



Cleaning Up Our Shorelines!

Putting the Power of Eight VISD Squadrons to Work!



The [Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup](http://www.greatcanadiancleanup.com) will take place from September 18-24 this year, but there's no need to wait until then to make a difference.

Let's put the Power of Eight to work this summer and hold an inter-squadron objective to get out and pick up litter from the beaches in our areas.

We're proposing squadrons arrange with their members to hold **at least one shoreline cleanup event** between now and September. This is an opportunity to hold a squadron social event, get to know each other, while doing something positive for the environment at the same time.

We can document:

- How much garbage we can collect between now and September. We can measure volume in the number of bags we can fill up and we can measure weight.
- What type of garbage are we finding?
- How many beaches or marine areas did we clean up collectively?
- What did we learn about the impacts of garbage on our waterways and marine life?
- What can we do to reduce the amount of waste, or eliminate it entirely?

While cruising feel free to enhance your collection with garbage floating in the water. Catch it before it even reaches the shore!

Remember to **dispose of garbage in appropriate facilities**. Many items are of the toxic nature and we want to minimize damage to landfills as well. Contact the CRD at 250-360-3030 or email them at hotline@crd.bc.ca for advice on disposing of problem items or see www.crd.bc.ca/waste/hartland for more information.

[Pacific Mobile Depot](http://www.pacificmobiledepot.com) takes styrofoam and other items at several locations in the Greater Victoria Region.

Photos and **documentation** will form the basis for a report that can be shared throughout the district.



So let's do our part, have some fun, and have a friendly competition to see which squadron can remove the most litter from our beaches!

Let's be part of the solution and provide an example for boaters and others who use our beaches and marine areas.