

White Pond Water Quality Monitoring Update, June 2, 2022

The Water is safe for swimming and all recreational activities at this time.

Water sampling for cyanobacteria

Please note that it is pollen season and residents, and visitors may observe yellow pollen scums along the shoreline. These are not cyanobacterial scums and should disappear within a few weeks. The photo below shows the collection of pollen in the A-Pod.

Water samples taken May 31st show no evidence of a Hazardous Algal Blooms(HAB) However the water samples indicate the beginning of an early season emergence of cyanobacteria are beginning to form. This can culminate in visible surface accumulations.

Bi-weekly sampling will continue until June 15th, but will likely switch to weekly sampling after that, depending on emerging numbers of cyanobacteria. The next set of water samples will be taken June 14th.

A-Pod HAB Trap update

The primary A-Pod position is in the Thoreau Cove area below Seymour St.

As of May 25, there was a concentrated pollen scum at the entrance to the A-Pod and somewhat within the A-Pod trap, as shown in the photo below.

Importantly, the scum did not test positive for cyanobacteria.

Two smaller A-Pod units may be installed in the pond this week, closer to the town beach area. Visitors and residents are asked to not disturb the A-Pods if you observe them.

