

SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports: April through October 2016

Bathing Beach: behind Marine Science Center.

April 11: Debby & Bob Vanderslice

4 plastic bags, 2 plastic bottles, 2 glass bottles, 4 cans, 12 caps, 9 food pkgs, 5 pull tabs, 2 shotgun shells, 3 straws, 1 toy, 1 lobster trap, 5 pieces lobster trap, 2 bait bags, 1 antifreeze bottles, 1 oil bottle, 5 strapping bands, 3 pieces fish nets, 2 lures, 2 fishing line, 8 pieces rope, 1 stainless steel band, lots of Styrofoam in small and large chunks, 2 plastic mesh fruit bags, many bungee cords, sheered beer cans. Observed, eelgrass, crabs, blue mussels, clams, seaweed, geese, shorebirds, stones shifted by high tides, seawalls needing repair, stones washed up onto seawall.

August 13: Debby and Bob Vanderslice.

8 plastic water bottles, 12 caps, 2 cans, 3 nips liquor bottles, 1 can, 1 6 pack holder, 1 Valvoline bottle, 5 pieces lobster traps, 8 strapping bands, 9 cigarettes, 1 pkg, 15 pieces balloons, 6 candy wrappers, 1 baseball, 1 sock, 3 nails, 2 fishing hooks. Observed Sandpipers. Access to beach difficult.

Black Rock Beach (Doggie): Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day May 14th.

34 Plastic bags, 3 balloons, 10 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 1 can, 1 clothing, **72 food wrappers/containers**, 1 6 pack holder, 2 shotgun shells, 4 crates, 2 tarps, 3 pieces rope, 1 building material, **39 cigarettes**, 5 cig wrappers, lots of pieces of wood, 1 tampon applicator, 1 medicine container, 1 pregnancy test wrapper, **40 golf balls**, 1 flotation mat, 2 pieces Styrofoam, 1 resin bag, 2 doggie poop bags, 12 twist ties, lots of plastic fragments. **Report of very large construction materials at Nahant end of beach – it would be good to have the Town's front loader go down and take them away.** This beach is regularly cleaned by two BeachAngels, so there is not so much to be found!

Canoe Beach: Vi & Mark Patek, Tess Bauta.

April 11: 1 plastic bag, 1 balloon, 12 plastic bottles, 5 cans, 30 caps, 3 clothing, 14 food pkgs, 4 pull tabs, 4 shotgun shells, 30 straws, 1 toy, 40 pieces lobster traps, 9 bait bags, 5 oil bottles, 12 strapping bands, 20 pieces fish nets, 33 filament fishing line pieces, 230 pieces rope, 20 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 2 cigars, 3 wrappers, 5 pieces wood, **1 syringe**, 5 tampon applicators, 3 medicine containers, **2 dead birds**. Observed crabs, snails, mussels, seaweed, cormorants, gulls, need for seawall to protect beach, Japanese knotweed, multiflora rose, 1 recycling container maintained by Northeastern U., trash from cars parking there, erosion on NU side.

June 14: Mark Patek & Tess Bauta.

2 balloons, 4 plastic bottles, 20+ pieces cans, 35 caps, 3 clothing, 52+ food related wrappings, 1 shotgun shell, 10 straws, 40 pieces lobster traps, 5 bait bags, 15 strapping bands, 50 fishing line, 100+ pieces rope, 50 cigarettes, 1 cigarillo, 1 cigarette bos, 2 NH sewer disks, 1 condom, 3 tampon applicators, 3 tooth pickers, a couple of bird wings, a **large horseshoe crab shell**.

August 16: Vi and Mark Patek

5 plastic bags, 10 balloons with ribbons, 9 plastic bottles, 3 glass bottles, 10 pieces cans, 30 caps, 10 clothing, 70 food related items, 1 6 pack holder, 3 shotgun shells, 25 straws, 1 piece of a toy, 35 pieces lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 1 antifreeze bottle, 1 plastic bottle full of transmission fluid, 18 strapping bands, 1 fishing lure, 15 fishing line, 75 pieces rope, 40 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 1 cigar, 6 cigarette boxes, 3 NH sewer disks, 5 pieces wood, 1 tampon applicator, 1 dental floss holder, 1 dead bird, 1 dead Common Eider.

September 8: Vi Patek, M. Goodrich, Sharon Hawkes. **Emergency cleanup of massive amount of trash.**

100 plastic bags including baggies, 15 balloons, 50 plastic bottles, 10 glass bottles, 15 cans, 100 caps, 5 clothing, 80 food related plastic items, 3 6 pack holders, 5 shotgun shells, 50 straws, 1 toy, 50 pieces lobster traps, 33 bait bags, 5 large detergent bottles, 1 large antifreeze bottle, 2 large bleach bottles, 10 strapping bands, 3 fishing lures, 5 fishing line 20 pieces rope, large white bucket. 1 "Harvester Tag: named Kimberly Ann, "Time of Icing CCB, Harvest Area Surf Clam", 1 tag from Black-Gold Fisheries from South Chatham, "Harvest Location MA SC48, Type of Shellfish Mussels, Quantity 10 pounds. 1 condom in its wrapper (a disappointment?), 10 NH sewer disks, 1 syringe, 5 tampon applicators, 10 pieces wood, 15 dead birds including a white egret/heron, large outdoor chaise lounge cushion and other large pieces foam water toys.

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park) No reports.

Forty Steps:

April 11: Tom Costin, Kristy Lee, John Benson.

2+ paper bags, 3+ plastic bags, 1 balloon, 29 plastic bottles, several glass bottles, 17 cans, 6 lids, 3 clothing, many food related items, 1 shotgun shell, 4 straws, 1 toy, 5 large pieces lobster traps, numerous small, 12 fishing line, a few pieces rope, 1 underwater flashlight, lots of string, lots of green mesh, 4 bungee cords, 1 piece fishing pole, 1 tennis ball, 1 golf ball, 1 ceramic tile, 1 ladies purse, 1 ten foot piece hose, some cigarettes, 1 lighter, 1 broken test tube. Observed lots of trash along hillside, small plastic pieces, various types of seaweed, mussels, slipper shells, gull, multiflora rose, oriental bittersweet, phragmites, slight patch of green algae at southern end. Clearly people at top of steps toss their trash onto hillside. Less trash along wrack line.

June 12: Kristy Lee, John Benson.

Remarkably little trash. Beverage cans accumulating under stairs. Observed usual invasive plants plus Norway Maple. Bindweed and beach pea in bloom and a striking new wild rose next to fence near lamp post and red hydrant.

July 10: Tom Costin, John Benson.

1 plastic bag, 1 balloon, 26 plastic bottles, 24 cans, 19 lids, 2 socks, 3 plastic jugs, 15 food pkgs, 2 6 pack holders, 9 straws, 9 pieces Styrofoam, 2 pieces lobster traps, 3 bait bags, 2 fishing line, some rope pieces, 2 cigarillos, 1 plank, 1 ear bud container, 1 pen. 4 unopened cans BudLite. Observed Purple swallowwort plants. In bloom: Mullein, Motherwort, Queen Anne's Lace, Soapwort, Sow Thistle, Pink Yarrow, White yarrow, Muskmallow, Woodbine (Virginia Creeper), Rosa Rugosa, White and Pink Campion, Honeysuckle, Tansy, Matrimony Vine, Wild Radish, Pasture Rose.

August 13: Kristy Lee and John Benson

1 paper bag, 7 plastic bags, 15 plastic bottles, 5 glass bottles, 9 cans, 17 lids, 3 sandals, 1 necklace, 1 tshirt, 2 socks, 1 rag, 15 food related items, 3 pull tabs, 19 straws, 4 pieces lobster traps, 25 green plastic matting, 1 fishing lure, 2 fishing line, 33 pieces rope, 53+ misc. plastic pieces, 16 cigarettes, 6 cigar wrappers, 1 condom, 2 tampon applicators, 1 dental floss holder. Observed lots of crab shells, predominant shells are slipper shells.

September 12: John Benson

2 plastic bags, 8 plastic bottles, 8 glass bottles, 12 cans, 18 lids, 13 clothing, 36 food related pkgs, 10 straws, 5 misc plastic pieces, 2 pieces lobster traps, 4 lobster claw rubber bands, 2 fishing line, 32 pieces rope, 4 styrofoam pieces, 14 green matting pieces, metal wire, 18 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 1 condom, 1 tampon applicator, 1 toy, 1 small broken guitar in bushes, 1 coathanger, 1 deodorant container, 1 ball, 1 plastic rose, 1 dead seagull, 1 chair foot, 1 NH sewer disk. The day before a man was cleaning the beach, filling a couple of bags with trash. Observed Rockweed, Sea lettuce, Irish Moss, Sea Potato, Deadmans Fingers, Bryozoans, Coraline Algae. Drought has negatively affected invasives along shore. Soil very dry but where plants are clustered there is less effect.

October 10: John Benson, Tom Costin, Kristy Lee.

2 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 16 plastic bottles, 19 glass bottles, 66 cans, 14 lids, 10 food related pkgs, 8 straws, 10 pieces lobster traps, 1 detergent bottle, 4 golf balls, 2 bucket lids, 1 rubber hose, some rope, 1 knapsack, 1 green towel, 7 cigarettes, 1 condom. Total of 101 beverage containers, including 66 BudLite cans and 19 Corona bottles, many in hillside vegetation. Observed small black beach flies biting us. A couple of dozen gulls soaring overhead. Rod and reel fisherman said stripers and bluefish running offshore. Mowing on the hill is mitigating multiflora rose bushes. A disappointment that Town of Nahant does not recycle and therefore cannot provide recycling barrels. Recycling barrel at Canoe Beach is graciously maintained by Northeastern University.

November 13: Tom Costin and John Benson.

1 plastic bag, 3 balloons, 9 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 31 cans, 17 lids, 2 clothing, 4 food wrappers, 3 shotgun shells, 6 straws, 1 glue tube, 22 pieces lobster traps, 3 bait bags, 1 bleach bottle, 2 lobster trap buoys, 1 bleach bottle, 2 fishing weights, 7 fishing line, numerous pieces rope, 4 pieces Styrofoam, 1 tennis ball, 5 golf balls, numerous green matting, 1 chapstick, 1 dead mouse, 1 metal clamp, 2 lighters, some wood. Many new type of green domed drinking bottle cap. Total: one heavy 30 gallon trash bag of stuff. One horseshoe crab shell. Native Staghorn Sumac making a big come-back along hillside.

Lewis Cove: at end of Bass Point Road next to Bailey's Hill

August 13: ML Cort and Alex Lehner

1 plastic bag, 1 balloon, 4 plastic bottles, 2 cans, 9 caps, 2 clothing, 9 food related items, 1 shotgun shell, 5 straws, 2 toys, 4 pieces lobster traps, 2 pieces rope,

Pond Beach: behind Oceanview building on Willow Road.

April 10: ML Cort, Alex Lehner, Katy Dolhun

1 plastic bag, 8 plastic bottles, 16 cans, 9 caps, 2 clothing, 6 food items, 1 shotgun shell, 2 straws, 7 golf balls, 11 pieces lobster traps, 5 bait bags, 5 strapping band, 5 fishing line, 60 pieces rope. Observed snails, brants, ducks, rocks moved for patio constructions at Oceanview building, Japanese knotweed, oriental bittersweet, 1 outfall pipe, no trash cans.

June 11: Katy Dolhun

3 paper bags, 6 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 3 glass bottles, 6 cans, 7 lids, 11 food items, 2 straws, 2 small battery, 4 lobster traps, 7 pieces lobster traps, 3 bait bgs, 2 bleach bottle, 2 oil bottles, 8 strapping bbands, 3 fish nets, 4 crab traps, 4 fishing line, 12 pieces rope, 2 large pieces of a metal cage (12" x 32"), 1 iron pipe (4" dia x 6" long).

June 12: ML Cort, Eliza Lehner, Alex Lehner.

2 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 8 plastic bottles, 7 cans, 2 caps, 15 food items, 3 lobster trap pieces, 12 strapping bands, 1 fishing line 76 pieces rope, 2 cigars, 1 wrapper.

July 10: ML Cort, May Cort, Eliza Lehner, Alex Lehner, Alice Cort, Katy Dolhun.

2 paper bags, 19 plastic bags, 4 balloons, 21 plastic bottles, 5 glass bottles, 18 cans, 17 lids, 4 clothing, 40 food related items, 12 straws, 4 toys, 5 pieces lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 1 bleach bottle, 1 oil bottle, 15 strapping bands, 1 fishing line, 38 pieces rope, 3 cigars, 1 tampon applicator, several sparklers.

August 13: ML Cort and Alex Lehner

2 paper bags, 15 plastic bags, 5 balloons, 10 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 13 cans, 18 lids, 2 clothing, 44 food related items, 1 shotgun shell, 13 straws, 8 toys, 4 pieces lobster traps, 2 bait bags, 1 bleach bottle, 8 strapping bands, 2 fishing line, 18 pieces rope, 1 lighter, 1 cigar wrapper, 1 condom.

September 11: ML Cort and Alex Lehner.

1 paper bag, 12 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 20 plastic bottles, 2 glass bottles, 9 cans, 84 plastic lids, 6 clothing, 71 food related items, 6 shotgun shells, 48 straws, 13 toys (mostly golf balls), 6 pieces

lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 11 strapping bands, 9 pieces rope, 4 lighters, 1 cigar, 12 cigar wrappers, 1 tampon applicator, 2 medicine containers, 2 dental floss holders. **Lots of litter from Oceanview banquet building. They should take responsibility for cleaning up trash generated by their events.**

Short Beach:

May 14: Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day!

17 paper bags, 44+ plastic bags, 19 balloons, 89 plastic bottles, 17 glass bottles, 52 beverage cans, 102+ lids, 25 clothing, 177 food wrappers containers, 7 pull tabs, 1 6 pack holder, 13 shotgun shells, 58+ straws/stirrers, 27 toys, 1 battery, 3 lobster traps, 10 pieces lobster traps, 22 bait bags, 17 detergent bottles, 1 antifreeze bottle, 4 bleach bottles, 15 strapping bands, 34 pieces fish nets, 1 crate, 1 fish trap, 22 filament fishing line, 5 tarps, 111+ pieces rope, 100's cigarettes, 15 lighters, 4 building materials, 1 NH sewer disk, 5 cigars, 38+ cigar/cigarillo wrappers, 1 tire, 30+ pieces wood, large pile of burnt wood, 30 tampon applicators, 5 dental floss holders, lots of zip ties, bungee cords, a disposable razor, large pieces of plastic, 2 giant pieces plastic, 2 dead birds, lots plastic rope, 2 pieces Styrofoam, lots of little plastic pieces, some fireworks remains

July 11: Bill Ludke

3 plastic bags, 3 balloons, 7 plastic bottles, 2 cans, 37 lids, 1 clothing 22 food related items, 5 shotgun shells, 14 straws, 8 toys, 1 small battery, 2 pieces lobster trap, 2 bait bags, 6 strapping bands, 30 pieces rope, 1 cigarette, 3 lighters, 1 cigar, 1 wood, 1 tampon applicator.

October 5: Bill Ludke

6 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 28 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 89 caps, 1 clothing, 29 food related items, 4 shotgun shells, 8 straws, 3 toys, 5 pieces lobster traps, 9 bait bags, 2 bleach bottles, 22 strapping bands, 2 fishing lures, 1 piece wood, 42 pieces rope, 2 cigarettes, 1 NH sewer disk, 1 syringe, 1 dental floss holder.

November 2,5, 8: Bill Ludke

3 hours of work yielded: 18 plastic bags, 10 balloons, 88 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 32 cans, 400 lids, 9 clothing, 88 food related pkgs, 13 shotgun shells, 12 straws, 13 toys, 21 pieces lobster traps, 14 bait bags, 91 strapping bands, 7 fishing lures, 211 pieces rope, 8 lighters, 2 NH sewer disks, 1 condom, 1 syringe, 1 tampon applicator, 3 dental floss holders. Most debris between Life Saving Station and Little Nahant.

Tudor Beach:

May 14: Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day!

30 paper bags, 28 plastic bags, 3 balloons, 4 plastic bottles, 5 glass bottles, 21+ caps/lids, 10 clothing, 17+ food related wrappings, 4 pull tabs, 1 6 pack holder, 24 straws, 12+ golf balls, 4 fishing line, 21 sheets plastic, 20+ pieces rope, 1 piece wood, metal pole handle, 3' piece iron pipe, some diapers. This beach also has BeachAngels who clean up regularly.

June 26: Nancy Cantelmo and Brayden McCarthy

30 plastic bags, 3 balloons and strings, 7 pieces cans, 20 lids, 5 clothing, 30 food wrappers, 8 straws, 12 toys, 17 strapping bands, 20 pieces plastic, 10 long strapping bands, at least 80 pieces rope (some embedded in sand), 20 pieces wood, 2 pieces thick black pipe. Total of 9 plastic shopping bags of trash collected, mostly rope and plastic bags.

Johnson Beach (at end of Wendell Rd) No reports.

Lowlands to Spring Road on Heritage Trail: Jim Walsh On May 14.

4 plastic bags, 5 plastic bottles, 2 glass bottles, 3 cans, 2 tire, metal chair, 14 baseballs/softballs.