

MARINE INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH FLORIDA ANNOUNCES TRASH TOTALS FROM THE 41ST ANNUAL BROWARD COUNTY WATERWAY CLEANUP

Fort Lauderdale, FL – The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and the Marine Industry Cares Foundation, organizers of the 41st Annual Broward County Waterway Cleanup, which was held on Saturday, March 3, 2018, announced the collection of 32 tons of trash from 31 sites around the County.

More than 1,250 volunteers on land and in 117 boats spent the morning collecting litter and debris during the County's largest and longest running environmental event, before celebrating at the Trash Bash volunteer thank you party held this year at the Lauderdale Small Boat Club.

"The Trash Bash is our way of thanking the hundreds of dedicated volunteers, some of whom have participated in the cleanup for decades," said Nicole Hoekstra, MIASF Events Coordinator. "The longer-serving volunteers are especially encouraged by all the middle school and high school student participants, and really enjoy seeing the creativity of entries in the art and essay scholarship contests," she added. MIASF distributed \$1,000 to the top two scholarship winners and hundreds more to runners up.

Sponsored by the Florida Inland Navigation District (F.I.N.D.), Broward County, North Springs Improvement District, National Save the Sea Turtle Foundation, Project Anodyne, JM Family Enterprises, and many more organizations, the annual event results in the recovery of typical items like tires, shopping carts, and lawn furniture, but this year included some unusual items, such as an air hockey table, a commode, and a sonar sounder.

"It's such a fun community day and we invite everyone to mark their calendars and join us again next year to clean up our waterways on March 2, 2019." said Hoekstra.