

On June 6th, 2020, SeaKeepers hosted another Kayak Clean-up on the Miami River. 6 volunteers attended and removed about 10 pounds 424 pieces of trash from Seybold Canal, and the Miami River near Spring Garden. Most of the garbage found was plastic and foam pieces, plastic bottle caps, food wrappers, glass bottles, and plastic bottles. Each piece collected was recorded and categorized in the Clean Swell App, which can help determine which areas are most affected by marine debris, and which trash items are most problematic. Additionally, we had our first implementation of the SeaKeepers Kayak Cleanup Captains program, where volunteers in other communities lead a cleanup effort as well. We're happy to report that 7 volunteers got together and collected 35 pounds and 410 pieces of trash from Cooley's Landing in Fort Lauderdale. This makes for a total of 45 pounds and 834 pieces of trash and debris removed from South Florida waterways.

SeaKeepers hopes to continue the Kayak Clean-up project as a way to engage the community in keeping our waterways and marine ecosystem clean and free of life threatening plastic and debris, while also keeping safe in this time of COVID-19 when large group beach cleanups are limited. We look forward to expanding this program by not only making it a regular occurrence, but also calling to action all others in the community and other communities to also take to the water and do their part. Thank you to all of our volunteers!

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