

SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports June 2013

Bathing Beach: Bob Vanderslice June 8

1 dead duck, lots of lobster pot pieces and bottle lids, a few plastic bags, food wrappers, shotgun shells, straws, toys, cigarettes, tampon applicator.

Canoe Beach: Vi & Mark Patek, ML Cort, Katy Dolhun June 8

Lots of seaweed and sea lettuce and some kelp, 2 skate egg cases, lots of blue mussel shells and slipper shells. Birds: gulls, yellow warbler, song sparrow, cardinal, tree swallows, barn swallows. Trash receptacle well maintained, NE recycling can well maintained. 1 loose dog with non-nahanter tearing around beach. Major erosion of Marine Science Center bank over the past winter. I sent a letter to the head of the lab detailing the problem and our measurements across the past 2 years and suggesting that a route providing a dedicated way to the beach would be protective instead of having hundreds of students and others stepping off the edge of the sod bank. No reply to my letter of April 30th as yet. The Town side of the beach is pure stones all the way up to the parking lot, so there is no erosion. Trash: Some plastic bags, 2 balloons, some bottles, 40 pieces of beverage cans, 100 caps/lids, hundreds of small pieces of plastic, 2 clothing some cups etc., 35 food wrappers/containers, 8 shotgun shells, 45 straws, 2 toys, 3 golf tees, 20 lobster claw bands, 30 lobster trap parts (especially the strips of tires with nails in them called "skids" I think), 1 bait bag, 2 oil lube bottle, 5 strapping bands, 30 filament fishing line, 1 plastic sheets, lots of rope and pieces of rope, 100 cigarettes/filters, 1 lighter, 20 cigarillo wrappers, 8 NH sewer disks, 3 pieces of wood, 2 condoms, 6 tampon applicators, 1 fishy skeleton (to be ID'd by MSC, **1 15' long wooden dock which is a hazard to swimmers and boaters and should be removed by MSC or DPW.**

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park): Nancy Wilson June 10

Eel grass, rockweed, Irish moss, 1 skate skeleton, crab shells, clam shells. 8 drink containers, some caps/lids, 2 socks, lots food wrappers/containers, 1 semi-buried lobster trap, 5 lobster claw bands, lots of rope pieces, 1 semi-buried tire, 1 sandbag buried in shallow water. **We need to dig the trap and sandbag and tire out. Let's get a team together!**

Forty Steps: John Benson & Kristy Lee June 10

Seaweed, slipper shells, remains of crabs, cormorants. Invasive plants along this large shore: Japanese knotweed, multiflora rose, Norway maple, oriental bittersweet, phragmites australis, purple swallowwort. Successful native species: native sumac is flourishing (great food for birds in winter); Hedge bindweed, native Beach Pea. . Dog waste. Trash receptacle well-maintained. No recycling barrel. Primary trash is from commercial fishing and lobstering. Lots of plastic pieces. Collected two 30 gal bags of trash plus a wooden bench. **Two Beachkeepers could only thoroughly clean 1/3 of beach – more volunteers needed!** Erosion of this beach is a concern, but the Town has applied for grants for repairs more than once. Maybe this year one will come through. Trash: 1 plastic bag, 4 ballons, 19 plastic bottles, 6 cans, 9 caps/lids, 8 cups etc., 9 food wrappers/containers, 9 straws, 9 lobster claw bands, 12 lobster trap parts, 17 bait bags, 1 garment, 2 strapping bands, 20 filament fishing line, 65 little flat green mats of plastic, 100's of pieces of rope, hundreds of plastic pieces, 20 peices of Styrofoam, 1 fisherman's glove, 1 baby bottle nipple, 22 cigarettes/filters, 1 lighter, 1 NH sewer disk, 1 condom, 2 wood, charred firewood,

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lottery ticket, 1 fireworks, 1 mytery bullet/shell, 21 glass pices, 8 metal pices, 7 pieces of cloth, 3 cloth handwipes, many misc. items.

Pond Beach: no reports

Short Beach North End & Middle at Lifesaving Station: no reports

Short Beach South: Leslie Light, Sandy Burton, Emily Stephenson

5 plastic bags, 1 balloon, 13 bottles/cans, 16 caps/lids, 10 clothing, 12 cups etc., 13 food wrappers etc., 1 6 pack holder, 16 straws, 2 toys, 1 lobster trap, 3 lobster trap pieces, 4 bait bags, 2 strapping bands, 4 ropes, 1 ball wire, 2 golf balls, many plastic pices, 1 hot melt glue stick, 1 bag of dog poo, 2 towels, 11 pieces of building materials, 1 toothbrush, 1 deodorant, 35 cigarettes/filters, 3 cigar/cigarillos, 1 partially buried large tire

Tudor Beach: Trish & Katy Aldrich June 9

Eelgrass, Rockweed, dead skate 10" wide, clam shells, ducks, gulls, 5 outfall pipes with 3 flowing (one always flows and has green algae all around it). Water flowing out of sand (maybe a buried outfall pipe?) half way down the beach, trash receptacles well-maintained, no recycling barrels. Trash; 2 plastic bags, 2 balloon, 13 drink containers, 4 caps/lids, 8 food related itesm, 3 toys, 4 lobster trap pieces, 39 strapping bands, 1 tarp/sheet, 12 pieces of rope, 2 shoe heels, 1 cellphone case.

Johnson Beach (at end of Wendell Rd): Peter Mazareas

Peter is a new Beachkeeper – thank you Peter! Beach basically clean. Usually there is a lot of seaweed etc., but not today. Evidence of crabs, mussels, clams, aquatic insects, cormorants, egrets, gulls. Beach is mostly rock so there are no plants to speak of. One outfall pipe at end of Wendell Rd. which flows when it rains. Picked up ½ bag of trash, much less than normal. Trash: 2 bags, 2 bottles, 3 caps/lids, 3 cups etc., 2 straws, 3 lobster trap pieces, 2 rope pieces, 1 tampon applicator.