



Vancouver Island South District

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Cleaning Up Our Shorelines!

Vancouver Island South District Gets Started!



Juan de Fuca Squadron of Vancouver Island South District has set the bar high for beach cleanup!

On Sunday, July 11, some Juan de Fuca members joined forces to clean up the beach at Coburg Peninsula in Colwood. It was a beautiful sunny morning....perfect for walk on the beach....with garbage bags.

We scoured the beach, climbed over logs, and picked up a fascinating collection of litter. A good time was had by all who participated, with CPS flags flying high.

In just 2.5 hours we had a pickup box full which weighed in at 50K, or 110 lbs of litter that is no longer on the beach!!!

The reaction and response from the public at the beach was very positive. We were told "Good job!" "I'm impressed!" and best of all, "How do I find out about power squadron?" People said "Thank you" and expressed appreciation of what we were doing.

Our list of 'collectibles' includes:

- A men's silver ring
- A tire
- 25 cents
- A large block of Styrofoam
- 2 walking poles
- A dog ball-thrower
- An inflatable air mattress
- A condom !!!
- Many coffee cups
- Many drink containers and straws
- Many bottles and cans
- Some rope
- Some wire
- Thousands of cigarette butts
- Flip flop soles
- A sock and a shirt
- Various pieces of broken glass
- A variety of food wrappers and packaging



Thanks to those who participated by picking up litter, by providing garbage bags and gloves, by supplying cold water and pop, and by hauling away the bags of garbage.



A thank you also to Alpine Disposal for arranging to accept our debris for a minimal cost.

We will be targeting another beach next year at our 2nd Annual Beach Cleanup Event.