



MARATHON NEWSLETTER

"SPECIAL EDITION"

What teaches kids about the importance of recycling and keeping the earth clean than a community clean up. On Saturday, March 25, 10 adults and 6 children (all boat based residents of the City Marina) volunteered to clean flotsam and debris from the mangroves adjoining the City Marina and the Community Park's tennis court parking lots. Not only did they remove over 30 bags of trash (approximately 500 lbs) but one young man found a Florida license plate with a registration date of 1985!

Six very enthusiastic children were first given guidelines such as not stepping onto young mangrove shoots, and learning how these unique plants serve as a natural sieve to prevent both debris and runoff from polluting our waters.

It was a great volunteer effort by the boating community in Boot Key Harbor.

The children may be in the running for an award by the harbor's monthly N.O.S.E. Pickers award.

The acronym stands for Nautical Obstruction Salvage Experts, and is usually done from and in Boot Key Harbor waters. Though this cleanup was land based, since the mangroves are intrinsic to healthy harbor waters, the children might have a good chance at first prize!

These young children were very happy to have helped play a part in cleaning up our coastal waters. We felt they deserve some recognition! If you know these young children or the adults thank them for helping keeping our waters and our community clean! Way to go!!

Child Participants:

Taylor & Noah Gladden of We'll Sea
Andrew Pilkington of Romantica
Dakota Mertyris of Millenium Falcon
Rylan & Nevan of Saol Nua

Adult Participants:

Skip Williams of Prodigal
Steve Weisbrod of Norne Gaest
Tammy of Avigna
Eric & Christine of Dream Ketcher
Kate Barry of Mendocino Queen
Bill & Denise Sears of Brandy Girl
David Manolakos of Lone Wolf
Alicia Kemery of Saol Nua
Donations of trash bags from City of Marathon Marina and Park & Rec



Andrew Pilkington; Noah Gladden; Taylor Gladden Dakota Mertyris; Rylan Kemery

Alicia Kemery holding a bag for her younger son Nevan Kemery



Bill Sears; Denise Sears; David Manokalos



Alicia Kemery; Andrew Pilkington; Nevan Kemery; Bill Sears (adult in background); Rylan Kemery; Noah Gladden; Dakota Mertyris; Christine Ruddick (female in back with ball cap); Taylor Gladden; Steve Weisbrod



Dakota Mertyris & Noah Gladden with the most unique find: a 1985 license plate



Andrew Pilkington carrying trash cans

