

Larissa Graham Is New LI Sound Outreach Coordinator for NYSG

Larissa Graham has joined New York Sea Grant as the new Long Island Sound (LIS) Public Outreach Coordinator. Graham recently completed her MS degree at Virginia Polytechnic Institute where she conducted research on horseshoe crabs. While new to New York, she is no stranger to Long Island Sound. As a Connecticut native, she learned to fish on her family's boat docked in the Connecticut River on the mouth of the Sound.

After receiving her BS degree in environmental science at the University of Connecticut, Graham worked two years for the CT DEP with its lobster project and LIS Trawl Survey. Graham replaces **Kimberly Graff** who was outreach coordinator for 15 years.

"I'm delighted to have Larissa Graham on our Sea Grant staff," says **Robert Kent**, NYSG's Marine District Program Coordinator. "She brings to us a strong background in marine science and work experience related to LIS issues. She is passionate about the Sound and is dedicated to working with the Long Island Sound Study to bring the best available science to stakeholders and concerned citizens. A goal of her



Larissa Graham holds a lobster that was caught off Long Island's south shore during the Horseshoe Crab Research Center's trawl survey.

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program is to get people actively involved in protecting and restoring the economy and environment of Long Island Sound."

— **Barbara A. Branca and Robert Burg**

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