

Long Island Clean Up, Blue Hill – July 21, 2007

Friends of Blue Hill Bay along with volunteers from Stonington, Harborside, Blue Hill, and Brooklin spent the morning and early afternoon combing the beaches of Long Island. They were not searching for the idyllic sand dollar or perfect shell, but the discarded plastic bottle, chunk of styrofoam, or washed up buoy. Eight volunteers scoured portions of three main beaches at Fogg Cove, Dunhams Cove, and North Point collecting an estimated 200 pounds of materials that had washed ashore. The “beachcombers” also found a 2 x 4 wooden frame with electrical junction boxes attached; scrap corrugated metal; even a brass chair.

The *Main Course* captained by Mr. Peter Linder had a full cockpit of “collectibles” for the trip back to Kollegewidwok Yacht Club, in East Blue Hill. Don Eley, President of Friends of Blue Hill Bay, deemed the outing a success. “There were lots of events this weekend and we are very appreciative of the group’s efforts and participation. It was a good day to be out on the water and have some time walking along the beaches, plus we picked up quite a bit of trash that had washed ashore” said Eley.

Friends of Blue Hill Bay plays an active role in the advocacy for the Bay, helping to preserve the unique qualities, traditional marine fisheries, and the aesthetic character of Blue Hill Bay.



The Long Island Beach Clean-up crew gathered close to 200 lbs of material from Dunhams’ Cove, Fogg Cove, and North Point Beaches. Clean up volunteers are from left to right: George Fields, Emily Hawkins, Peter Linder (Captain of *Main Course*), Arthur Gregg, Jody Spear, Suzanne Williamson, Annie Tselikis, and Bill Rafuse. Photograph by Don Eley.