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Summer activities in Estonia included Water Festival in Pärnu, Festival of Coastal Folk in Viimsi, Tallinn Maritime Days and Kuressaare Maritime Festival. In every event seminars of Baltic marine litter assessment project "MARLIN" were held and conducted by project manager Marek Press and international coordinator Külli Soo on oldest Estonian sailing vessel Blue Sirius. Also the photo exhibition on marine litter by author Anna Liukas' were exposed there.



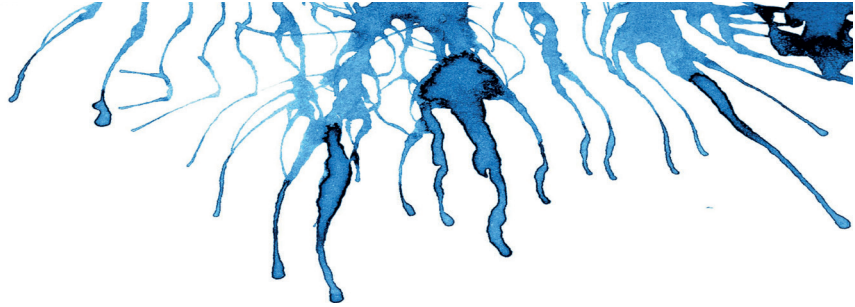
Kuressaare Maritime Festival, 2nd,3rd of August





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Don't feed a litter shark on the beach!

Campaign My Baltic Sea, which took place already second year in Latvia, invited people to join more than 500 hiking trip around Baltic Sea shore in Latvia and also experience different art and environmental activities. Totally 212 people participated campaign.

Classical concerts in lighthouses, morning and evening sessions with environmental and Baltic Sea experts, everyday marine litter monitorings in 35 beaches around Latvia, nice weather and people interested in marine litter issues – this is just one part of campaign My Baltic Sea.

To pay more attention on marine litter problem this year FEE Latvia created story about Litter Shark and beach litter monitoring was called Litter Shark hunting. Story was meant to be more personal to everyone and show people the impact of our own way of “feeding” Litter Shark.

The top list of monitoring in 35 beaches were:
Plastic pieces: 1097
Cigarette butts: 524
Glass and ceramic construction material: 436
Plastic bottle caps and lids: 301
Plastic bags: 288



Hiking team



Attention! Litter Shark on the beach!

What has been found in Kaleste beach in Hiiumaa?

This year Keep Estonian Sea Tidy included two more monitoring areas - Ohessaare in Saaremaa and Kaleste in Hiiumaa.

During the monitoring in Kaleste many plastic coffee maker capsules were found, something that haven't been found in Estonian beaches before.

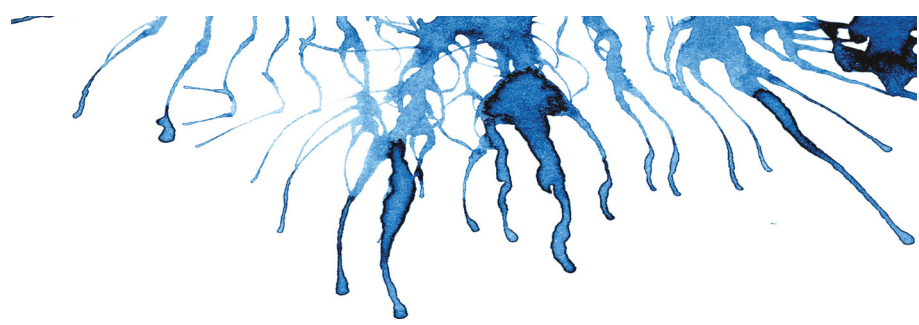


Coffee capsules





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Litter free marina's events in Finland and Sweden



Diver in the water

This year Litter free marina – diving event took place in Nauvo guestharbour in Finland, while Floating boat show happened in Helsinki. Both events raised awareness on marine litter, especially of invisible part of litter – on the seabed.

All together this summer Keep Sweden Tidy visited three places in Sweden - Stockholm, Strängnäs and Oxelösund, to collect litter from seabed. Marlin project mainly focuses on beach litter, however diving events proved suspicions about big amount of litter, which stays on the sea floor. Marlin project leader Jessica Ångström comments, that it seems like our marinas are potential sources of marine litter to the Baltic Sea.

At each litter-free-marina event we find a lot of waste and litter. This waste and litter is never cleaned from the sea, and the amounts are increasing each summer.

The top list of litter found in Sweden's part of Baltic Sea seabed was: Aluminium cans, glass bottles, plastic bottles, unidentified pieces of plastic, bicycles, tires, carts.

Don't miss!

Photoexhibition of Anna Liukas in Forum Marinum, Turku, until 30.09.2013

Coming up:

Marlin final conference in Stockholm on 22nd of October. Responsible authorities of implementing the Marine Strategy Framework Directive will present national challenges concerning marine litter. Representatives from NGOs, the tourism sector, shipping sector and waste management experts will also be there to discuss actions and good examples to reduce litter entering the environment.