



---

# The Strandline

New York State Marine Education Association Newsletter  
January 2013

---

## President's Note

Dear NYSMEAns,  
Happy New Year!

How are you keeping in touch with NYSMEA? There are lots of ways to keep tabs on what's going on with our organization. Check out our [Facebook page](#), our [Twitter feed](#), and our [Linked In group](#) online. We tend to have monthly or bi-monthly events, which you can learn about from this newsletter, our NYSMEA announcements and on our [website](#). We've also recently added "meetups," such as at the next SciCafe at the American Museum of Natural History.

With so many ways to stay in touch, it's easy to become more active in the organization. Do you have an event or idea you'd like to share? [Email us](#) and let us know.

Sincerely,

Meg

**Meghan Marrero, Ed.D.**  
NYSMEA President  
[president@nysmea.org](mailto:president@nysmea.org)

## 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

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

**SciCafe and meetup**  
Wednesday, February 6th  
at the American Museum  
of Natural History. Email  
[Lisa](#) for more  
information.

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

---

## NEW POSTS ON OUR WEB SITE!

[Calendar of events!](#)

[Job announcements](#)

[Internship  
Opportunities](#)

[Professional](#)

[Development  
Opportunities](#)

[Scholarships and Grant  
Opportunities](#)

shore bird populations, and how a range of stressors including toxic contaminants, marine debris, pathogens, and weather affect the Sound.



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 [here](#).

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 or contact the Long Island Sound office at [info@longislandsoundstudy.net](mailto:info@longislandsoundstudy.net).

**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!

**Not a member?**  
**[Click here](#) and join only \$20 a year.**

Expiring January members can renew now on the website. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

## Free Classroom Resources

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has copies of the marine version of Conservation for Kids that are now available to educators. To request a classroom set, call Gina at 1-518-402-8018 or email [gjack@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:gjack@gw.dec.state.ny.us). For more information about the publication, visit: [http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration\\_pdf/c4kwint2012.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/administration_pdf/c4kwint2012.pdf) or <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/80144.html>

## Spring Alewife Monitoring Opportunity

**Throughout NY** – Volunteers are needed to look for alewives (a species of river herring) in streams within their community from early March to mid May. It's easy to do and we really need the help – land-based, no experience necessary! Volunteers will be trained during workshops throughout February. Visit the [Alewife Spawning](#)

[Survey](#), Google "Alewife Survey Participate", or call (631) 444-0441 for more info on how to volunteer around Long Island Sound.

[Find us on Facebook](#)

[View our profile on LinkedIn](#)

[Follow us on twitter](#)

## 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

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.



Try it FREE today.