



Peter Rowe, director of research and extension at the New Jersey Sea Grant Consortium, said many factors may have influenced decisions not to evacuate, including past storm experiences.

Some people may have believed Sandy wouldn't affect them because it made landfall miles from their community, but, Rowe said, "It's better to be safe than sorry."

Of deaths linked to Sandy, 48 were in New York State. Long Island recorded 13 deaths, the National Hurricane Center said.

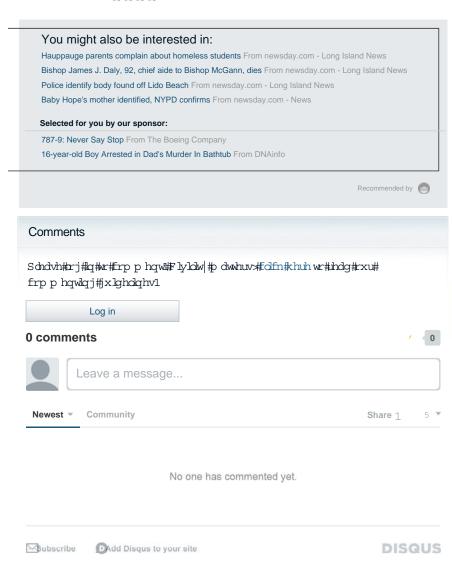
Chris Squeri, executive director of the New York Marine Trades Association, which represents western Long Island nautical businesses, commended the federal research effort.

But Squeri, co-owner of Atlantic Yacht Haven in Freeport, said some people refuse to heed warnings.

"Trying to get everyone to do what they are supposed to do is great; we make laws all the time to do that, but at the same time, people don't always listen," he said.

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