

Stamford Harbor Master's Supplementary Report 02/13/2015

To Geoffrey Steadman

Geoff,

As directed at the Stamford Harbor Commission meeting 2/17/2015, please find attached photographs of assorted pollutants, garbage and debris in the harbor. The pictures were taken by me within the past week.

The pollution pictured had been present and unchanged for 5-10 days prior to the pictures being taken. Currents and tidal flow within the harbor are not removing the debris, but seem to be concentrating it in particular areas.

The location (of these pictures) is Czescik marina, but similar rafts of pollutants are present throughout the harbor, being mainly concentrated around structure. The items observed in the water include;

- Assorted plastic and polystyrene containers
- Discarded paper cups
- Assorted driftwood
- Dead animals/birds
- Lengths of rope (various sizes and lengths)
- Weed/plants
- Biological waste matter
- Food stuffs
- Clothing
- Globules of sticky and indeterminate nature.

At present, it is unsightly but as spring approaches, temperatures rise and members of the public return to the water/water side for recreation, it is going to become a safety issue. The possibility of disabling and causing damage to recreational boats will be very real, as will the health hazard to those nearby.

As Harbor Master, I do not have the facilities to remove and make safe the pollution. I therefore request that a means be sought to;

1. Remove and dispose of the debris presently in the harbor, a matter I consider of some urgency.
2. Locate and remove source of pollution. This will be more difficult as there is no single point of pollution and some may in fact be of 'natural' origin.

I request that you contact CT DEEP and other agencies/departments as you deem appropriate with a request to provide resources to remove the debris from the harbor.

Respectfully

Respectfully submitted

Captain Eric Knott

Harbor Master





