

SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports July 2013

Bathing Beach: Bob Vanderslice

Ongoing Marine Science construction site at edge of beach; various amounts of paper and plastic bags, bottles/cans/caps/lids, 2 left shoes (too small for Bob), misc. food wrappers, lobster trap parts, cigarettes, tampon applicator, "one dead pirate" (is this a test, Bob?)

Canoe Beach: Vi & Mark Patek, ML Cort, Katy Dolhun, Tess Bauta June 14

Large group of picknickers set up on NEMSC lawn complete with tables, large coolers and trash all over the grass. Also had 2 jet skis at the shoreline. We called police and officer warned them of rule requiring watercraft under power to keep at least 150' from shore. Trash: 10 plastic bags, 5 pieces of balloons, 6 plastic bottles, bits of cans, 50 lids, 11 clothing, 5 food related items, 3 firecrackers, 25 straws/stirrers, 7 lobster trap pieces, 10 bait bags, 1 detergent bottle, 1 oil/lube bottle, 10 strapping bands, 1 piece metal, 11 fishing lures, 2 fishing line, 50 pieces rope, 40 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 1 boat fender, 11 NH sewer disks, 3 tampon applicators.

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park): Nancy Wilson, Sue Snow

Stairs and railing need to be repaired. One metal pole stuck in sand near bottom of stairs is dangerous so Nancy tied a rope around it as a warning. So little trash that it looks like people have been picking up – hooray! 2 plastic bags, 1 plastic bottle, 3 clothing, 1 lobster trap stuck in sand, lots of small pieces of rope.

Forty Steps: John Benson, Jean Inglis, Haley McDeditt, Nane Coppentrath, Adam Sarnborn

Hooray for this enlarged team! Total of almost 3 hours of work. Thank you! 7 plastic bags, 1 balloon, 12 plastic bottles incl. 1 gallon jug, 8 cans/bottles, 18 caps, 10 broken glass, 15 cups/plates/forks, 31 food wrappers/containers, 11 straws, 17 lobster trap pieces, 1 bumper, 17 pieces of green plastic matting, 3 lobster claw bands, 33 fishing line, 91 pieces of rope, 20 misc pieces of netting/bunji etc., 2 pieces of tennis balls, 9 plastic canvas strips, 1 sandal, 1 16" x 24" floor mat, 17 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 4 cigarette related items, 12 pieces Styrofoam, 9 fireworks, 90 small pieces of trash, 3 pieces of metal. The sky was "Titian" blue (after the shade used by the artist of the same name – see, you might learn something by reading these reports). Report from a snorkeler that he saw a striped bass.

Pond Beach: no report

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

Short Beach South: Leslie Light, Sandy Burton, Emily Stephenson July 12 & 13

5 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 11 plastic bottles, 1 can, 29 caps, 15 food related items, 16 straws, 1 toy, 4 lobster trap parts, 2 bait bags, 4 strapping bands, 1 fishing lure, 1 fishing line, 35 pieces rope, 48 cigarettes, 1 hypodermic needle, 3 fireworks, 1 tampon applicator, 1 whiskey bottle, iron grate from grill, 2 boat parts, 1 shoe sole, 30 misc items, 6 pieces Styrofoam, 15 pieces plastic.

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Tudor Beach: Trish Aldrich and Susan Thomas July 13

Almost 2 hours of work. All the trash below was collected AFTER the DPW scraped the beach. Much too much trash on beach. We need to raise awareness among the many beachgoers about their habits.

1 paper bag, 23 plastic bags, 6 balloons, 13 plastic bottles, 7 can, 16 caps, 13 clothing (including 4 fishermen's gloves), 10 pieces cardboard, 56 plastic pieces, 9 cups/plates, 8 food wrappers, 4 shotgunshells, 1 straws, 17 toys, some wire, 2 lobster trap pieces, 89 strapping bands, 2 crates, 6 fishing line, 45 pieces rope, 21 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 1 cigar, 2 NH sewer disks, 1 pipe, 4 tampon applicators, 2 hair ties, 12 pieces strofoam incl. one 1'x3' chunk, 4 bandaids. Suggestion to add category of small pieces of plastic to our list. One sulphurous outfall pipe flowing onto beach (see SWIM news about testing the one that flows 24/7).

Johnson Beach (at end of Wendell Rd) no report

Note: a very large bone was found on Joseph's Beach which was shown to the police department who identified it as most likely from a cow.