

BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL OYSTER NEWS- NOVEMBER 2017

CBF cancelled our oyster gardening due to a safety advisory on November 8, 2017. Unfortunately, we were not allowed to touch the water 24 hours after a major rain event on November 7, 2017.

Carmera Thomas checked on our oyster cages and reported that our oysters look good! They were safe from the cold temperatures over the weekend.

Water Quality Data:

Date: November 8, 2017

Water temp: 15.5 * C

Turbidity: 10ft

Dissolved Oxygen: 15.5 mg/L

Salinity: 12.50 ppt

pH: 7.83

Thanks Carmera!

BALTIMORE LAB SCHOOL-DECEMBER 6, 2017

PREPARE FOR WINTER

Baltimore Lab School oyster gardeners went out to shake rattle and roll our cages and prepare our oysters for a long winter's nap!

The salt water in the bay never freezes all the way to the bottom so we needed to make sure our cages were lower in the water and safe. We also tend to get some really low tides in the winter and it is imperative to keep the oyster shells submerged.

Thank you, Peter and Eric at Oasis Marinas, for checking on our oysters every day.

To ensure this protection, we lowered the cages all the way to the bottom and then raised them up about a foot. Once lowered, we won't have to worry about your oysters for the winter, as they go into a state of 'quiescence' like hibernating.

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