

## 2005 Beach Sweeps Report

2006 Cleanup Dates  
Spring Sweeps - April 29  
Fall Sweeps - October 21

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### 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Cleanup

**Divers Two, Inc.**, of Avon, New Jersey, hosted the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Underwater Cleanup on November 5<sup>th</sup> after nearly two months of delays due to inclement weather. Led by Divers Two owner Joe Skimmons, a dedicated group of 36 divers and 10 support crew cleaned the depths of the Shark River near the boat ramp at Belmar Marine Park. Divers passed their collection bags to the surface crew, which sorted, counted, and recorded the debris retrieved by the divers. The volunteers on land checked the debris for marine life and returned the live animals to the river.

At the cleanup, divers netted 120 glass bottles, 135 pieces of plastic, and miscellaneous items such as a boat antennae, cell phone, flashlight, concrete park bench, and a large metal pulley-pump system. One large mass of fishing line contained 143 sinkers, 110 hooks, 100 metal clips, 68 swivels, 43 three-ways, 15 metal lures, and 6 fishing spoons.

As part of the cleanup, Clean Ocean Action staff conducted a biological survey of the animals that were found in or on the retrieved debris. Sixteen fish and 78 invertebrates were identified. The most common animals collected were 45 mud crabs, followed by 19 purple sea urchins, 11 American eels, 5 sea stars, and 5 green crabs. These animals were opportunistically using the debris for shelter. Items that were heavily encrusted and supporting marine life were returned to the river. Also, a horseshoe crab entangled in fishing line was found, freed, and released.

For ten years, Divers Two has led volunteers in underwater cleanups. The extraordinary dedication to the marine environment of the Divers Two staff is remarkable. Join divers and non-divers at the **2006 Underwater Cleanup scheduled for September 16.**



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