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Skip the Plastic recognizes the volunteers of the Port O'Connor Shoreline Cleanup as Cleanup Heroes

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CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS – Each month, the Skip the Plastic project of the Surfrider Foundation - Texas Coastal Bend Chapter recognizes community members and businesses that go out of their way to clean up their local park, neighborhood, or their favorite spot on the beach.

People who love to fish know that Port O'Connor up the coast from Corpus Christi offers world class fishing. Our November Cleanup Heroes are the volunteers who gathered on a recent Saturday to help in the Port O'Connor Shoreline Cleanup. This cleanup, organized by the San Antonio Bay Partnership (SABP), is unique since volunteers head out in boats and kayaks to get to places where trash collects along the shores of the bay.

In addition to getting wet and dirty removing the trash, the volunteers kept track of the trash on a data sheet to better understand the source. The data suggests that much of the trash is blowing off boats - and is preventable by securing the trash on the boat or using alternative containers that are less likely to blow away.

Allan Berger with the SABP says, "Marine litter is a problem: aesthetically and, as the science continues to show, environmentally. For those of us who grew up on the Texas Coast, it's like someone dumping a load of trash in your front yard. Picking it up is necessary, but the heavier lift is changing our collective habits to reduce the plastics entering our bays. I challenge each of you to review your choices and actions regarding single-use plastics. A good place to start is to 'skip the plastics' on your boat!"

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