures, date, time, GPS location, collector's name, and zone number have been emailed to habshotline@gmail.com
 Large Localized (many properties) OR
 Widespread Bloom has been reported on CSI's website at www.communityscience.org/habreport/

Sample Preservation for toxin testing (check all that apply) On ice If no ice is available, drive to CSI lab immediately to prevent deterioration Refrigerate if sample is collected after business hours

Chain of Custody Documentation

	Date	Time	Relinquished By	Accepted By	# Containers	Temp. Upon Receipt
1.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

283 Langmuir Lab/Ste 1044 95 Brown Road, Ithaca NY 14850 Voice/Fax 607 257 6606
 Certified Water Testing NYSDOH-ELAP #11790 EPA Lab Code NY01518
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Collect a sample

- Keep the sample on ice!
- Very important or else the sample will start to degrade and the lab will not be able to analyze the sample, making this whole process a waste of effort.



Sample Transport: CSI needs to receive the sample ASAP

Before transporting the sample, double check:

- Complete the Cayuga Lake HAB Report via Google Forms
- Fill out the Chain of Custody
- Make sure the sample bottle is labeled
- Make sure the sample will be transported/left with ice

If you need assistance in transporting the sample to the CSI lab, please contact your Quadrant Leader AND email HABshotline@gmail.com (just in case your Quad Leader is unavailable, myself or someone else will be able to help)

- NW Quadrant: Ken Riemer
- NE Quadrant: Marie & David Eckhardt
- SW Quadrant: John Abel
- SE Quadrant: Glenn Ratajczak

Sample transportation via Water Carriers depends on their availability and may not be available immediately! Just get the sample to the closest drop-off WITH enough ice to last awhile, even over night.

Sample Transport – SW and SE Quadrants

(SW – south of Sheldrake Point; SE – south of Elmwood Point)

Harriers in these two Quadrants should bring their samples directly to CSI's laboratory at:

Langmuir Lab, Room 283
95 Brown Rd.
Ithaca, NY 14850

Room 283 during business hours
(9am – 5pm M-F)

Or in the after-hours fridge located
behind the lab building



Map to drop-off location: Follow the blue arrow to the drop-off location marked by the green star. The cooler will be inside the fenced structure (see right).



Fenced structure with cooler: The door to the structure will be unlocked. Please close the door after depositing the sample.

Sample Transport – NW Quadrant

After contacting your **Quad Leader/habshotline@gmail.com**:

Drop your sample off (ON ICE) at:

Ken's "HABs Shack"
6041 Lakeview Ln.
Romulus, NY

(this is ¼ mile south of Dean's Cove
on the west side of the lake)



This is Ken's home address. He has a Canada goose mailbox and a place to turn around –

drive up his driveway to find a cooler and replacement kits



Sample Transport – NE Quadrant

After contacting your **Quad Leader/habshotline@gmail.com**:

Drop your sample off (ON ICE) at:

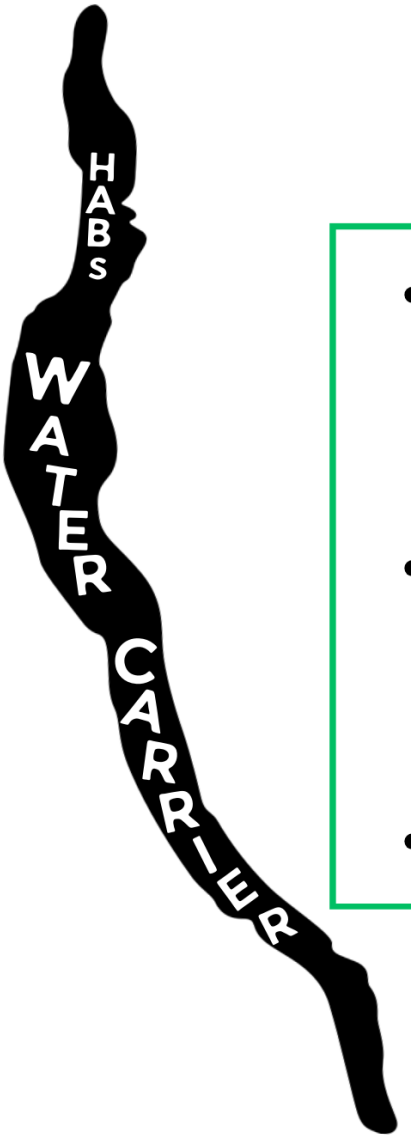
Village of Aurora Fire House
456 Main St
Aurora, NY 13026



There will be a cooler and replacement HABs sampling kits here.



HAB Water Carrier Duties & Responsibilities




On an as-needed basis



- Be “on call” from July-September to assist in the relay/transport of HABs samples from around Cayuga Lake to the CSI lab by the airport
- Communicate/coordinate transport logistics among with Quadrant Leaders and other volunteers
- Frequency of trips depends on frequency of HABs

Sample Transport – Water Carriers

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- Alyssa will double-check to make sure that she has a current mobile phone number for you.
 - Can you receive texts? Sometimes it's easier to communicate this way!
 - We realize you're "on-call" but can't always drop everything at a moment's notice to help out, however:
 - as long as the samples are kept cool by the Harrier who collected them and
 - dropped off at the HABs Shack or the Aurora FD and kept cool while they wait to be picked up by a Water Carrier and
- kept cool by the Water Carriers (please keep a cooler with you, and stock it with ice or at least ice packs before you pick up!) during transit, the samples should be ok!

From the time the sample is collected, the CSI lab needs it in our possession within 48 hours. We do need it quickly, but there is a little wiggle room!

Staying Up-To-Date

CLWN Weekly Updates to the Public



Did someone forward this email to you? Click [HERE](#) to subscribe directly!

JUNE 4, 2024

Cayuga Lake had its first confirmed Harmful Algal Bloom (HAB) of 2024 on Monday, June 3rd. It was spotted by a vigilant homeowner on Lower Lake Rd in the town of Seneca Falls who promptly reported the bloom. Many thanks to the homeowner for taking excellent photos and including all the relevant information using the bloom reporting form so that all the necessary information could be documented and reviewed by our partners at the Community Science Institute (CSI). Since then, there have been additional reports of blooms in the area. The Cayuga Lake State Park Beach is closed and signs have been posted.

Anyone can report a HAB! Fill out the form!

If you spot a suspicious bloom or potential HAB avoid it and report it. Share as much information as possible including GPS coordinate location or address, date, time, and photos.

[Click here to view the HABS Reporting Form](#)

Important Reminders:

1) While blooms do occur in early June, there is also a lot of pollen in the environment due to blooming trees and other plants. Pollen on water can

CSI's HABS Database & Monthly Updates!

Welcome to the Cayuga Lake Harmful Algal Blooms (HABS) Database

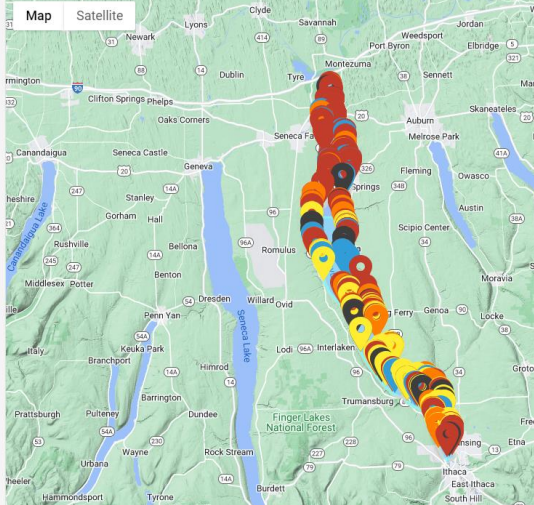
This database is designed to: a) Quickly alert you to recent reports of cyanobacteria blooms (HABS); b) Provide detailed information about each HAB reported since 2018 when the Cayuga Lake HABS Monitoring Program was launched, including its location, size, density, types of cyanobacteria it contained, and the concentration of microcystin, one of many toxins produced by cyanobacteria and the one found most often in New York; and c) Make it possible to analyze long-term patterns of HABS occurrences.

The reporting of bloom occurrences in this database is organized by geography and by areas of recreational interest, for example, parks and boat launches. Thus, Cayuga Lake is divided into 34 shoreline segments and four open water segments for a total of 38 segments used to track HABS spatially along the shore and in the open water of Cayuga Lake. Because they are based on points of interest as well as geographic features, HABS segments are of unequal size, ranging from less than a mile to several miles long. Shoreline segments are named according to the quadrant of the Cayuga Lake shoreline in which they are located (northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest). Open water segments are based on the four classifications determined by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) for Cayuga Lake: North End, Main Lake - Mid-North, Main Lake - Mid-South, and South End (Shelf).

To view recent reports of suspicious and confirmed blooms on Cayuga Lake, select a time interval for the map on the right. Up-to-date information about the bloom as well as the segment where it was reported can be obtained via links from the map and from the table below the map.

For an overview of HABS reports within an area of interest to you along the Cayuga Lake shoreline or in open water, select from the list of segments below the pie charts.

Map defaults to display all HABS reported since 2018. Use drop-down menu to select recent bloom reports



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HABS REPORTED SINCE 2018



DCL Sunday Community Cruises

DISCOVER CAYUGA LAKE LAKE MONITORING CRUISE

If you really want to know more about the state of the lake, these cruises are for you. Each week, we'll assess lake conditions and conduct sampling to tell the story. This is an opportunity to join citizen scientists (or become one!) and meet professionals from our partner organizations. Best suited for ages 13 and up.

Sundays at 2pm leaving from the Ithaca Farmer's Market.

Email booking@discovercayugalake.org for details.



To Recap:

- Not currently accepting samples BUT please do keep an eye out for HABs especially due to this hot weather. Please submit HABs Report online.
- OUR monitoring season (with sampling) begins Sunday, June 30 and ends Saturday, October 5th
- “No Bloom Reports” need to be submitted until 6/30 and after
- Please only contact Alyssa about blooms at HABshotline@gmail.com
- Volunteer Info Packets by 7/1/24



Any questions?



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