

Money Island



2023 By the Numbers

Overtured Crabs: 3,427
Man-made Impingement: 354
Natural- Impingement: 703
Natural- Overwashed: 1,019

Total Crabs Rescued: 5,503
Rescue Walks: 20
Total Crabs per Walk: 275.2



Beach Information

Total Distance – 0.94 km

- Section 1- 0.12 km:** Beach just before the road goes over the bridge. The parking area at the marina sometimes floods on high tides and many crabs will become stranded on the parking lot or in the marsh behind the parking lot. DO NOT access any of the rip rap near the marina or go beyond the rope line at the end of the beach. Enter the beach near the bridge. DO NOT ENTER near the ospery nest.
- Section 2- 0.41 km:** The homes on this stretch of beach have been demolished. In 2021 rubble was removed and sand was replenished.
- Section 3- 0.44 km:** This section starts where the beach makes a sharp left/south, this is also the end of where the houses formerly were located. At the end of the beach is a newly formed stretch of marsh where formerly we were able to access an other small beach. We are no longer able to access.
- Oyster reef restoration project -** You CAN rescue here if there are impingements. They should be called 'Other' and then describe as oyster reef restoration project.

Closed: Section 1 and 2 are OPEN. Section 3 will be CLOSED from May 7 to June 7.

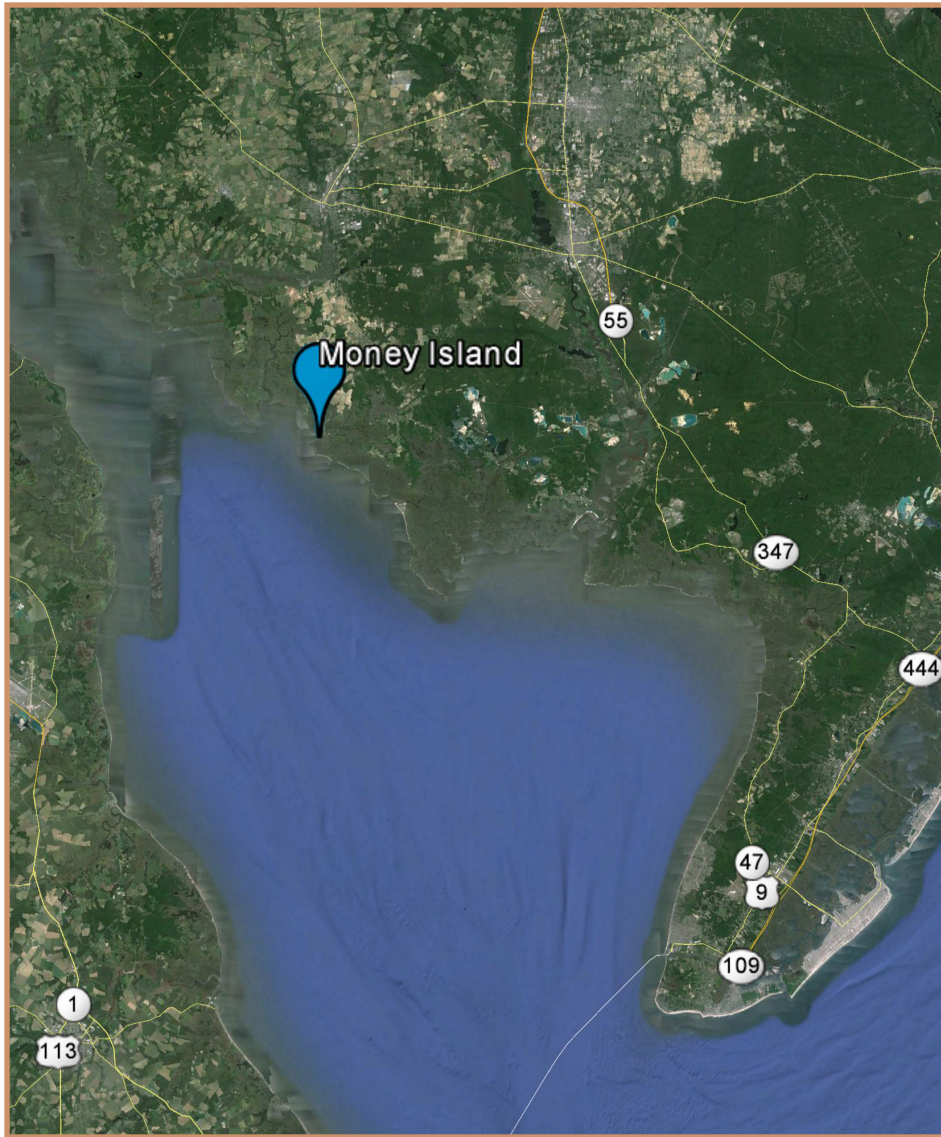
Sponsoring Organization: Horseshoe Crab Recovery Coalition

Ownership: State, The Nature Conservancy, private, Downe Township

Other activities: Horseshoe Crab Sanctuary with ERDG, oyster reef restoration projects, horseshoe crab egg density surveys, Green Acres Project 2020, beach restoration project 2023

Money Island is only recommended for volunteers with previous experience at the site.

DO NOT drive across the bridge at start of Section 2 with replinshed beach. Road is covered in deep sand and is eroded. Park before the bridge and walk. See 3rd page for parking areas.



Directions:

From South: While heading North on Rt 553/Main St, turn Left on to 732/Methodist Rd just after the Downe Township Municipal Building. Where Rt. 732 meets Landing Rd and Baptist Rd, turn left. Make a quick left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From North: Follow 553 South from Cedarville to Rt. 629. Turn right onto Rt. 629. Turn right at the T onto Rt. 656/Baptist Rd. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

From Millville/Rt. 55/Rt 49: Turn off Rt. 49 onto Cedarville Rd (Cedar St) at the blinker just west of the Maurice River Bridge in Millville. Follow Cedarville Rd past the airport across Buckshutem Rd and shortly after take the left fork at the 'big oak tree' onto Newport-Centre Grove Rd/Rt. 629. Continue on this road, crossing over Rt. 553. When the road ends at Rt. 656/Baptist Rd, turn right. Travel one long block to turn left onto Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 at the blinker.

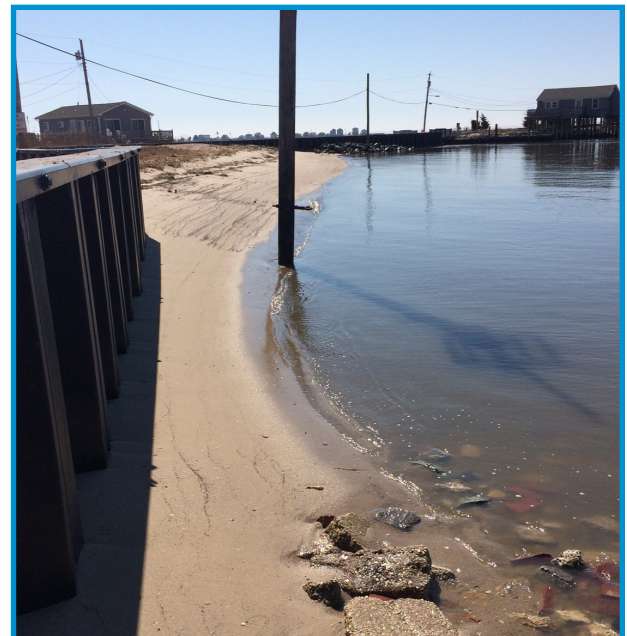
From the blinker for Fortescue Rd: Once on Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637 travel to the split at Rt. 643/Newport Rd and Fortescue Rd/Rt. 637. Take the slight right for Rt. 643 towards Money Island and Gandy's Beach. After a few miles, bear right to continue on Money Island Rd/Rt. 643. Travel to the end of the road at the Money Island Marina.

Private property and Safety Concerns: The rip rap and marsh around the marina are private property and we DO NOT have permission to access. The beginning of Section 1 starts at large rope line at the northern end of the first/open section of beach. DO NOT cross under the rope to rescue crabs.

Section 1, close to the marina. DO NOT access this beach under the osprey nest, go to the other end of the beach closer to the bridge to access.

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These stairs are on private property. We DO NOT have permission to enter here. This is near the osprey nest at Section 1 closer to the bridge to access.



The peat outcrop, rip rap, rubble that are past this rope are on private property. We DO NOT have permission to enter here.



The blue polygons in this map to the left are the parking areas for Money Island. They are numbered in order of preference for use:

- Parking area 1 = First choice
- Parking area 2 = Second choice
- Parking area 3 = Third choice