

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Long Island Sound Ambient Water Quality Monitoring Program
FIELD SAMPLING SCHEDULE FOR 2026

*LISWQMP expects delivery of the new Research Vessel (R/V Sound Outlook) in late Spring/early Summer 2026, at which time the R/V Dempsey will transition to mainly conducting the LIS Trawl Survey.

Month	Dates	Ship	Survey Type
January	1/8-1/9	R/V Connecticut	Water Quality
February	2/10-2/11	R/V Connecticut	Water Quality
February	2/18	R/V John Dempsey	Chlorophyll
March	3/4, 3/5, 3/9	R/V John Dempsey	Water Quality
March	3/18	R/V John Dempsey	Chlorophyll
April	4/1, 4/2, 4/6-4/7	R/V John Dempsey	Water Quality
May	5/4-5/8	R/V John Dempsey	Water Quality
June	6/1 – 6/5	R/V John Dempsey or R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality
June	6/13-6/17 (6/19 Juneteenth Holiday)	R/V Sound Outlook	Summer Hypoxia
July	6/29 – 7/2 (7/3 4 th of July Holiday)	R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality
July	7/13-7/17	R/V Sound Outlook	Summer Hypoxia
August	7/27-7/31	R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality
August	8/10-8/14	R/V Sound Outlook	Summer Hypoxia
September	8/24-8/28	R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality
September	9/8-9/11 (Labor Day Holiday 9/7)	R/V Sound Outlook	Summer Hypoxia
October	9/28-10/2	R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality
November	11/2-11/6	R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality
December	11/30-12/4	R/V Sound Outlook	Water Quality

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