

# 2023 Summary Report



### San Antonio Bay Partnership's 2023 Shorelines Cleanup

#### **Summary**

- Three events the week of Sept 25: two out of Seadrift, one out of Port O'Connor
- Participation: 26 Boats, 109 people, approximately 50 miles of shoreline now cleaner than before.
- Results: 11091 individual pieces of trash removed, including
  - 2050 plastic drink bottles
  - o 948 Aluminum cans
  - o 781 Plastic bags
  - o 446 Drink cups
    - All easily blown off boats. We must do better!
- Also,
  - o 302 lures, fishing line, or other fishing gear
  - o 461 Shotgun shells
  - o 344 Crab trap floats

Participants were treated to lunch and refreshments and a beautiful metal drinking cup with artwork by local artist Dawn Ragusin.

POC event included a great presentation by TPWD Coastal Fisheries San Antonio Bay Ecosystem Leader Chris Steffen on the state of the bay.

### Cumulative Results logged into NOAA Marine Debris Tracker after 4 Years

# And there is plenty left! We must stop the littering!

#### What you can do to reduce bay litter:

- Reduce the amount of blowable trash used on your boat.
- 2. Securing your trash on the boat so it doesn't blow off.
- Picking up awful trash when you are near it. Leave the Bay cleaner!
- Volunteer for next year's cleanup we need the help! Contact <u>AllanRBerger@outlook.com</u> to be added to the contact list.
- 5. Become a supporting member of San Antonio Bay Partnership to assist in our efforts.

Cumulative Results 2020-2023	
<b>Awful Preventable Five</b>	<u>Count</u>
Plastic Drink Bottles	9338
Aluminum Cans	4015
Plastic Bags	3498
Plastic Jugs & Containers	1839
Plastic Cups	1836
Other Notable Trash	
Shotgun Shells	1406
Fishing Gear	1053
Crab Trap Floats	1023
<b>Total Items Removed</b>	44019

#### **Participating Organizations**

The Nature Conservancy
International Crane Foundation
San Antonio River Authority
Coastal Bend Bays & Estuary Program
University of Houston-Victoria, Staff and Environmental Club
Guadalupe Blanco River Trust

**Texas Conservation Alliance** 

#### Texas Water Development Board

and individuals from CCA members, Texas Master Naturalists Mid-Coast Chapter, and groups of family & friends including:

- Lynn Greenwood's Lone Star Forever team
- Cindy & Chris Hanson, Birthday Crew
- Mickey Reeves Family
- Charles Flaitz's TF Ranch Team
- Eric & Anthony Grone's Boy Cout Troop 364
- Franck Team 6

- Victoria Firefighters
- Charles Greminger's Guadalupe Garbage Gators
- David Berger's Yoakum Bulldogs
- Seadrift Boy Scout / Cub Scout Troop 106
- The Dobskys

# **Thanks to Event Sponsors**







#### **Event Supporters:**

San Antonio River Authority

Guadalupe Blanco River Authority

Guadalupe Blanco River Trust

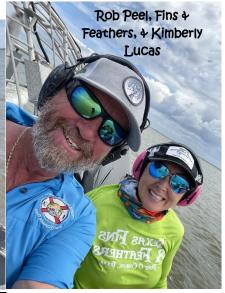
Coastline Trailers

## **Monday Kickoff - Seadrift**









Bill Burge & Donna Bailey, TMN Mid-Coast





#### James Dodson, Kimberly Lucas & Kevin DeSantiago

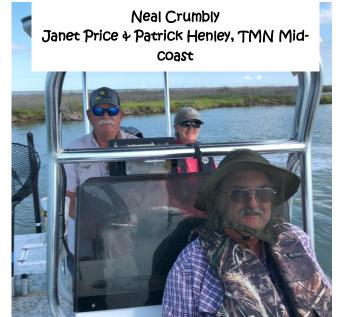




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## **Tuesday Seadrift Shorelines**









# **Seadrift Scout Troop 106**



At Navigation District Harbor

## **Saturday POC Shorelines**





^ Homemade, Super-Long Fishing Pole^^Most unique trash item collected out of POC^







James → Kimberly
Lucas

#### **UHV** Environmental Club













Allan Berger, SABP Donna Bailey & Patrick Henley TMN Mid-Coast

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Allan Berger, Patti Chatterson, Brigid Berger Event Organizer & Support