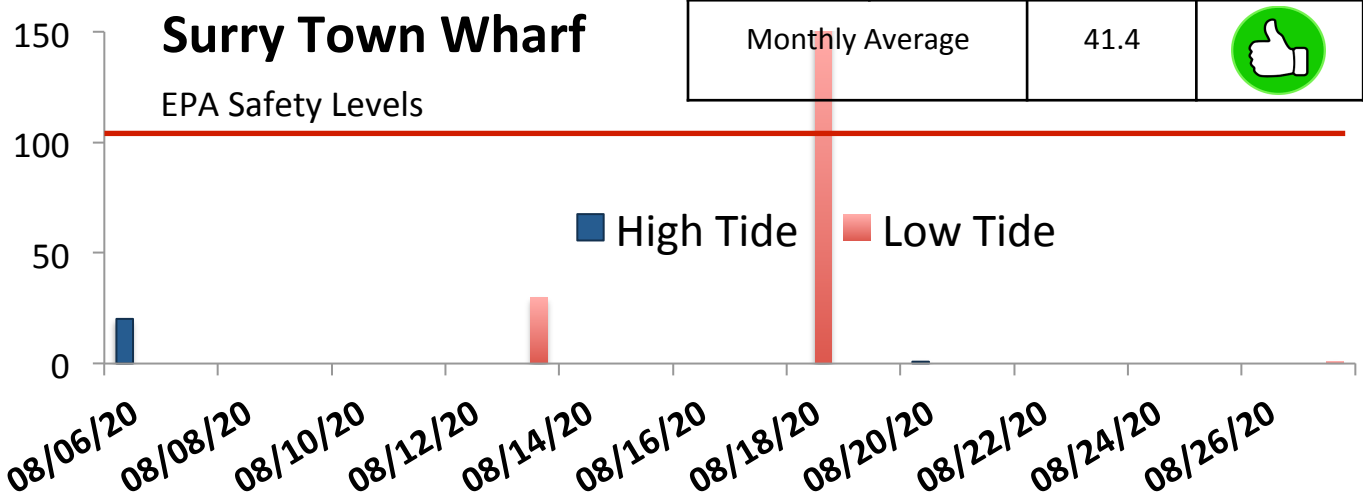


2020 Bacteria Levels at Surry Town Wharf

Enterococci bacteria, though not harmful themselves, indicate the presence of fecal contamination and other potentially harmful bacteria in the water. These are known to cause vomiting, diarrhea, nausea, abdominal pain, ear infections, and fever in recreational swimmers. Young children and people with compromised immune systems are especially susceptible. Beaches are monitored around the country to protect the public, but the Shaw Institute is the only organization that monitors beaches in the Blue Hill area, using the same protocols as the Maine Healthy Beaches program assessment parameters from EPA. **According to the EPA, no single sample should exceed 104 Enterococci bacteria and monthly averages should not exceed 35.** The KYC Swimming Dock is sampled every week, at high tide.



Surry Town Wharf— 2020 Enterococci Levels			
Most Recent Sampling Days	Tide	Enterococci Bacteria Count	Meets EPA Criteria
Aug 6	High Tide	20	
Aug 11	Low Tide	30	
Aug 18	Low Tide	155	
Aug 20	High Tide	1	
Aug 27	Low Tide	1	
Monthly Average		41.4	



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