



SCHOOL DAYS

A recap of our 2018-2019 School Year Programs

July 2019



Steve Schafer of Stella Mar Oysters, on the dock with Westhill High School students.

We Believe

... in learning where we live.

It's wet, it's cold, and it's uncomfortable. It's November on Stamford Harbor. And it's awesome.

Sometimes, learning with SoundWaters is beautiful, warm and sunny, but when you teach outdoors in the natural world for nine months of the school year, sometimes it's not. But our students never complain. They're out of the classroom and learning up close where they live and even when they're cold or wet, they love it.

30,054
STUDENTS



111
SCHOOLS



OVER
50%
ON SCHOLARSHIP
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37
TOWNS



We Believe

...joyful learning is deeper learning.

"SoundWaters was an amazing experience for my students! The staff was knowledgeable and made all the activities fun! My students especially loved helping raise the sails and getting hands on experience with the different marine animals. The trip left a lasting impression on my students; many of them were inspired from their SoundWaters experience to attend beach clean ups and do what they can to stop pollution in the Long Island Sound. Many of my students had not been on a boat prior to this, and have since expressed interest in learning more about the Sound."

Alexandra Hanley, 4th grade teacher, Hamilton Avenue School, Greenwich



Working together through hands-on, experiential learning, middle school students use different types of seining nets as they learn about Long Island Sound, observe and collect animals, plants and marine debris for continued research and study at SoundWaters and in their



Using a magnifying glass, preschool students examine items such as pine cones, flowers, rocks and shells. They use their senses to compare and contrast and make observations and predictions.

Third grade students explore a rocky coastline and conduct population studies of crabs and invasive species, counting and tallying numbers in a specific area.

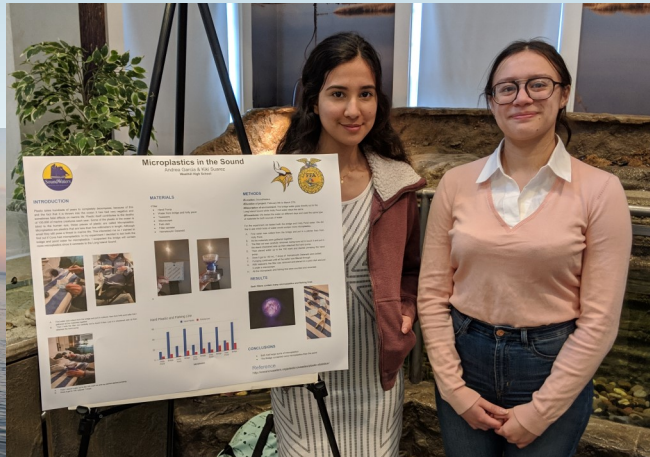


Aboard the Schooner, 5th grade students learn about the spider crab and other marine animals caught in the trawl net. They will discover the physical and behavioral adaptations of each creature and get a better understanding of the environment that these creatures call home.

...authentic learning experiences lead to success in college and career.



Collecting data aboard the SoundWaters research vessel.



Kiki and Andrea presenting their research on microplastics.

Our high school internship program gives older students from area schools opportunities to dive deep into research and animal husbandry. They spend 30 hours per semester aboard the research vessel or in the lab at our Coastal Center carrying out water testing and animal behavior research. They engage in numerous public speaking events, mock interviews, resume building, and a poster session to display results of their research and gain skills useful for college and career.

...learning inspires students to become leaders for a sustainable world.



Middle school students study erosion and examine how the earth acts as a filter and how human actions affects the health of the Long Island Sound watershed.



Students of all ages participate in SoundWaters beach clean-ups.

We Believe

...in challenging our students and ourselves to learn and explore Long Island Sound in new and innovative ways.

What's coming up in the next school year?

Kelp Farming



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Oyster Farming



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1 Million Bottle Caps - Microplastics



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