

# Keep Puako Beautiful and South Kohala Reef Alliance News

## Ocean Stewards volunteer in the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Corridor



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Hawaii Ocean Stewards Newsletter

# Winter to Spring 2022

Newsletter Re-Launch!

We are pleased to announce the launch of our new email newsletter.

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### Mahalo to Ocean Stewards

....who volunteer at our community cleanups. Ocean Stewards are committed to protect Hawaii's natural resources, coral reefs and KPB & SKRA are partnered with Hawaii's community, Hawaii State Parks, DOBOR Small Boat Harbor, COH & the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail Corridor Volunteer in Park programs and more.

The Ocean Environment and Education program and UXO Awareness protects Hawaii's residents, land, coral reefs and wildlife. These activities are ongoing in the South Kohala community, State & County Parks and Harbors.



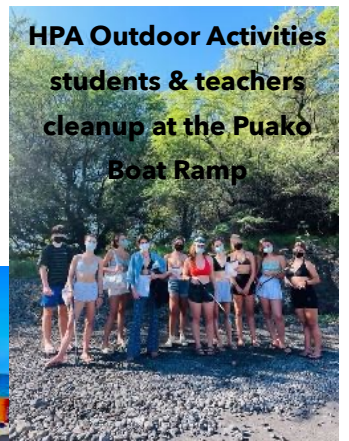
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Resident & Vacationers at Kawaihae Surf Park



Makeahua Gulch cleanup



HPA Outdoor Activities students & teachers cleanup at the Puako Boat Ramp

Kona HPA student & South Kohala residents volunteers in Puako



Residents & visiting family cleanup in Puako Beach



Keep Puako Beautiful and South Kohala Reef Alliance  
We believe our cleanups, outreach and educational programs make a difference in our community. We are grateful for contributions and support from our valued community partners and volunteers.

**YOUR DONATIONS ARE IMPORTANT!**

Help us be sustainable and continue our community conservation efforts on the South Kohala Coast. Tax exempt donations accepted by South Kohala Reef Alliance, a 501(c)3 non-profit organization

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Kawaihae Surf Park cleanup volunteers joined by Puako Ka'ilina Surf Park President Kahu Billy



**Ocean Steward Cleanups December, January & February**



Save the dates for Malama Hawaii Earth Cleanup  
4/23/22 at the Puako Boat Ramp, and  
Celebrate National Trails Day, World Ocean and Reef Day  
6/4/22 at the Kawaihae surf park

Coming soon: Don't forget about easy ways to recycle litter into new products. Future South Kohala Kiosk locations are Kohala Divers, Kawaihae State Harbor, Kawaihae Surf Park, Puako Boat Ramp, Blue Wilderness Dive Adventures and Hulakai at the Kings Shop.

WE ARE VERY PROUD AND GRATEFUL TO HAVE OCEAN STEWARDS WHO MADE A COMMITMENT AT THE CLEANUPS!

Cleanup totals : 2020-2022;

Site visits=1070,  
Volunteers=A=1192,  
C=213, Hours=1937,  
Trash Weight=53,671,  
Total  
Pieces=170,739,HI5  
Recycled=20,869,  
#Bags=1080,Plastic=8  
6,681,Cigarette  
butts=14,056, pieces  
of fishing line=4736,  
Metal=25,502,  
Glass=12,677,  
Rubber= 1176,  
Processed  
lumber=11,705, Other  
10,358, Administration  
costs=\$21,677, Miles  
cleaned=1,080, Total  
time, travel, give  
away=\$166,770



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1 in 5 meals in Hawaii come from our near shore waters. Cigarette filters decay into a plastic powder, releasing the 3,500 chemical particles & 500 gasses including arsenic, vinyl chloride, acetone, mercury, lead, formaldehyde, nicotine & hydrogen cyanide. Littered cigarette butt chemicals in our streams, lakes, rivers & oceans are a significant threat to aquatic life