

SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports Dec 2013 to May 2014

April 12 marked the second consecutive annual island cleanup by the 01908 group. All beaches were cleaned along with our parks and other public areas. Fantastic turnout and fantastic job! Thank you to DPW for their hauling away many truckloads of trash.

I am happy to report that major progress has been made on the cleanliness of Tudor Beach. Three years ago there was an vast and ancient mass of worn rope tangled up in the seaweed – I would estimate several truckloads. Thanks to three years of our Adopt a Beach Program and two successive years of the annual 01908 community cleanup, this mass is gone, picked up by caring hands. It seems that trash floats in and floats out, gradually wearing down. When it is removed across time, eventually the stockpile in the sea is reduced and we pick up mostly new trash or old stuff which the turbulence of storms brings in. After reviewing all the reports for the past three years, the fresh trash on all our beaches is mainly from boaters and beachgoers and a significant amount of lumber from somewhere.

Special thanks to the DPW this week who were observed picking up plastic bottles and trash by hand on Tudor Beach before scraping it with their tractor-scraper. This eliminates the pushing of trash back into the sea. Wonderful!

Bathing Beach:

May 9: Bob & Debby Vanderslice

5 plastic bags, 1 balloon, 3 plastic bottles, 2 lids, 6 food wrappers, 6 pull tabs, 1 6pack holder, 1 shotgun shell, 2 straws, 5 pieces lobster traps, 1 detergent bottle, 1 oil bottle, 3 strapping bands, 3 pieces fish nets, 1 fishing lure, 1 filament fishing line, 2 plastic sheets, 4 pieces rope, 6 cigarettes, 5 wrappers, 1 long handled brush, metal garden ornament, metal angling iron.

Also spring Beach Survey Filed Data Sheet filled out indicating very tall decorative piles of stones – high enough to hurt a person if they fell. Sidewalk still has huge holes from storms a year ago. If they are not fixed the whole wall will eventually be compromised. No trash receptacle.

Canoe Beach:

January 11: ML Cort, Vi & Mark Pate, Manny Santos

2 plastic bags, 2 balloons, 25 plastic bottles, 11 glass bottles, 100 pieces beverage cans, 80 caps/lids, 1 eyeglasses frame, 3 clothing, 3 forks, 6 food wrappers, 6 shotgun shells, 18 straws, 6 golf balls, 70 lobster trap pieces, 40 bait bags, 30 strapping bands, 2 fishing lures, 1 detergent bottle, 2 pieces fish net, 21 filament fishing line, 1 tarp, 150 pieces rope, 3 cigarettes, 2 lighters, 1 cigarillo, 3 wrappers, 1 condom, 6 tampons, 1 medicine container, 3 NH sewer disks, lots of lumber, many small pieces of flat green matting usually found here.

May 10: Vi & Mark Patek, Katy Dolhun, Tess Bauta, Suzanne McDonough

5 plastic bags, 4 balloons, 11 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 4 cans, 15 lids, 4 clothing, 17 food related items, 5 pull tabs, 1 shotgun shell, 14 straws, 2 toys, many bits and pieces of lobster traps and of nets, 6 bait bags, 1 detergent bottle, 1 antifreeze bottle, 1 bleach bottle, 2 oil bottles, 6 strapping band, 3 fishing lures, 13 pieces lumber, 35 filament fishing line, 100 pieces of rope, 15 strapping bands, 9 cigarettes, 1 lighter, 1 cigar, 11 wrappers, 3 building materials, 2 NH sewer disks, 2 syringes, 3 tampons, 1 drug bag.

Also spring Beach Survey Filed Data Sheet filled indicating continued scouring out of the grassy bank along the MSC. Town side is in excellent shape due to DPW maintaining the rock pile up to the boulders

along the parking lot. The dune grass planted along the edge is doing well, except that it is becoming somewhat trampled. It would be good if the Town could put a rope fence along there which would guide people to the dedicated opening.

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park): Nancy Wilson

December 26: Some bottles, caps & lids, 2 gloves, 6 food wrappers, 3 straws, 10 pieces of rope stuck in sand, 1 large dead bird.

January 12: 3 plastic bottles, some caps, 1 6 pack holder, some food wrappers, 1 lobster trap, 1 bait bag, 2 nets stuck in sand, ropes buried in sand and up on park edge, 2 tires buried in sand and could not remove, 18-20' long piece of wood. "Beach has been totally rearranged; lots of debris in the park including a nice triangular piece of blue glass."

May 10: 1 plastic bag, 4 balloon ribbons, 1 bottle, 1 glove, 1 straw, 4 pieces lobster trap, 1 strapping band, 1 tarp, 7 pieces rope, 1 NH sewer disk, 5 pieces wood, 1 big piece of wood too heavy to move, 1 half buried sand bag.

Also spring Beach Survey Filed Data Sheet filled out with concern about condition of the sea wall.

Forty Steps:

May 10: Catherine, Nikki and Lilly Carr.

1 paper bag, 1 balloon, 3 bottles, 4 lids, 4 food wrappers, 2 bull tabs, 2 straws, 3 pieces lobster traps, 2 strapping band, 2 fishing net pieces, 1 lighter. Beach quite clean!

Also spring Beach Survey Filed Data Sheet filled indicating desire for trash containers down at the beach. Unfortunately it is doubtful if the DPW could go down all those steps every day for their trash collection. Maybe a sign could be put at the base of the steps encouraging people to take their trash up the steps.

Pond Beach: Meredith Tibbo

No reports.

Short Beach:

November 16: Kara Clafin:

1 kitchen size bag of mostly plastic bottles, etc.

We need volunteers to clean this beach – help!

Tudor Beach:

January 11: Vi & Mark Patek, Manny Santos.

4 plastic bottles, 2 glass bottles, 3 cans, 1 ball, 1 lobster trap, 2 bait bags, 2 detergent bottles, 1 antifreeze bottle, 1 bleach bottle, 1 large plastic tarp, 1 enormous mass of rope, 10 tampons (a lot for this beach – where are they coming from? Sewage discharge somewhere?), one 10' x 3' aluminum railing typical of a dock, 1 plastic chair.

May 15: Manny Santos

2 plastic bags, 1 bottle, 2 cans, 2 plates, 1 straw, 2 wood crates, 50 pieces of rope.

Also spring Beach Survey Filed Data Sheet filled out by Vi Patek. This heavily used beach really should have recycling barrels alongside the regular barrels, as should all the other beaches. As I travel around the U.S. I see recycling barrels everywhere and on a trip to South America saw recycling barrels in the tiny towns of Peru. We can do it too. Where should we start?

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