

Nahant Beaches Cleanup Day May 7, 2017

Here is the report for the May 7th annual cleanup of Short Beach, Doggie Beach (Black Rock Beach), and Tudor Beach. Tudor Beach was very clean and trash there consisted mostly of pieces of rope and plastic bags. No syringes found there. Doggie Beach was also quite clean. This is because dedicated Beach Angels clean these two beaches almost daily, thereby preventing accumulation. One of the good results of regular attention to our beaches is that people become more aware and take responsibility. Thank you.

Short Beach on the other hand was loaded with trash. It is so huge, our local Beachkeepers cannot keep up with it. Because of this we are starting an annual autumn cleanup on Saturday, October 14th from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. because it clearly needs to be thoroughly cleaned twice a year, or more. This cleanup will be under the umbrella of **COASTSWEEP**, part of a world wide cleanup of beaches. The Town rakes this very long beach daily all summer. To participate contact: nahantswiminc@gmail.com

In general, a lot of trash comes from offshore and most of it is related to shoreline and recreational activities and debris from recreational and commercial fishing and boating. Short Beach is heavily used recreationally so we see more recreational trash there. The new signs declaring our beaches to be smoke free has made a big difference this year. In the 2016 cleanup Short Beach and Doggie Beach produced 100's of cigarettes and 15 lighters; in 2017 both beaches produced 17 cigarettes and 16 lighters. Thank you Heather Goodwin for generating this initiative and thank you Selectmen for putting it into effect.

Here are the results for May 7, 2017 from Short Beach, Doggie Beach (Black Rock) and Tudor Beach:

22 paper bags, 98 plastic bags, 41 balloons, 146 plastic bottles, 19 glass bottles, 57 beverage cans, 500+ lids and caps, 14 items of clothing, 341 food related items, 28 pull tabs, 4 6-pack holders, 15 shotgun shells, 70+ straws, 29 toys, 40 pieces of Styrofoam including one huge piece, 7 lobster traps, 68 pieces of lobster traps, 70 bait bags, 6 detergent bottles, 1 antifreeze bottle, 1 bleach bottle, 2 oil/lube bottles, 56+++ strapping bands, 13 pieces of fishing nets, 1 light bulb, 8 fishing lures, 7 crates plastic/wood, 3 crab/fish traps, 23++ filament fishing line, 14 pieces of plastic tarps/sheeting, 150++ pieces of rope, 17 cigarettes, 16 lighters, 6 cigar/cigarillos, 36 smoking related wrappers, 1 appliance, 1 building material, 8 NH sewer disks, 3 car parts, 19+ pieces of wood, 1 condom, 14+ syringes, 19 tampon applicators, 3 medicine containers, 9 dental floss holders, 5 unused doggie bags, 6 dog feces on Doggie Beach, LOTS of Styrofoam, 24 roof tiles on Doggie Beach, 100's of pieces of plastic, 12 tiny liquor bottles ("nips"), 1 walkie talkie, 1 hose, 25 orange tags, 1/2 of a paddle, 1 steel thermos bottles, metal fencing, 1 piece of a boat, 1 rosary.