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## Cleaning Up Our Shorelines!

YOU Made a HUGE Difference!



Way to go, all those who participated in the 2nd Annual Shoreline Cleanup with Juan de Fuca Squadron!

Saturday, September 25 was a great day for Canadian beaches. Along with others from coast to coast across Canada, we collected litter, garbage and debris from waterways and shorelines from the Pacific to the Atlantic.

Twenty-six members and guests of Juan de Fuca Squadron combined efforts to clean up the beach at Coburg Peninsula and enjoyed a BBQ to celebrate the removal of an interesting assortment of debris.

This was not the only beach cleanup that took place in our district. Brentwood Bay Squadron tackled Bazan Beach and also made the beach a better and safer place for humans and marine life alike.

We didn't find one ton of litter, but that's the good news.....there wasn't one ton of garbage there!

We collected almost 90 lbs and 19 bags full of wrappers, drink containers, articles of clothing, shell casings, and other flotsam and jetsam.

That's significant!



We focused on cigarette butts this year because they are a hideous piece of litter containing a variety of nasty toxins. We are proud to say that the beach at Coburg Peninsula is now without over 4200 cigarette butts! The prize for collecting the most butts went to Yvan Sylvestre, and his sons Mathew and Jacob. Thank you for your important contribution to clean beaches, clean oceans, clean planet.

Our list of 'collectibles' includes:

Styrofoam—all shapes, sizes, and colours. It was everywhere

12 condoms

2 diapers

Many coffee cups

Many drink containers, straws, and utensils

Many bottles and cans

Paper and plastic bags

Pull tabs from drink cans

1 package of ear plugs

9 bandages

1 battery

1 package of make-up

Fireworks

3 balloons

Some rope

Some wire

3 shotgun shells

2 plywood doors

4275 cigarette butts

5 cigarette lighters

Cigar tips

3 shoes

5 socks

1 leather belt

1 hoody

1 set of headphones

Various pieces of broken glass

1 large, rusty, very heavy metal shelf and two metal rods

A variety of food wrappers and packaging

Dog poop in plastic bags. ?? If you're going to pick up the poop, why throw it in a bag into the bushes?



Thanks to all those who participated by picking up litter, or contributed in other ways.



A thank you also to the City of Colwood for arranging to haul the litter to the proper disposal facility.

Much appreciation to Vancouver Island South District for contributing to the BBQ held following the cleanup. Oliver and Richard Robinow provided the BBQ and propane.

A special thank you to Yvan Sylvestre for doing the cooking, providing the table and the tent that kept us dry while we enjoyed our hot dogs and for taking away the recyclable litter.

The gloves and water were provided by David Krauel and Bo Jensen brought his scale so we could weigh the collection.

We were honoured to have Hugh Patterson from [OceanGybe](http://OceanGybe) with us and hope he can return again next year.

These cleanups were organized as part of the [Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup](http://Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup) in conjunction with the [World Wildlife Federation](http://World Wildlife Federation) and the [Vancouver Aquarium](http://Vancouver Aquarium).

***Clean beaches, clean oceans, clean planet!***