



## BEACH CAPTAIN VOLUNTEER DESCRIPTION

- Job Title:** "Beach Captain" for Clean Ocean Action Beach Sweeps
- Supervisor:** Tavia Danch, COA Education Coordinator
- Goal:** Lead a local beach cleanup as part of statewide (and international) effort to stop ocean pollution. The data collected about debris at your local site will help spread the message about the dangers of litter in the marine environment. In 2011, more than 7,000 volunteers picked up 488, 284 pieces of debris at nearly 70 locations.
- Major Responsibilities:**
- ✓ Posting/distributing flyers locally and spreading word about the cleanup site
  - ✓ Assisting in the organization of the cleanup site with local officials and public works department
  - ✓ Instructing volunteers at cleanup site
  - ✓ Overseeing debris (trash and recyclables) collection and placement
  - ✓ Counting/tallying data from volunteers' data cards
- Time Commitments:**
- ✓ 2 Saturdays each year (in late April and late October) if possible
  - ✓ 8:30am-1pm on each Saturday in spring and fall (actual event is 9am-12:30pm)
  - ✓ 2 hours to post flyers in area/town of cleanup site one month prior to event(s)
  - ✓ 2 hours to compile data within one week after cleanup event(s)
  - ✓ Pre- and Post-Sweeps Beach Captain Information Sessions (2 hours each, evening)
- Qualifications:**
- ✓ Physical ability to walk the beach; some ability needed to lift medium size trash bags
  - ✓ Communication skills and ability to spread word about the Sweeps (post flyers, make phone calls, send emails)
  - ✓ Enthusiasm for the environment
  - ✓ Must be at least 18 years of age. If under age 18, a parent/guardian must be able to supervise throughout the Beach Sweeps.
- Training & Preparations:**
- No previous experience is necessary. Guidelines, tips, and assistance will be provided by Clean Ocean Action. Attendance at pre- and post-training sessions is strongly encouraged.
- Work Location:**
- Local ocean, lake, river, or stream shore as determined by Clean Ocean Action or chosen by Beach Captain.
- Benefits to the Volunteer:**
- ✓ Remove tons of debris that litters beaches and endangers marine life
  - ✓ Make a difference in your community
  - ✓ Being part of a statewide (international in the fall) event
  - ✓ Meet people who share goal to improve and protect the environment
  - ✓ Potential media coverage