Earth Day cleanup of water pulled in 1,600 pounds of trash

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More than 1,600 pounds of trash was removed from Marina del Rey waters Saturday, April 22nd, during the Earth Day 2000 On-the-Water Clean Up.

"We had about 250 volunteers picking up trash and 400 pounds of what we brought in was recyclable," said Carole Walsh, who helped organize the event for the Ocean Conservation Society.

Volunteers took to the water in kayaks and other small boats and hung over the boat docks, to drag the trash out of the water.

"Among things we found in the water were a toaster, a dead shark, a sunken rowboat and a big old four-by-four (piece of wood)," Walsh said Sunday.

The Ocean Conservation Society hopes to conduct a cleanup of Marina waters once every few months. Information on the next cleanup day, (310) 822-5205.