Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweep

Sun by-the-sea contributing writer, Jessica Westerland (far right), Captain of Poplar Ave. Beach Sweep for Clean Ocean Action in NJ poses with students from Wildwood High, who volunteered their time on October 23, 2010. Congratulations to Jessie Westerland & Kyle Mumford (pictured next to Jess) who were engaged on February 21, 2011.

The Fall 2010 beach sweep had a great turnout and made a great conclusion to Clean Ocean Action’s 25th year of beach sweeps.

The top items found were: Straws=395 Caps/Lids= 283 Beverage/Soda bottles= 215 and Cigarette filters= 197

Of the 99 categories of trash listed on the cards, only 11 items were not found on Wildwood’s beach. The oddest things found were a rubber mat from a waterpark, a beach chair, a traffic cone, and a car panel.

There were approximately 80 volunteers, who collected 45 trash bags of items. There were local couples, families, and students from Wildwood High School (Peer Leaders and ROOTS groups) All together, we collected approximately 3,453 pieces of trash! A big thanks to all the people who made it possible, and for such lovely weather!

Hope to see you on Poplar Ave. beach bright and early April 23rd!

Spring Beach Sweep
April 30, 2011
9:00 - 12:30

“If everyone just changes a few everyday habits, they can help make their environment a better one. Being “Green” and “eco-friendly” doesn’t have to be scary and take over your life. It can just be a small part of your life. The sea will thank you for it. Like E. E. Cummings said, ’It is always ourselves we find in the sea.’”

P.S. High Schoolers gain Community Service hours at Beach Sweeps!

Save the Date!

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