

Have a Heart for Hatches Annual Beach Debris Removal & Trash Tally

February 12 @ 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Join us all in the name of protecting what we love in the Valentine's Day season at our annual Have A Heart For Hatches shoreline clean up, followed by a Trash Tally.

10am-12pm Have a Heart for Hatches Annual Beach Debris Removal

1pm-3pm Trash Tally @ CCS

Sponsored by Far Land Provisions.

Last year, 12 volunteers removed 75 pounds of trash from the north end of Herring Cove beach into the Hatches Harbor tidal zone in the Cape Cod National Seashore. All the debris will be carefully inventoried and logged in our debris cleanup database, adding to many years of data collected on these shores. Last year, among the regular customers of balloons, rope and beach whistles, interesting finds included a very old and heavy electrical cable, a plastic toy soldier, and a Hooksett disk!

To sign up for this year's clean up, please email Laura Ludwig at LLUDWIG@COASTALSTUDIES.ORG. And, if you would like to be added to the Beach Brigade mailing list, please let Laura know.

Great Island Hike

February 12 @ 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

\$25 – \$30

Join CCS biologist **Lisa Sette** and poet naturalist **Elizabeth Bradfield** for a guided walk at Great Island, Wellfleet. Learn about the plants and animals that live in the salt marsh, dunes and pitch pine forest. February is a dynamic time year, and we'll take advantage of whatever our time in the field offers—beachcombing in this area can be particularly rewarding!

This walk will cover up to 3 miles with travel in soft sand and hilly terrain. Dress for the weather in layers, comfortable waterproof shoes, and bring water and binoculars, if you have them. Masks are required.

Space is limited; [online pre-registration](#) is required. Our suggested donation is \$25.00 for members and \$30.00 for non-members. Your donation is payable by check or cash in person on Feb. 12 or [online anytime](#). (You do not need to have a PayPal account to use this service.)

Questions? Contact Lisa Sette by email at: sette@coastalstudies.org

Webinar: Gray Seals Conservation & Fisheries

February 17 @ 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Following their near extirpation from New England's waters, the recovery of gray seals is both a conservation success and a new challenge for fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean. Join our panel of experts for an important conversation about how fisheries are working to co-exist with the results of wildlife conservation efforts.

Speakers:

Dr. Andrea Bogomolni, Interdisciplinary Community Scientist

Owen Nichols, Center for Coastal Studies director of Marine Fisheries Research

Doug Feeney, Commercial Fisherman

Federal protections on marine mammals have allowed some species, like gray seals, to resume their historical role in coastal ecosystems. However, with the rebound of gray seals, two key issues have emerged: bycatch and depredation. The story of gray seals and the fishing industry requires collaboration between scientists and fishers, to develop innovative and realistic solutions to these new challenges.

With a diverse set of perspectives, experts from the fields of marine mammal and fisheries research, and the commercial fishing industry will be joining together to explain bycatch and depredation, while sharing proposed solutions to help protect both an industry, and an iconic species.

Presented by the Seacoast Science Center Marine Mammal Rescue, Shoals Marine Lab, Center for Coastal Studies.

Head to seascastsciencecenter.org/workshops to livestream the event.