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INLAND REPORT

Providers of some of the information below included **Bob's Place, Candlewood Lake Bait & Tackle, Captain Morgan's Bait & Tackle, JT's Fly Shop, Yankee Outdoors, CTFisherman.com**, and a number of bass fishing clubs & organizations.

LARGEMOUTH BASS fishing continues to be slow to fair at many areas throughout the state. Places to try include East Twin Lake, Wood Creek Pond, Mudge Pond, Park Pond, Tyler Lake, Winchester Lake, Candlewood Lake (fair here, keep trying along deeper edges, bait anglers doing better), Tyler Lake, Congamond Lakes, Amos Lake (they're being caught but you'll have to work a bit), Billings Lake, Wyassup Lake, Hopeville Pond, Pachaug Pond, Pattagansett Lake, Quinebaug Lake and Quaddick Reservoir.

Tournament angler reports are from Lake of Isles (slow, not much size and a 1.94 lb lunker), Pachaug Pond (fair to good for most), Rogers Lake (tough for most, 2.85 lb lunker), Wyassup Lake (fair to good, 5.965 lb lunker), Bantam Lake (fair, 4.11 lb lunker) and Candlewood Lake (slow to fair, 5.6 lb and 3.92 lb lunkers).

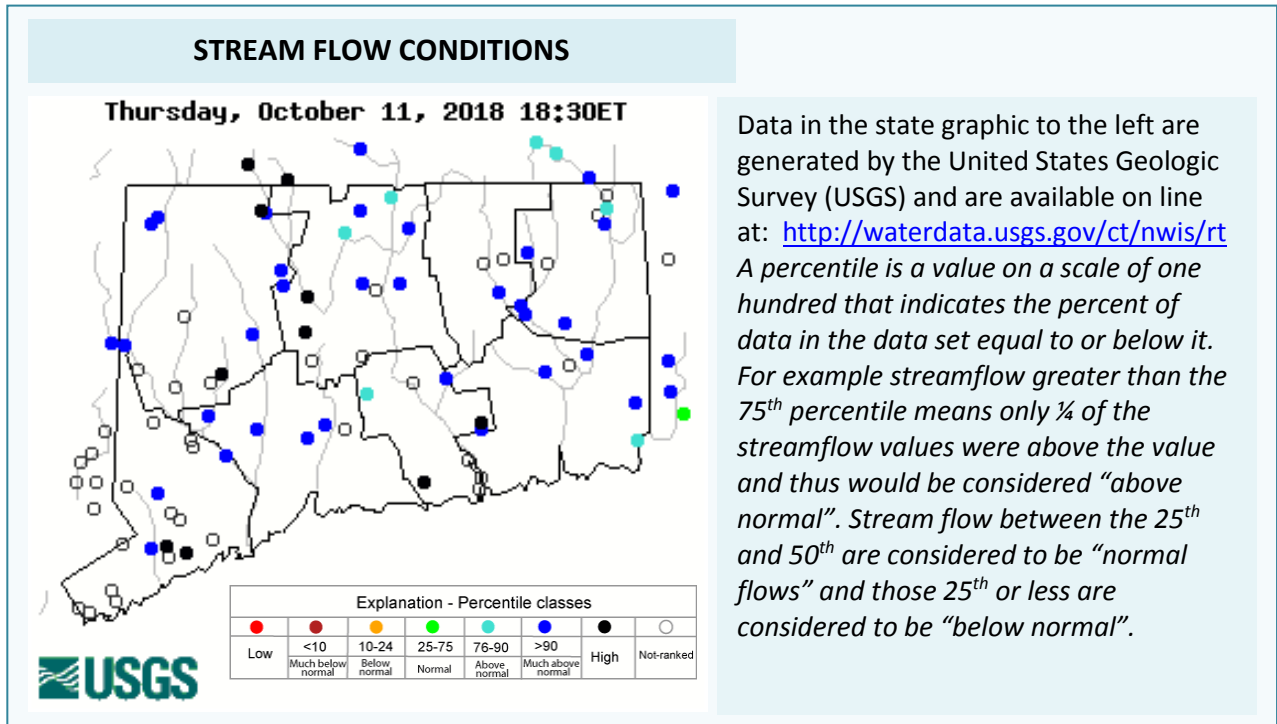
SMALLMOUTH BASS. It remains tough at Candlewood Lake (try at around 30 feet, bait anglers likely have the advantage as smallies here often target alewife in the early fall). A few reported from Lake Lillinonah and Lake Zoar. **Tournament angler** are from Bantam Lake (a few in the bags, 2.70 lb lunker) and Candlewood Lake (Hard to find many smallies willing to bite, 4.05 lb lunker for one club).

TROUT & SALMON STOCKING UPDATE. Stay in touch with our [Current Stocking Report](#) and [Interactive Trout Stocking Map](#):

- **BROODSTOCK ATLANTIC SALMON** were stocked into the **Shetucket River Broodstock Area (250 Fish)** on Tuesday, 10/9. These fish average about 4-5 lbs apiece.
- **TROUT - LAKES AND PONDS:** In **Eastern CT, Gardner Lake** (500 Rainbow Trout) and **Rogers Lake** (500 12" and up Rainbow Trout) were stocked this week.
- **TROUT PARKS:** The **Chatfield Hollow** (Schreeder Pond -400 12" and up Rainbow Trout) and **Day Pond** (400 12" and up Rainbow Trout) Trout Parks in eastern CT were stocked.

TROUT - RIVERS & STREAMS. Flows had been slowly dropping but are bumping up again. How much of an increase will depend upon the rainfall amounts received today (Thursday, 10/11). Most rivers remain above typical mid-October levels, providing lots of water to fish (see stream flow graphic on page 2). Conditions for trout fishing is variable, some nice catches reported from the recently stocked Farmington River and even from the Housatonic River where flows have been high for a month or so. Remember that the smaller streams and tributaries will generally drop the quickest. **For real time stream flow data from 68 USGS gauging stations you can check** the following web site:

<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/current/?type=flow>. Please note that we will not be able to stock the Mill River TMA in Hamden this fall due to the lingering impacts of the May storms.



Data in the state graphic to the left are generated by the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) and are available on line at: <http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/rt> A percentile is a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates the percent of data in the data set equal to or below it. For example streamflow greater than the 75th percentile means only ¼ of the streamflow values were above the value and thus would be considered “above normal”. Stream flow between the 25th and 50th are considered to be “normal flows” and those 25th or less are considered to be “below normal”.

Farmington River. Conditions for the upcoming weekend may be variable, with Sunday likely a better day as flows will likely drop to more comfortable levels. Flows had settled down to moderate levels this week but Thursday’s (10/11) rain is pushing flows back up again (especially from the Still River). Currently the river is at 431 CFS at Riverton plus 507 CFS from the Still River (which is again rising). Water temperatures range from the mid 50’s °F to the low 60’s. **Of note, are the 800 Rainbow Trout (14-16 inches) purchased and stocked by the Farmington River Angler’s Association in the New Hartford section of the river.**

Hatches/patterns. High flows continue to hamper any large scale hatching activity. During the daylight hours, nymphing has been good. Expect the insects to be shifting to the fall patterns. Some go-to flies include Isonychia (#12-14, parachute style), Blue Wing Olives (#18, 22-24, mid-late afternoon), Caddis (tan #16-18, all day; brown #16-18), Midges (#20-32, morning), and Rusty Spinner (#14-20, mornings). White Woolly Buggers, Muddlers, or Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10) are standard streamers. Bottom bouncing nymphs with Caddis pupa (#14-16), Serendipity (#14-16), Prince (#6-18) and Hare’s ear (#8-20) works well.

Housatonic River. Flows had dropped considerably and were much more fishable, however they are beginning to rise again due to Thursday’s rain, currently 1,750 CFS at Falls Village and 2,810 CFS at Gaylordsville and rising. Water temperatures are currently in the low 60’s °F. Fingers crossed for better conditions through the long weekend (you may want to check the local tributaries for more fishable conditions). Anglers can call FirstLight Power Resources at 1-888-417-4837 or check the USGS website (<http://waterdata.usgs.gov/ct/nwis/current/?type=flow>) for updated Housatonic River flow information (and also check with a local bait & tackle shop). **NOTE:** The Cornwall Covered Bridge has **re-opened** after the DOT remodeling project.

Hatches/patterns. Patterns to try include Fall Sulfurs (#16-18), Blue Wing Olive (#18-24, early morning; spinner fall in evening), Isonychia (#10-12 evening), Midges (#20-24) and caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening). Also try terrestrial patterns such as Black and Cinnamon Ants (#16-18, midday, when breezy) and large streamers, or nymphing the pockets, deeper riffles and pool heads.

Streamer fishing and nymphing with big stoneflies is usually productive. Streamer patterns to try include White Zonkers, Woolly Buggers (#2-12), Muddlers, Lion Buggers, and Grey or Black Ghosts (#4-10). Light

Cahill (#12-14, evening), Isonychia (#10-12), Sulfur (#16-18) and Black caddis (#14-18, early morning & evening).

TROUT & SALMON-LAKES & PONDS. Most notably, Atlantic Salmon (average size is 4 pounds) were stocked into Mount Tom Pond (115 fish) and Crystal Lake (Ellington) (115 fish). Please note that a [Trout and Salmon Stamp](#) is required if you **keep** an Atlantic salmon from either Mount Tom Pond or Crystal Lake. If you are strictly practicing Catch and Release, the Trout and Salmon Stamp is not required to fish in either of these two waters. Atlantic salmon regulations can be found on page 5 of this report and on page 28 of the 2018 Angler's Guide.

Trout were stocked into some our lakes and ponds and trout parks this week (see page 1) as river and streams remain on hold. Stay tuned to our Facebook Page, the current stocking report, interactive stocking map, and this weekly report. Reminder- *We will not be stocking Valley Falls Park Pond (due to a drawdown for dam repairs) and Wharton Brook Pond (still closed from storm damage) this fall.*

CATFISH (CHANNEL AND WHITE). Please take our [Catfish Survey](#). Nice sized catfish have been caught in Union Pond Manchester. Several other Catfish Management Lakes that are worth a try include Silver Lake, Wauregan Reservoir, Lake Kenosia, Mohegan Park Pond, Burr Pond, Butternut Park Pond, Birge Pond, and the Maltby Lakes.

CHAIN PICKEREL No reports, look for activity to increase a bit as we transition deeper into fall.

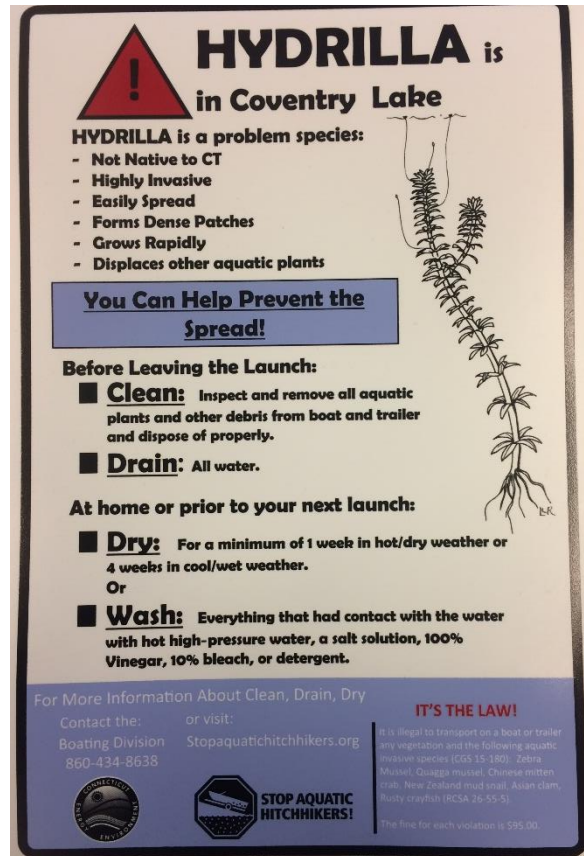
COMMON CARP. Activity is picking up; October typically proves to be good fishing for these huge fish. Carp favorites are Lake Zoar, the upper Housatonic River, Batterson Park Pond, Aspinook Pond and West Thompson Reservoir. Pre-Bait your area to bring in plenty of hungry carp. Please Note the CT Carp Open Tournament is underway (10/11 to 10/14) along the CT River.

WALLEYE. Slow fishing in many areas but a more consistent string of cooler nights should bring the Walleye up into the shallows, especially along steep drops offs. Nighttime is best now. Catches are reported from Squantz Pond (including a 6 lb 'eye and some 18-20 inch fish) and Lake Saltonstall. Saugatuck Reservoir has had some decent fishing dawn and dusk. Other places to try include Coventry Lake, Mount Tom Pond, Lake Zoar, Mashapaug Lake, Cedar Lake and Beach Pond.

NORTHERN PIKE. No reports this week but the fish are eager to feed. Other favorite Pike Waters include Mansfield Hollow Reservoir, Winchester Lake, Bantam Lake, and the CT River.

PANFISH. Perch, sunfish, and Crappie are doing well in most places. Good waters include Burr Pond, Stillwater Pond, Wood Creek Pond, Green Falls Reservoir, Mashapaug Lake and Day Pond.

CONNECTICUT RIVER. Flows had dropped nicely, providing better access and fishing, but are now starting to increase again (currently 17,500 CFS at Thompsonville). **LARGEMOUTH BASS** remains on and off, with the



One of the newly installed signs to alert anyone using Coventry Lake (and a similar sign for the Connecticut River) about the presence of the highly invasive plant, Hydrilla.

side channels and coves providing better action. **SMALLMOUTH BASS** fishing in the Windsor-Enfield should be picking up (if flows don't rise too much). Look for some action along the mainstem from Middletown to Haddam. **CHANNEL CATFISH/WHITE CATFISH** had been hitting (staff favorites are 3" sections of eel). Once the river goes down some fishing the deep holes by day and flats by night will provide some fish. **COMMON CARP** have been providing some steady action, especially in the Haddam/East Haddam and Mattebesset areas. The 2018 CT Carp Open Tournament has begun and runs until Sunday, October 14th. Looking forward to seeing some monster Carp caught by the tournament anglers. We encourage you to stop by and see how folks are doing, but please note that they must fish within a certain distance of their "peg". We encourage all to be understanding and share the space, giving these anglers some room during the tournament.



CARP TOURNAMENT IN PROGRESS

Anglers participating in the CT CARP OPEN have permission to remain on site day and night from 5:00 am October 11 to 3:00 pm October 14, 2018.

If you are fishing and are not part of this tournament, please share space and avoid casting in close proximity to the tournament angler – they can only fish from within 15 yards of this sign.

For more information please contact 860-709-3003 or the DEEP Fisheries Division at 860-424-3474

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NOTES & NOTICES:

STORM DAMAGE UPDATE. Due to damage from storms in May, Sleeping Giant (including the Sleeping Giant TMA) and Wharton Brook (including the Wharton Brook Trout Park) state parks remain closed and will not be stocked with trout this fall.

CANDLEWOOD LAKE (safety buoy removals). The Candlewood Lake authority has begun removing the hazard, navigation and speed buoys for the winter. Boaters, especially those unfamiliar with the lake should use extra caution out on the lake.

CENTER SPRING POND (Manchester - dredging). A dredging project is ongoing at Center Spring Pond. Hydraulic dredging is used so there will be no drawdown but access to a portion of the park may be limited.

VALLEY FALLS POND (Vernon – dam repair). DEEP will not be stocking the Trout Park at Valley Falls Pond this fall due to dam repair work.

CONNECTICUT RIVER (invasive species alert). In 2016 hydrilla was found in the main stem Connecticut River in Glastonbury (near Glastonbury’s Riverfront Park & Boathouse). **Last year hydrilla was found at other locations along the river including Wethersfield and Crow Point coves and at a site in Enfield.** See the Coventry Lake entry on the next page for what river users should do to prevent spread of this invasive plant to other waterbodies.

COVENTRY LAKE (invasive species alert). Hydrilla, a very highly invasive aquatic plant, has been found growing in Coventry Lake. All lake users should take extra care to check and clean their boats (including canoes, kayaks and rowing sculls), trailers, and fishing equipment before leaving the boat launch, or leaving the lakeshore.

SILVER LAKE (canoe/kayak/SUP race). A canoe/kayak/SUP race will be conducted from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on Sunday, October 14. Boaters should use extra care when accessing the lake from the state launch and when out on the water.

FISHING SEASONS. Anglers are reminded that the fishing season at the Pasture Pond Trout Park closed September 30.

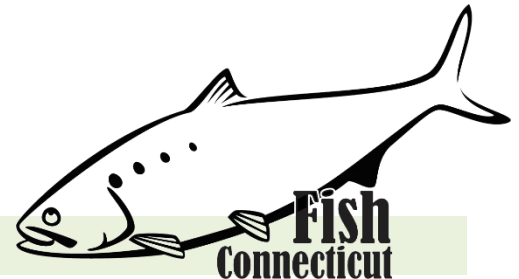


Known locations of hydrilla at Coventry Lake (Wangumbaug Lake). Boaters should avoid these areas noted with red to avoid fragmenting and spreading hydrilla.

Atlantic salmon fishing regulations and areas summary

- **Regulations for Atlantic salmon on the Shetucket and Naugatuck Rivers.** In the Naugatuck, Housatonic and Shetucket Rivers, from September 1 through November 30, angling for Atlantic salmon is restricted to **catch-and-release only**. From December 1, 2018, through March 31, 2019, the daily creel limit for Atlantic salmon will be one. During the open season in the rivers, the legal method for taking Atlantic salmon is limited to angling using a single fly, or an artificial lure with a single free swinging hook and no additional weight can be added to the line above the fly or lure. Also, from September 1st through March 31st, fishing for other species in the designated Atlantic Salmon “Broodstock Areas” is restricted to the gear legal for Atlantic salmon.
- On the **Shetucket River**, anglers can fish for salmon downstream from the Scotland Dam (Windham) to the Water Street Bridge in Norwich (the first bridge upstream of Norwich Harbor). The salmon are stocked into one designated Atlantic Salmon “Broodstock Area”, from the Scotland Dam to the Occum Dam.
- Anglers are allowed to fish for salmon in the **Naugatuck River** from the confluence of the East and West Branches (Torrington) downstream to the Housatonic River (Derby). Anglers may also fish for Atlantic salmon in the Housatonic River downstream of Derby Dam. The salmon are typically stocked into two designated Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas on the Naugatuck River, the “Campville Section” of the upper Naugatuck River from Route 118 downstream to the Thomaston Flood Control Dam (Litchfield-Thomaston) and the “Beacon Falls Section” of the lower Naugatuck, from Prospect Street (Naugatuck) downstream to Pines Bridge Road (Route 42 bridge, Beacon Falls). From September 1st through March 31st, fishing for other species in these designated Atlantic Salmon Broodstock Areas is restricted to the gear legal for Atlantic salmon.
- The regulations for Atlantic salmon released into lakes and ponds are different from the regulations for salmon on the Naugatuck and Shetucket Rivers. **In each lake, the regulations for methods, seasons and minimum lengths for salmon will be the same as for trout in that specific water body but the daily creel limit will be one salmon per day.** (Please refer to the 2018 CT Angler’s Guide for trout regulations).

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MARINE FISHING REPORT

Surface water temperatures in Long Island Sound (LIS) are around 65-70°F. Check out the following web sites for more detailed water temperatures and marine boating conditions:

<http://www.mysound.uconn.edu/stationstat.html>

http://marine.rutgers.edu/mrs/sat_data/?nothumbs=1

<http://www.ndbc.noaa.gov/>

<http://www.wunderground.com/MAR/AN/330.html>

HUMPBACK WHALES have been reported in Long Island Sound, please see check [WHALE WATCHING GUIDELINES](#).

Note: All marine mammals are protected by the Federal Marine Mammal Protection Act. Following these recommended operational guidelines helps minimize chances of harassing or injuring whales and violating Federal law. Guidelines apply to all large whales from Maine through Virginia, except North Atlantic right whales. It is illegal to approach a right whale within 500 yards (1500 feet) unless granted specific exemption or authorization.

CONNECTICUT STATE BOUNDARY LINE IN LONG ISLAND SOUND. Anglers please note: Though Connecticut has reciprocity with neighboring states (New York, Rhode Island, Maine and Massachusetts), residents of Connecticut are required to have a CT Resident Marine Waters or All Waters Sport Fishing License to fish in the Marine District.

SHORE FISHING SPOTS & TIDE TABLE INFORMATION To find a saltwater shore fishing spot close to where you live, go to the following website: <http://www.lisrc.uconn.edu/coastalaccess/>.

For **ENHANCED OPPORTUNITY SHORE FISHING** sites and other fishing information including a site map go to the following website <http://www.depdata.ct.gov/maps/saltwaterfish/map.htm>.

Please see page 64 of the **2018 CT Angler's Guide** for CT tide information.

SEE A TANGLED TURTLE? CALL THE HOTLINE! 1-860-572-5955 ext. 107. This is the time of year when leatherback, loggerhead, green, and Kemp's Ridley sea turtles return to northern waters, with many sightings around Long Island Sound.

TAUTOG (Blackfish)- REMINDER TO ANGLERS: SEASON IS OPEN! Any of the rocky reefs, rock piles, and wrecks in Long Island Sound will hold tog. Green, Asian shore or hermit crabs all work. Consider putting the crab (bait) on a jig (1/4 to 1 ounce, depending on the depth and current). It will be a shallow water bite (6-30 feet) this early in the season. I would highly recommend planning a trip on a [party/charter boat](#) trip to fish for tautog. If you dunk a green/Asian shore or hermit crab in the water, and there is a tautog there - you will get a hit. Jigs tipped with a crab is an awesome technique for tautogs hanging tight to the reef. If you're not getting hits, you're fishing in a site void of blackfish, so move to another location (reef). Also try chumming to attract fish. The three break-walls at the entrance to New Haven Harbor sometimes hold very large blackfish. A reef doesn't have to be named to produce fish. So enjoy the season, be safe and TIGHT LINES!

ATLANTIC BONITO & LITTLE TUNNY fishing is very good. Schools of these small tuna have been reported from New Haven to Greenwich. But they seem to be particularly fond of **Cockenoe Island, Sunken Island, The Cows, and off Compo Beach**. Smaller Hogy Epoxy lures, Zoom Super Fluke, Deadly Dicks, Sluggos and Albie Snacks (amber color) have all been very effective. There have been so many sighting of false albacore around the Norwalk Islands that some anglers are comparing the venue to the albies off Watch Hill. If you're using braided line with a 20 lb fluorocarbon leader stop by your local tackle shop and ask them to show you a proper knot - there's nothing worse than losing a little tunny because your knot slipped through the slick braid. Although false albacore are poor for eating - just catching one will give you such a fight you will be bragging about it for weeks. There's a good chance your local party boat has run into a few schools treating customers with a great day of fishing. **Shore anglers are scoring at Fort Trumbull, mouth of the Thames River, Ocean Beach, Seaside Park, Harkness Memorial, Hammonasset, Rocky Neck State Park and also at Sherwood Island State Park.** These small tunas are also cruising around from Pt. Judith, Watch Hill to Bluff Point (including Fishers Island Sound), the Race to Little Gull Island, from Bartlett Reef to Black Point. Dawn and dusk is typically the best time to fish for these inshore tunas but they can be caught during the daytime. They are feeding heavily of young of the year herring and small crabs. **Try casting metal (heavy) lures (Swedish pimple, albie snax and Epoxy jigs) to feeding fish on the surface. A quiet approach and finding birds (gulls/terns) actively feeding is the key to a successful trip. Jigging for them also works when they are close to the bottom.**

STRIPED BASS fishing is very good. **It's time for shore anglers to hit the SURF...locate your favorite coastal state park(s).** The fall season appears to be starting off strong, with many charter boat operators commenting on how many large bass there are. These bass are migrating and feeding heavily on all the bait. The best thing is...you catch them during the daytime, especially under overcast skies. Trolling weighted jigs (chartreuse) with a yellow pork rind and or live lining bunker (Atlantic menhaden) in 15 to 40 feet of water. I like dunking a live **eel on the reefs/shoal areas** during the late afternoon /evening hours. This technique has produces some very big bass recently, 50 inches – 45 pounds, (Goshen Reef & Norwalk Islands). Striper spots include the Watch Hill reefs, Ram Island Reef in Fishers Island Sound, lower Mystic and Thames River, the Race, Sluiceway, **Plum Gut**, Pigeon Rip, outer Bartlett Reef, Black Point, the "humps" south of Hatchett Reef, **lower Connecticut River**, Long Sand Shoal, Cornfield Point, Southwest Reef (outer), Sixmile Reef, Falkner

Island area, the reefs off Branford, New Haven Harbor (breakwalls) and the upper reaches, **Charles Island area**, lower Housatonic River, buoys 18 and 20 off Stratford Point, **Stratford Shoal/Middle Ground**, Milford Point, Penfield Reef, around the Norwalk Islands, and Cable and Anchor Reef. Striped bass are a little pickier than bluefish, but top-water plugs are also working well. There are some large holdover stripers available on top...but the smaller juveniles are really on fire this week. Plastics are very effective on the 14"-24" striped bass inhabiting our lower rivers this fall. Anglers are having a blast catching smaller striped bass on the Housatonic and Norwalk Rivers. Bait fish like to take refuge in harbors, rivers and estuaries at night, so the rule still goes that the best fishing is at dusk and dawn. *Don't have a Boat? Hook up with the many [Party or Charter Boats](#) found throughout CT's shoreline from Greenwich to Stonington.*

BLACK SEA BASS and SCUP (porgy) fishing is still phenomenal. I would recommend to get out while it's good, these excellent eating fish won't be hanging around forever. Double your chances by using a high-low rig tipped with clams and/or squid. Once you get a bite make sure to set the hook and whether releasing or keeping, be careful of the spines. We highly recommend heavy chumming; although you don't need to feed the entire ocean - chumming really gets black sea bass and scup in a feeding frenzy. Great porgy fishing this week are; **Buoy 32A, Hens & Chickens near Captains Harbor in Greenwich, Fort Nathan Hale Beach (pier under construction), Pleasure Beach Family Pier, Short and Long Beach in Stratford and Silver Sands State Park in Milford**, South Benson Pier, Ash Creek, Saint Marys by the Sea, Seaside Park, Fayerweather Island, Sherwood Island State Park, Calf Pasture Beach Pier, Cummings Park, Shippan Point and Todds Point on the southwest side facing New York skyline. Try your luck at one of CT's wonderful Enhanced Opportunity Shore Fishing sites where the length limit for porgy (scup) is 9" as opposed to non-enhanced sites which have the standard 10" length limit. List of some very accessible shore fishing locations are: Calf Pasture beach, Jennings and Penfield beach, Seaside Park, (Milford), Bradley Point Park (West Haven), New Haven, **Harkness State Park**, Rocky Neck State Park, **Kimberley Reef (Guilford)**, Meigs Point Hammonasset State Park and **Fort Trumbull State Park**. Locate your favorite [Enhanced Shore Fishing Opportunities](#) for these hard fighting and excellent eating "Reef Slammers". Contact your [local bait and tackle shop](#) for updated fishing information.

BLUEFISH. The "blitz" is on and bluefish schools mixed with striped bass are reigning supreme. **Jennings Beach, Walnut Beach, mouth of the Housatonic, Greens Ledge Lighthouse, Middle-ground (especially Stratford Shoal Lighthouse), The Cows, Sunken Island, the Norwalk Islands, Pennfield Reef, Todds Point, mouth of Rowaytons Five Mile River, Fish Island in Darien, Sasco Beach, Sandy Point, Black Rock Harbor and Gulf Beach Pier and Gulf Beach Break-wall** are all excellent striped bass and bluefish locales. As for bluefish bait, well you could probably put a taco on your hook and catch one because they are voracious eaters. But Atlantic mackerel and bunker (Atlantic menhaden) are good bait choices.

WEAKFISH fishing is still good in the central and western Sound. Falkner, Goose Island and **the Norwalk Island** area is producing some very nice "tide runners". Fish up to 33 inches are being reported from West Haven Beaches/Charles Island area to **Norwalk**.

HICKORY SHAD fishing is good in the **Black Hall River/Lieutenant River (out-going tide)**, Housatonic River and the lower **Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier)**. Fishing remains good at Fort Trumbull, Black Hall, Clinton Harbor River systems and the lower Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier).

WHITE PERCH fishing during fall is very good. Productive spots include the Pawcatuck River (Stanton Weir Pit/Point), Mystic River, upper Thames River (**Norwich Harbor**) and Niantic River, lower **Connecticut River (DEEP Marine Headquarters fishing pier)**, Black Hall River, Lieutenant River, North/South Cove and Hamburg Cove. **Grass shrimp and or a small piece of sandworm fished on the bottom are the keys to success.** You can collect grass shrimp with a minnow net along the shoreline where marsh/eel grass is growing or along dock pilings. They love to cling to the grass or dock pilings.

NOTABLE CATCHES –

Species	Length (in.)	Weight (lbs)	Angler
False Albacore	23.5"	7 lbs. 10 oz.	John M.
Black Sea Bass	24"	4 lbs 9 oz.	Justin T.
Striped Bass	51"	C&R	Cole S.

SHARK SPECIES YOU MAY ENCOUNTER IN COASTAL WATERS OF CONNECTICUT: Sand Tiger and Sandbar (Brown) Shark are protected and prohibited species and must be released unharmed. **IF YOU DON'T KNOW, PLEASE LET IT GO!** [Coastal shark information.](#)

Need a fishing spot you've never been to? *Want to know details about the site, like coordinates? Are there nearby restaurants, is there an adequate amount of parking spaces and more? Just visit the site below, click guest and then on the next screen select the state of Connecticut:*

<https://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/msd/html/siteRegister.jsp>

For Current Connecticut Recreational Fishing Regulations: Anglers should consult the 2018 Connecticut Anglers Guide which is now available at most Town Clerks Offices, DEEP offices and at tackle stores selling fishing licenses. Current regulations, electronic versions of the Angler's Guide and additional information is on the DEEP website at: www.ct.gov/deep/fishing. For the latest marine regulations also click this link: [2018 CT Marine Recreational Fishing Regulations.](#) **PLEASE CALL 1.800.842.4357 TO REPORT FISHING VIOLATIONS.**

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