

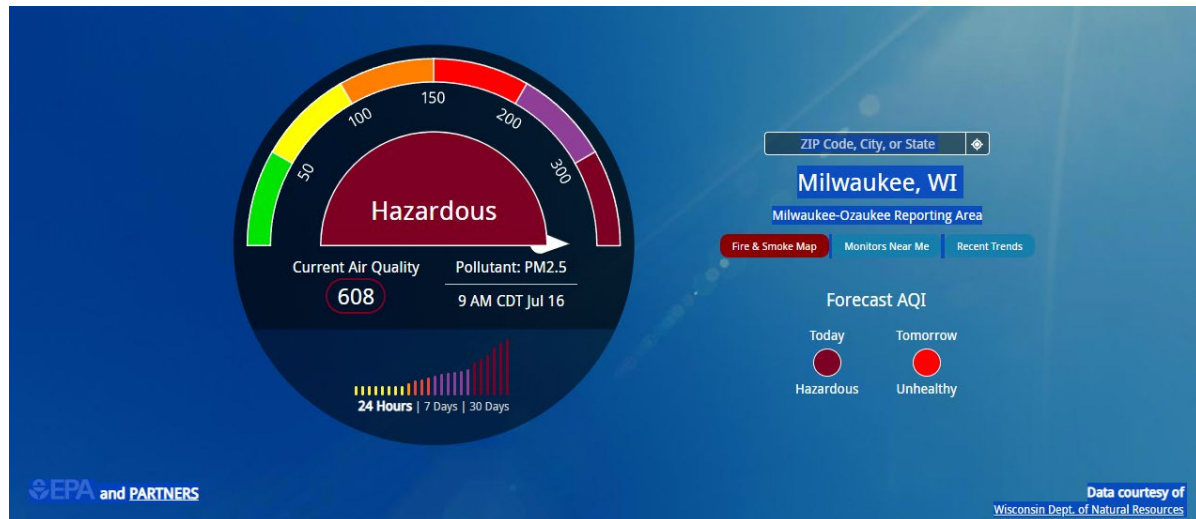
GLSA & WUAA SELF-SUPPORTING SUMMER FIELDWORK: 2026 UNIDENTIFIED STEAM TUG SURVEY PROJECT

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Fieldwork Date: Thursday, July 16, 2026

Review of the dive and findings:

Today's dive has been cancelled. Not for lack of participants, even though the required number had not been met, but because of extremely poor air quality due to wildfire smoke from Minnesota and Ontario. Overnight the smoke settled into the lower Lake Michigan basin. As of 9 AM the EPA's Air Quality Index was 601. The American Lung Association considers an AQI of over 301 as hazardous and recommends that people should remain indoors and limit any outdoor physical activity. Jerry is not even running his compressor today due to the heavy smoke in Milwaukee.



This photograph of the Hoan Bridge was posted online by CBS 58 at 8:30 this morning.



CBS 58

We will just have to hope for better conditions next week.

The one tank dives are limited to six divers, with a minimum of five needed to pay for the charter. You can earn a guaranteed spot on a future charter if you serve as surface support for a week. Surface support does not pay a fee. Anyone interested in joining the self-supporting study should contact John to make sure there is space available. You are required to bring your own dive gear.

The Steam Tug Field Project is a GLSA & WUAA self-supporting project. Money received from divers, after paying the charter fees, is used to purchase new and replacement equipment for this and future self-supported projects on Great Lakes shipwrecks. Dive reports are posted at: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100069646586530>

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