

# 14TH ANNUAL TREASURE COAST



## 2021 Results

Saturday, July 24, 2021

Cleanup Week:

Sat. July 17th to Sun. July 25th

### Total Amount Collected:

3.87 tons / 1,022 people / 1,381 Hours

- Martin County .93 tons / 419 people / 754 hours
- Saint Lucie County 2.31 tons / 443 people / 361 hours
- Indian River County .63 tons / 160 people / 207 hours

### Breakdown per region:

#### Martin County:

- Martin County .93 tons / 419 people / 754 hours
- City of Stuart .18 tons / 72 people / 62 hours
- Peck Lake Reef Dive .16 tons / 109 people / 103 hours

#### St. Lucie County:

- Saint Lucie County 2.31 tons / 443 people / 394 hours
- City of Ft. Pierce .62 tons / 180 people / 113 hours
- City of Pt. St. Lucie .45 tons / 46 people / 72 hours

#### Indian River County:

- Indian River County .63 tons / 160 people / 233 hours
- City of Vero Beach .19 tons / 42 people / 56 hours
- City of Sebastian .24 tons / 52 people / 115 hours

**Save the Date:**

Saturday, July 23, 2022

Cleanup Week:

Sat. July 16th to Sun. July 24th

**Summary:** The 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Treasure Coast Waterway Cleanup week had another successful year. The week-long effort was self-reporting and we were able to compliment the effort by hosting our volunteers at 24 cleanup sites from Hobe Sound to Sebastian on Saturday, July 24, 2021.

Together, our team of 1022 volunteers combined to remove 3.87 tons of trash. This compares to 597 participants who removed 3.43 tons of trash in 2020, which was a self-reporting only event. With nearly twice the volunteer force, we currently see a total trash increase of only .44 tons. This equates to a 1.5 ton decrease from the 2017 to 2019 time-frame.

Our results often identify environmental, social and economic trends. Here are a few simple take-aways for 2021:

- Many volunteers report finding less trash than past years
- Smaller items being collected such as, food containers of all kinds, small pieces of plastic, cans & Styrofoam
- Less dumping of large trash items and no major weather events such as hurricanes (known to create large debris)
- 2019, we began supplying our sites with scales to weigh trash. 2021, was the first year that we had scales at all 24 cleanup sites.
- Recreational activities (both land and water) are areas that together we can strive to improve

#### Miscellaneous Trash:

- Bottles, cans, plastic and glass beverage containers: 5,108 (4,285 in 2020)
- Articles of clothing: 407 (415 in 2020)
- Straws: 1097 (884 in 2020)
- Fishing Lures: 168 (110 in 2020)
- Fishing Poles: 16
- Coolers: 39
- Cigarette Butts: 10,967 (5,276 in 2020)
- Face Masks: 147 (165 in 2020, 1st year reporting)
- Gloves: 132 (142 in 2020)
- Toys: 195 (166 in 2020)
- Golf Balls: 90 (19 in 2020)
- Tennis Balls: 24 (18 in 2020)

#### Unique Items:

- Bicycle & a skate board (not at the same location)
- Wet suit
- Cell Phones
- shot gun shells
- Kids swing set slide
- Vape Pens
- Deep Fryer
- Fire Extinguisher

**Thank you and see you next year!**

