

SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports August 2013

General observations: thank you to the DPW for never allowing the trashcans to overflow. Thank you to the DPW for the "NO DOGS ALLOWED ON BEACH" signs – they have made a HUGE difference on Tudor Beach this summer. Lots of slipper shells on our beaches this summer – is this unusual or did I not notice them last year?

Bathing Beach: Bob Vanderslice No report

Canoe Beach: Vi & Mark Patek, ML Cort, Katy Dolhun, August 10

Beach is quite clean. Lots of reed stems and sea lettuce. Birds: Carolina wren, Common Eiders, Goldfinches. 1 paper bag, 3 plastic bags, 3 balloons, 25 bottles/cans, 20 caps/lids, 30 food related items, 10 lobstering items, 4 fishing line, 18 ropes, 17 cigarettes, 3 lighters 16 wrappers (mostly from little cigarillos – very common near the harbor), 1 NH sewer disk, 2 tampon applicators.

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park): Nancy Wilson, Sue Snow August 10

Thank you to the DPW for removing the rusty railing at the steps after our report for July. Very little trash today, but lots of ropes and 8 lobster bands. 6 cigarettes.

Forty Steps: John Benson August 12

Beach very clean today, just one bag of general trash. Heavy outboard motor and rusted lounge chair at foot of steps. John met a Russian speaking gentleman and observed that there are quite a few Russians on Nahant who are deeply interested in environmental issues. Unfortunately English is a problem. Does anyone know who these interested people are?

Also, Catherine Demi cleaned this beach on July 10 and I missed the report due to my email problem.

Here is what she found: AA luggage tag (dumping??), **headless seal about a foot long, badly decomposed**, and usual trash.

Pond Beach: no report

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

Short Beach South: Emily Stephenson August 11

7 bags, 9 beverage containers, 3 clothing, 15 food related items, 4 toys, some rope, 8 cigarettes, 7 building materials, 5 pieces wood, 1 tampon applicator, 1 luggage tag, 2 soles of shoes, **3 arrows, one 5' long rusted anchor among rocks too heavy to move.**

Tudor Beach: Trish Aldrich

Some bad odor near outfall. 5 plastic bags, 8 beverage containers, 21 food related items, 1 toy, many lobster bands, large number of ropes, 1 bait bag. In general, this beach has a lot of plastic bags, plastic bottles and rope pieces across the month.

Johnson Beach (at end of Wendell Rd) no report