

2023 Shelter Island Shellfish Seed Planting Report

In the winter and spring of 2023, oysters, hard clams, and bay scallops were spawned at the Suffolk County Marine Environmental Learning Center at Cedar Beach Southold by Cornell Cooperative Extension hatchery staff. The resultant larvae and juveniles were cultured at the Marine Center and growout sites until planting took place in the summer and fall of 2023.

9,000 oysters at an average size of 45mm were planted on August 8th in West Neck Creek.

16,000 oysters at an average size of 37mm were planted on August 22nd in Coecles Harbor.

700,000 clams at a size range of 4-13mm were planted on October 11th in various spots located in West Neck Harbor/Creek/Bay, Dickerson Creek, Congdons Creek and Coecles Harbor.

Shellfish plantings were conducted by Cornell Extension staff, a Cornell Extension volunteer and Shelter Island Town Bay Constables.

There were high mortality rates in multiple batches of scallop cohorts in hatchery production which resulted in no scallops planted in Shelter Island Town waters as part of the seeding program for 2023.

See maps included for planting areas of clams and oysters.

Cornell Cooperative Extension appreciates the continued support of Shelter Island Town.

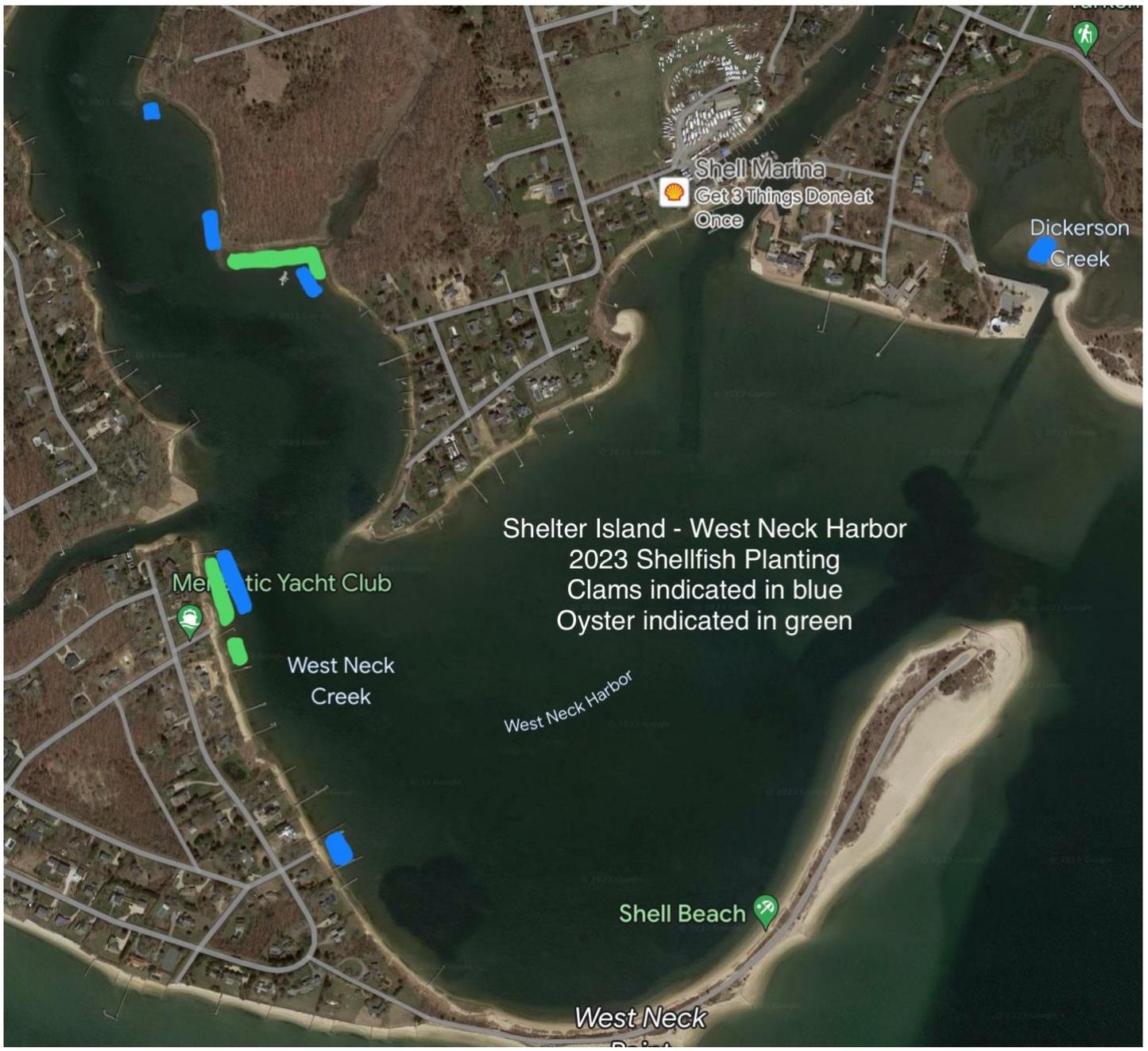
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Shelter Island - West Neck Bay
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Clams along blue line

West
Neck Bay

