

Bald Eagle nests have been recently seen in and around Stony Brook Harbor. Bald Eagles fish and being near Stony Brook Harbor is an ideal location although two or three eggs are laid in late winter, the average fledgling rate is around one chick per nest. First flight is usually in early July and the young birds will stay around the nest for several weeks.

Eagles are a protected species of wildlife and the NYS DEC considers them “threatened”. The guidance says to keep loud fireworks at least 1/2 mile distant so as not to frighten the eagles away from their nests. In open areas like Stony Brook Harbor the guidance says to keep loud explosions one mile distant.

For additional information on Bald Eagles see the following links:

National Bald Eagle Management Guidelines:

<https://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/pdf/management/nationalbaldeaglenanagementguidelines.pdf>

Conservation Plan for Bald Eagles in New York State (ny.gov)

[https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife\\_pdf/nybaldeagleplan.pdf](https://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/wildlife_pdf/nybaldeagleplan.pdf)