



Volunteer for COASTSWEEP 2017

Coastsweep, run locally by Friends of Chatham Waterways (FCW), is part of the Massachusetts Office of Coastal Zone Management's (CZM) annual Massachusetts Coastal Cleanup in conjunction with the Ocean Conservancy's International Coastal Cleanup. FCW provides "grabbers," and CZM contributes trash bags and gloves for debris collection and Ocean Conservancy data cards for recording site findings. Completed data cards are forwarded to the Ocean Conservancy in Washington, DC for analysis and publication. The data helps develop programs to reduce marine debris worldwide. September is designated as Coastsweep month.

To become a volunteer for the annual September, 2017 Coastsweep, contact FCW's Project Coordinator: Betsy Mosser – 508-523-3871.

On the morning of Saturday, September 17, 2016 53 Coastsweep volunteers collected debris from 23 sites along Chatham's shoreline. The 29th annual beach cleanup resulted in more than 36 large trash bags of debris, weighing an estimated 350 pounds. Items removed included: hundreds of bottles and cans, cigarette butts, fishing line, ropes, firework and shotgun shell casings, Styrofoam and plastic items, balloons and ribbons, building and plumbing materials, derelict dinghies, and more. Coastsweep is run locally by FCW Director, Betsy Mosser.

Friends of Chatham Waterways wishes to thank the 2016 Coastsweep volunteers:

Joanne and Bob Schaller, Lisa and Don Edge, Jay Stahl, Wayne Jostrand, Jeanne and Kermit Eaton, Bob Simonds, Alden and Alicia Simonds, William and Dave Caolo, Mia Caolo and her Girls Scouts, Ann and Bob Carlson, Billy Bates and family, Jeannie Gillis, Frank Messina, Eileen Fitzgerald and Rich Swatton, Drew Carey, Nat Mason, Stephanie and Chuck Bartlett, Debbie and Jack Swenson, Christine and Chuck Daly, Ellen and Peter Burnham, Debbie Ecker, Cindy Knight, Pam Carlton, Tom and Peter King, Susan Collins, Pam and John King, Barbara Doyle, Pat Hagen, Ann Reydel, David MacAdam and family, Laura Richardson, Keely Ashe and Justin Alex.

Also, thank you to Judy Hoyt who contributed the use of her Port Fortune boat landing for debris drop off; and to Dan Tobin, Park and Recreation Director, who arranged for trash pickup.