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# The Strandline

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## President's Note

Dear NYSMEAns,

Happy Holidays to you all. If you were not able to attend our holiday party, it was a great night with a great speaker teaching us about Superstorm Sandy and future concerns.

In the new year, we expect to plan lots of great events, including a trip to the South Street Seaport Museum, a seal cruise, another Share-A-Thon, and more. Keep your eyes open. Have a suggestion for a NYSMEA activity? Please [email me](#) and let us know!

Strandline (n): the high water mark; the area at the top of a beach where debris is deposited.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SciCafe and meetup**  
Wednesday, January 2nd  
at the American Museum of Natural History. Email [Lisa](#) for more information.

Find more events at our [Calendar](#) page.

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## NEW POSTS ON OUR WEB SITE!

[Calendar of events!](#)

[Job announcements](#)

[Internship Opportunities](#)

[Professional](#)



Montauk Lighthouse for the holidays. Credit: [montauklighthouse.com](http://montauklighthouse.com)

Happy Holidays to you and your families!  
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## Report on the Health of Long Island Sound Now Available!

This 16-page, full color publication highlights some of the measurements used by scientists and resource managers to assess the health of a body of water designated by Congress as an "Estuary of National Significance." Through the data and analysis, readers will learn about the Sound's water quality and its fish, shellfish, and shore bird populations, and how a range of stressors including toxic contaminants, marine debris, pathogens, and weather affect the Sound.

[Development Opportunities](#)

[Scholarships and Grant Opportunities](#)

**DID YOU KNOW?**  
**NYSMEA UPDATES ITS WEBSITE EVERY MONTH, SO BE SURE TO VISIT THE LINKS BELOW FOR NEW WEB POSTINGS!**

## JOIN NYSMEA!

NYSMEA holds an annual conference, periodic meetings, lectures, workshops, field trips, and boat trips. Learn a lot, have a great time and meet some talented, energized educators with a passion for water, just like yours!

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This issue has a special feature where Dr. Jason Krumholz, NOAA liaison to the EPA Long Island Sound Office, will be selecting questions to answer about Sound Health–related topics at [askDrK@lishealth.net](mailto:askDrK@lishealth.net). Once readers start asking Dr. K questions, we'll be posting the questions and answers at <http://longislandsoundstudy.net/category/media-center/ask-dr-k/>.

The report is available on–line at [www.LIShealth.net](http://www.LIShealth.net). If you would like copies to distribute to your stakeholders, bulk copies of 50 and more are available through EPA at [www.epa.gov/nscep](http://www.epa.gov/nscep) by pasting in the code # 902R12003 in the search box. If you are requesting less than 25 copies, you can contact Larissa at [ljg85@cornell.edu](mailto:ljg85@cornell.edu) or contact the Long Island Sound office at [info@longislandsoundstudy.net](mailto:info@longislandsoundstudy.net).

## Hurricane Resources

Wondering how hurricanes impact our lives, communities, beaches, shoreline, and marine life and how to explain the impacts to your students?

Look no further! We have added many resources to our Web site. You can access them on our [Lesson Plans Web page](#).

## NYSMEA meetup at SciCafe

On the first Weds of each month, the American Museum of Natural History hosts a SciCafe with guest speakers! Join NYSMEA members for cocktails, cutting-edge science, and conversation at this popular after-hours series. Get the details about the speakers [here](#) and email [Lisa](#) for more info.

The New York State Marine Education Association (NYSMEA) is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization that exists to promote marine awareness and encourage the growth and exchange of instructional resources.

