

SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports: November 2016 through September 2017

Bathing Beach: behind Marine Science Center.

April 27, 2017: Debby & Bob Vanderslice

The beach was in nice condition with eelgrass and Sandpipers present. Fewer than usual stones washed up onto sidewalk. Moderate amount of litter, no trash receptacles, no recycling barrels.

Canoe Beach:

June 3: Sue Jolian

1 balloon, 2 plastic bottles, 10 lids, 1 clothing, 6 food containers, 4 shotgun shells, 1 piece lobster trap, 3 bait bags, 2 filament fishing line, 40 pieces rope, 1 syringe, 5 tampon applicators, 1 hypodermic needle, 50 pieces plastic, 3 foot piece rusted pipe.

July 9: Mark Patek, Tess Bauta, Sebastian Farrell, Sarah Patek

7 plastic bags, 6 plastic bottles, 10 pieces of cans, 20 lids, 1 shoe, 2 socks, 1 sleeping bag, 1 towel, 15 pieces lobster traps, 10 bait bags, 2 strapping bands, 1 fish net, 2 light bulbs, 3 fishing lures, 60 pieces filament fishing line, 75 pieces rope, 40 cigarettes, 2 lighters, 4 cigarillos, 2 cig wrappers, 5 NH sewer disks, 1 piece of a tire, 20 pieces wood, 5 tampon applicators, 1 medicine container.

August 12: Sue Jolian

2 plastic bottles, 2 lids, 10 food related items, 2 straws, 5 pieces lobster traps, 2 filament fishing line, 7 pieces rope, 5 cigarettes near parking lot edge of beach, boards for about 5 people to sit on, "It is clear that people are smoking in the parking lot and putting out cigarette butts in the sand."

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park)

February 20: Nancy Cantelmo and Brayden McCarthy

15 plastic bags, 8 plastic bottles, 21 cans, 7 lids, 1 shoe, 23 food related containers, 2 large pieces lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 16 strapping bands, 20 pieces styrofoam, 1 intact jig, 2 filament fishing line, 30 pieces rope, 3' piece of wood, 1 mushroom anchor/mooring at tide line. Total of 2 garbage bags had to be hauled to Tudor Beach trash barrel as there were none at wharf. A complaint was made by a resident that he/she cleaned the beach daily during the summer and was concerned that Nancy and Brayden were cleaning the beach.

Forty Steps:

January 14: John Benson, Tom Costin.

5 plastic bags, 24 plastic bottles, 10 glass bottles, 40 cans, 10 lids, many food related items, 1 straw, 10 lobster trap bumpers, 3 bait bags, 3 paper towels, 3 Xmas wrappers, many paper scraps, 3 newspaper pages, 1 D battery, plastic pieces, 1 fishing lure, 2 filament fishing line, several pieces rope, 3 golf balls, 1 lg rubber fishing lure, many pieces of green matting (problem on this beach), 3 pieces aluminium tubing, 5 ¾" green domes, 2 cans "Twisted Tea", 3 dead flowers. Moderate trash on hillside, trash barrels well maintained, usual amount of erosion. Obvious use of area for drinking. Recommendation: "A dog that is trained to retrieve cans and bottles... (-just a thought...)."

April 14: John Benson, Tom Costin, Kristy Lee

2 balloons, several plastic and glass bottles and cans, 2 clothing, lots of food related items, 1 shotgun shell, 3 pieces lobster traps, 9 bait bags, 2 golf balls, 1 plastic jug, some green matting pieces, 3' piece rubber hose, 3 filament fishing line lots of pieces of rope, 2 DPW traffic cones blown down from sidewalk. One 30 gallon barrel full of trash consisting mostly of rope and bottles. Lot of time spend on the hillside, esp. since Easter Sunrise service coming up.

June 12: John Benson

Song of Yellow Warbler heard. Not much litter on beach today. Total less than half of 30 gallon bag. Native sumac and Beach pea growing vigorously. Invasive Swallowwort flourishing. Sticky Willy invasive proliferating. Native wild rose doing well in woods. 2 balloons, 6 plastic bottles, 4 glass bottles, 2 cans, 8 lids, 2 food related items, 5 straws, 1 ball, 1 frisbee like disk, some green matting, 2 metal spray cans, some Styrofoam pieces, some plastic pieces, some filament fishing line, some pieces rope, some cigarettes, some pieces wood.

July 10: John Benson

White Bush Clover noted. "Recreational drinking is an ongoing problem: at Mifflin's Point, just to the left (= north) of Forty Steps Beach, the trash found on July 10 was astonishing; it included 110 beer cans and 68 plastic beverage bottles (mostly small hard-liquor "samplers" and the ubiquitous water bottles). It is not so much the drinking activity that is of concern, but the outright disregard for the appearance and cleanliness of the area being used. Police need to take notice of foot traffic by young people, especially those carrying loaded backpacks onto the beach and ledges, and especially on holidays and weekends in the summer. Some kind of outreach/educational effort may be needed, to encourage recreational drinkers that they might at least carry their trash back with them when they are finished. For better or worse, some may consider illicit drinking (et cetera) a "rite of passage"; but the desecration of the landscape should not in any way be regarded as acceptable."

1 paper bag, 3 plastic bags, 1 foam earplug, 1 hairbrush, some tyrofoam, 1 pen, 2 snuff cans, 3 garments, some food related items, 3 pull tabs, 1 multiple can holder, 1 shotgun shell, 2 straws, some green matting, 1 knapsack, 1 bag, 1 camera booklet, some lobster trap parts, 2 filament fishing line, some rope, 2 lobster claw bands, 1/2 thermometer, 1 six pack holder, some cigarettes, 6' plank, 1 condom, one I-beam. Photographs were provided of masses of drink cans.

August 19: John Benson

Some Irish Moss along beach and some kelp. Basically little litter. Flourishing on hillside: Japanese Knotweed, Mugwort, Oriental Bittersweet, Phragmites, Staghorn Sumac. Some native Beach Pea, some Purple Swallowwort, some Seaside Goldenrod, some Common Tansy. A few: Champion, Common Evening Primrose, Musk Mallow, Queen Anne's Lace, Snapdragon, Soapwort, Common Tansy, pink and white Yarrow. Invasive Multiflora rose has been mown down. "Sad note: after years of annual presence, there is finally no sign anywhere at Forty Steps of Jerusalem Artichoke." 2 balloons, 24 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 26 cans, 12 lids, 1 sandal, 1 sock, one insole, 1 tshirt, 1 rubber glove, 1 new doggie bag, plastic pieces, 24 food related items, 5 fireworks related items, some green matting pieces, 2 bait bags, some filament fishing line, some rope, 1 fishing pole with reel and filament line, some cigarettes, 1 cigar, 1 wrapper.

September 11: John I. Benson

4 dozen+ Sea Potatoes along wrack line. 12 plastic bags, 4 balloons, 6 plastic bottles, 3 glass bottles, 12 cans, 1 sandal, 1 baseball cap (San Diego Zoo), 1 sunglasses, 2 food related items, 4 straws, 1 piece of cloth bag, 1 scrunchie, 3 pillow cases, 1 piece lobster traps, very little rope, 7 pieces green matting, 1 cigarette, 1 dental floss holder. 12 small unused ziplock bags in vegetation at northern edge of beach possibility of drug use. Unusually few pieces of lobster traps.

Pond Beach: behind Oceanview building on Willow Road.

June 11: Katy Dolhun

10 pieces of plastic and paper bags, 7 plastic bottles, 4 cans, 10+ lids, 1 shoe sole, 20 food related items, 2 pull tabs, 5+ straws, 2 toys, 1 lobster trap, 4 lobster trap parts, 3 bait bags, 1 oil bottle, 5+ strapping bands, 2 gallon sized water bottles, 3 fish nets, 5+ parts of crates, 5+ filament fishing line, 10 pieces rope, 5 pieces building materials, lots of bits of Styrofoam, "interestingly, most of the items came in clusters as if waiting to be collected."

July 9: Katy Dolhun

5 plastic bags, 5 cans, 15 lids, 4 gloves/socks, 15 food related items, 5 pull tabs, 1 6 pack holder, 5 straws, 2 toys, 1 small battery, 3 parts of lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 1 detergent bottle, 5 strapping bands, 1 fishnet, 1 fish lure, 5 crates, 2 filament fishing line, 10 pieces rope, 3 lighters, 1 5" x 2' piece plastic tubing, 3 tampon applicators, 11 pieces Styrofoam, **4 liquor nips bottles**. Beach in surprisingly good shape considering the 4th of July was so recent.

August 15: Katy Dolhun

5 plastic bags, 7 plastic bottles, 4 glass bottles, 5 cans, 12 lids, 1 glove, 10 food related items, 2 pull tabs, 4 straws, 7 pieces lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 1 oil bottle, 7 strapping bands, 3 fish nets, 1 filament fishing line, 7 pieces rope, 1 cigarette, 1 black tupe, 1 piece woods, 1 gallon size water bottle, 1 buoy, **4 nips liquor bottles**.

September 8: Katy Dolhun

1 plastic bag, 7 plastic bottles, 2 glass bottles, 3 cans, 2 gloves, 15 food related items, 7 straws, 1 toy, 2 pieces lobster traps, 1 bait bag, 1 strapping band, 2 fish nets, 2 tarps, 6 pieces rope, 3 cigarettes, 2 lighters, 2 pressure treated wood blocks with nails, 1 toy car tire, 2 pieces wood, 2 tampon applicators, 15+ small Styrofoam pieces, 12-15' plank, **lots of stinky brown/red algae**.

September 9: Alice Cort and Bruce Walker

11 plastic bottles, 12 cans, 4 plastic cups, 4 lobster ropes, 1 plastic laundry jar, 1 bait bag, 22 golf balls, 9 pieces Styrofoam, 3 lobster trap wire pieces, 10 plastic fasteners, 4 cigars, 1 shell casing, 17 bottle caps, several alcohol bottles, **3 syringes without needles**, 1 eyeglasses, 1 glass bottle, array of candy wrappers and pieces of plastic.

Short Beach: We are very sad to announce that Bill Ludke died this summer. His dedication to caring for Short Beach was admirable. Our deepest sympathy goes out to his family.

January 19: Bill Ludke

2 plastic bags, 3 balloons, 9 plastic bottles, 1 glass bottle, 3 cans, 37 lids, 1 clothing, 6 food related items, 6 shotgun shells, 6 straws, 4 toys, 6 pieces lobster traps, 3 bait bags, 7 strapping bands, 1 filament fishing line, 27 pieces rope, 3 lighters, 2 NH sewer disks, 2 pieces wood, **1 syringe**, 1 medicine container.

February 28: Bill Ludke

7 plastic bags, 3 balloons, 8 plastic bottles, 4 cans, 61 lids, 6 clothing, 7 food related items, 1 6 pack holder, 5 shotgun shells, 4 straws, 3 toys, 1 lobster trap, 7 bait bags, 1 bleach bottle, 9 strapping bands, 1 fishing lure, 1 fish trap, 25 pieces rope, 5 lighters, 2 NH sewer disks, 3 pieces wood, 3 tampon applicators.

Tudor Beach:

January 16: Nancy Cantelmo, Linda Landry

Some paper bags, many plastic bags, many plastic and glass bottles, lots of lids, lots of food related items, lots of strapping bands and rope. 1 bathroom sized rug, lots of chunks of Styrofoam, pieces of plastic, beach chair, screw driver.

PLEASE NOTE: this beach is being cleaned daily by one person and regularly by another person. What a wonderful solution to keeping beaches clean. THANK YOU!