

2025 Shelter Island Town Shellfish Seed Planting Report

In the winter and spring of 2025, oysters, 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 various sites in Southold Town until planting in Shelter Island Town waters in June through November 2025.

15,000 oysters at an average size of 60mm were planted in Dering Harbor, and 15,000 oysters at an average size of 60mm in West Neck Creek on August 7th, 2025.

21,500 oysters at an average size of 60mm were planted in Coecles Harbor on October 2nd, 2025.

Approximate value: \$10,300

65,000 clams at an average size of 12mm were planted in West Neck Creek, and 35,000 in Menantic Creek on October 28th, 2025.

Approximate value: \$4,558

18,500 overwintered bay scallops at an average size of 60mm were planted in Coecles Harbor on June 16th and 17th, 2025. An additional 9,000 bay scallops at an average size of 50mm were planted in Coecles Harbor on October 2nd, 2025. 12,500 bay scallops at an average size of 50mm were planted in Dering Harbor on November 3rd, 2025.

Approximate value: \$3,200

See maps included for planting areas of clams, oysters, and scallops.

Total approximate value of shellfish seeded in 2025: \$18,058

Cornell Cooperative Extension appreciates the continued support of the Shelter Island Town Board and Shelter Island Water Quality Improvement Advisory Board.

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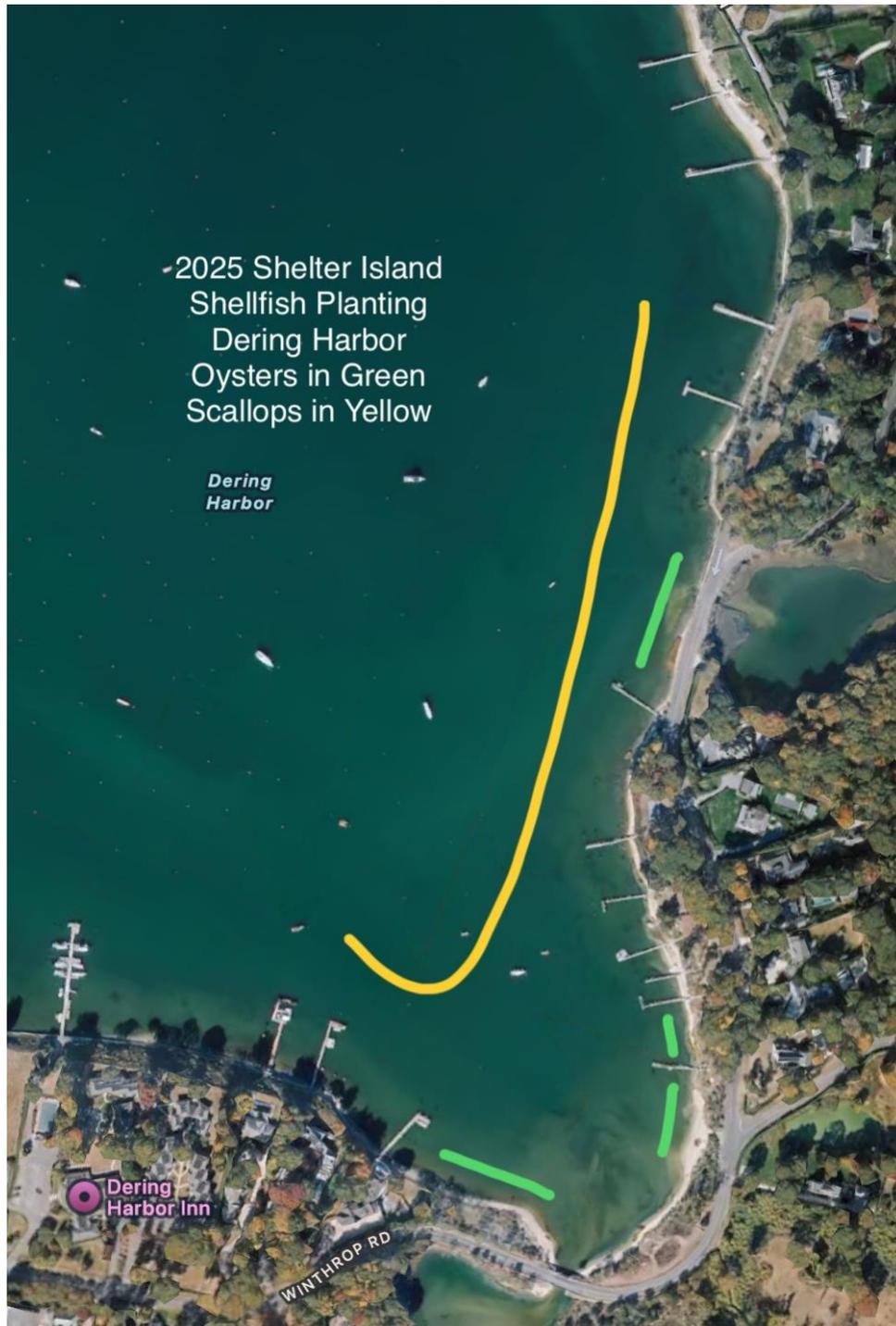
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Oysters in Green

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