

**MAWSS SUPPORTS 29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL ALABAMA COASTAL CLEANUP**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2016**



**Mobile, Alabama:** Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the state's largest one-day volunteer event, returns for its 29<sup>th</sup> year on Saturday, September 17. Residents, visitors, individuals and organizations are invited to register to "get the trash out of the splash" by picking up trash littering Alabama coasts and waterways from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed on foot and on water.

"We always have great participation from volunteers who walk our beaches, parks and roadways and pick up trash," said Spencer Ryan, Executive Vice President of Alabama People Against A Littered State. "This year, we're also encouraging people to get in their kayaks, canoes and boats to collect trash that is hard to reach by foot."

In 2015, nearly 5,500 volunteers collected close to 47,900 pounds of trash from cleanup sites located from Gulf Shores to Dauphin Island. Since the first Alabama Coastal Cleanup in 1987, more than 1.5 million pounds of trash have been collected and disposed of properly.

Volunteers are needed at 30 different cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Event organizers provide a t-shirt and cleanup supplies to participants who collect trash. For more information or to contact a Cleanup Zone Captain, go to [www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com) or call (251) 928-9792. Keep up with us on Facebook at Alabama Coastal Cleanup.

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**About Alabama Coastal Cleanup:** The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is coordinated through the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (ADCNR) and the Alabama People Against A Littered State (AL PALS). It is part of the International Coastal Cleanup, an Ocean Conservancy effort to remove marine debris from coastal waters. Alabama joined this effort in 1987. The International Coastal Cleanup (ICC) is the largest single-day volunteer event for the marine environment.

### **Quick Information**

What: 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup

When: Saturday, September 17, 2016  
8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Where: 30 locations around Mobile, Baldwin & other Counties  
Go to: [www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com](http://www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com) to find a zone nearest you

### **Coastal Cleanup Participation Safety Tips**

Here are a few safety tips to help "*Get the Trash out of the Splash!*"

- Drink plenty of fluids.
- Bring sunscreen, a hat and wear comfortable shoes.
- An adult should supervise children at all times.
- Be careful near sand dunes and other fragile ecosystems.
- Please do not attempt to remove dangerous or heavy items yourself. Mark the location and report back to the Zone Captain.