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What is in your sea bed?



Diving into the sea bed for litter

This summer Keep Sweden Tidy together with local diving clubs collected litter on the sea-bed in the Norrtälje and Oxelösund Blue Flag marinas. The litter has been brought up to the surface and arranged with a litter competition between the different diving teams. The different items have been found, mostly carts, bicycles, tires, glass bottles and cans, different tools, ladders, plastics, batteries, chairs and umbrellas. However non-typical things like an iron, old typing machine, pieces from a motorcycle, canned vegetables, old coffee pot were also in the list.



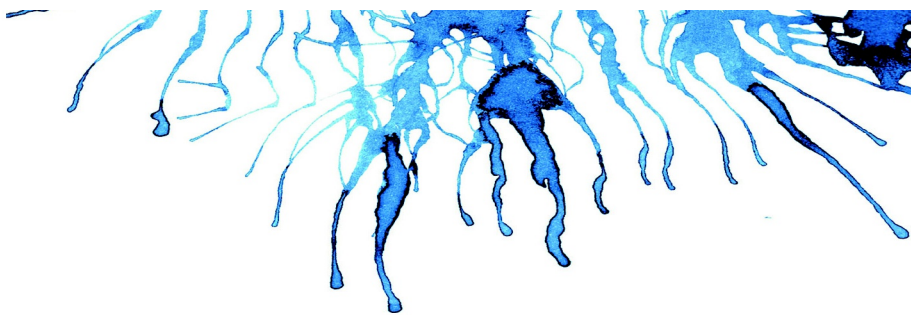
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Make art not litter!

Litter contest in Estonia activated people in different parts of Estonia, mostly children. They did beach clean ups together with Keep Estonian Sea tidy and also made art work using beach litter in connection with clean ups. The best works will be evaluated in the middle of September.



Beach litter art work in Paldiski

500 km long experience around the Baltic Sea shore

This summer from 28th of June – 28th of July FEE Latvia launched the campaign “My Baltic Sea” and invited people to join in a 30 days long hiking trip around the Baltic Sea shore in Latvia to find out litter situation of the beaches by doing marine litter monitoring. 35 beaches were monitored in total and more than 40 people joined the campaign.



Hiking team on their way



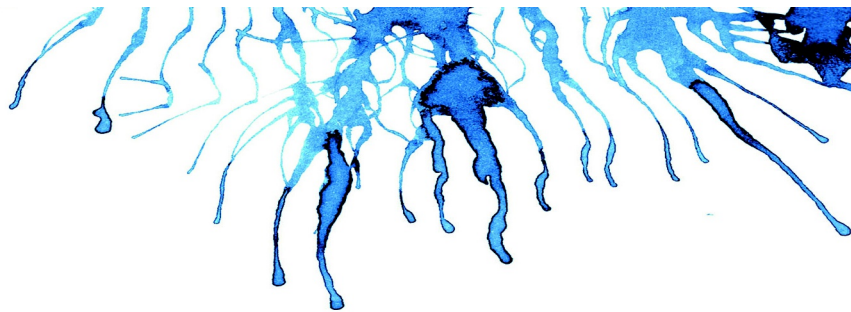
After litter monitoring at Zvejniekciems





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Diving in the Baltic Sea makes new views

In co-operation with Nauvo guestharbour and a local diving company Ursuk, KAT (Keep the Archipelago Tidy Association) organized a diving event in Nauvo. During two hours, five divers worked underwater and lifted up several recognizable items, including a grill, clothes, a shoe, a pile of cans and glass bottles, pieces of pier, ropes and toys. Items were used to create an installation.



Straightly from sea bed

Coming up:

On the 13th of September in Riga at Briggen Tre Kronor will be held conference about situation of the Baltic sea and project MARLIN first results. Different initiatives for tidier sea will be discussed during the conference, and floor will be given to political and international level decision makers.