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SWIM Adopt a Beach Reports: December 2014 & January 2015

Bass Point:

No report

Bathing Beach: behind Marine Science Center

Bob & Deb Vanderslice

January 10: "Picked up diverse debris, including 16 soda and beer cans, 3 plastic water bottles, a broken buoy, a metal pipe fitting device, 15 shot-gun shell casings (not seen before on this beach), two balloons, 7 plastic tops, 6 broken segments from lobster traps (metal and hinges), a Valvoline container, a partial Clorox bottle, and several pieces of plastic paper derived from consumer products. Enough trash to fill a contractor's plastic bag, but about half as much debris as we see during the recreational boating season. Surprisingly no more erosion than usual, despite recent storm surges. Minimal rocks along the top of the sea-wall. Lots of signs of sea life -- blue mussel shells, small crabs, a Horse Shoe crab, lobster pieces, and sea weed in abundance."

December 17: A mangled merganser (unsure of which one) was collected and was disposed of by the DPW.

Canoe Beach:

January 11: Vi & Mark Patek, Katy Dolhun

2 balloons, 10 plastic bottles, 30 aluminum cans in pieces mostly, 14 caps/lids, 1 pair goggles, 12 food related items, 12 shotgun shells, 25 straws, 1 golf ball, 35 pieces lobster traps, 5 bait bags (2 were the very old and unusual cotton ones), 2 strapping bands, 20 fishing line (unusually large number of large balls of filament line), 40 pieces rope, 3 pieces wood, 2 tampon applicators. During December Vi collected quite a few very large plastic bottles and some big pieces of lobster traps. On December 29 I collected a dead adult male Common Eider and asked the DPW to dispose of it. Vi found a plastic lobster pot ID tag stamped "Calvin E. King 4362." After an interesting search I found a person with that name who resided in Beverly and who was born in 1918 and died in 2008.

Crystal Beach (at Marjoram Park):

No report

Forty Steps:

January 10: John Benson, Tom Costin, Kristy Lee

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January 10: this handsome Coopers Hawk was photographed by Tom Costin:



Other birds spotted: White-winged Scoters, Mergansers, one loon.

Beach very clean, except for 15 plastic bottles, 10 glass bottles, 25+ pieces rope, 1 complete lobster pot, 4 lobster pot pieces, 1 fishing reel, bits of paper, some plastic bags.

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

No reports

Pond Beach: behind Oceanview building

ML and Alice Cort

January 10: 4 plastic bags, 6 plastic bottles, 11 pieces beverage cans, 8 caps/lids, 1 clothing, 4 food related items, 1 shotgun shell, 2 straws, 8 lobster trap parts, 3 bait bags, 3 fishing lures, 1 crate, 5 filament fishing line, 40 pieces rope.

Short Beach:

January 10: "Nancy Cantelmo and I [Linda Landry] removed 7 bags of trash from the portion of Short Beach that runs from the Life Saving Station to Little Nahant. Much of it was rope and various plastic boat related stuff. Also a variety of water bottles, beer cans and bottles, plastic cups, ribbon, balloons, plastic tampon applicators, bait bags, and unidentifiable plastic bits. Also the head of a plastic duck decoy, 2 duck decoys, a rubber ducky, a tennis ball and 2 shot gun shells. We pulled a big portion of someone's dock, with connecting hardware, as far as we could - to the end of the Life Saving Station walkway. We found 1 dead gull largely buried in a frozen sand drift. Finally, people have left several plastic "doggie bags" and other trash where trash receptacles stand in summer. **In fact we could find no receptacles to receive the trash and finally**

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hailed it to the dumpster outside the fire station. The town should install receptacles that withstand weather at the beach walkways. "

Tudor Beach: no reports

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