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Virtual Shamrock Splash raises \$50K for beaches' free program

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's Virtual Shamrock Splash took place, as its title says, virtual-ly only this year, but that didn't stop nearly 150 registered Splashers and nearly 750 participants and 28 teams from raising more than \$50,000 to support free beach programs from Nantasket to Nahant when the beaches open up later this year. Those beach activities are part of the Better Beaches program partnership with the state Department of Conservation and Recreation. Some teams and participants splashed to raise funds for their favorite beach, which will be supplemented by additional funds from Save the Harbor's Better Beaches program.

This year's totals by beach were:

South Boston – \$6,094

Quincy Wollaston Beach – \$5,225

East Boston Constitution Beach – \$4,845

Lynn and Nahant – \$4,710

Revere Beach – \$3,395 Winthrop – \$3,310 Hull

Nantasket Beach – \$2,735 Dorchester – \$2,490

Since Save the Harbor/Save the Bay began the Splash event during its 25th Anniversary celebration in 2011, thousands of splashers have raised more than \$1 million to support free beach events and programs in Hull, Quincy, South Boston, Dorchester, Lynn, Nahant, Revere, Winthrop, and East Boston.

To learn more about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay, visit their website at www.savetheharbor.org and follow them on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube.