

CAYUGA LAKE NEEDS YOUR HELP KEEPING TABS ON HABs!

If you suspect you've seen a "HAB", please email the HABsHotline@gmail.com to report it ASAP!

KNOW IT:

- Because it is hard to tell a HAB from non-harmful algal blooms, it is best to avoid swimming, boating, otherwise, recreating in, or drinking water with a bloom.
- Depending on the weather and the characteristics of the lake, HABs may be short-lived (appearing and disappearing in hours) or long-lived (persisting for several weeks or more).

AVOID IT:

- People and animals should avoid contact with any floating mats, scums, or discolored water. Colors can include shades of green, blue-green, yellow, brown or red.
- Never ingest untreated surface water, whether or not algae blooms are present. In addition to toxins, untreated surface water may contain bacteria, parasites, or viruses that could cause illness if consumed.

REPORT IT:

- If you suspect that you have seen a HAB, please report it to CSI by emailing us at HABsHotline@gmail.com
- If possible, attach digital photos (close-up and landscape to show extent and location) of the suspected HAB.
- Please report any health symptoms to your local health department.

HAB Photo from homeowner on NW shoreline of Cayuga Lake on 6/3/24

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