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Newsletter

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FROM THE HELM...

Greetings Crew!

Well, 2021 was a challenging year—for all of us. Dealing with the virus, personal and family medical issues, rehabilitations, online school, online jobs, etc, etc have all been stressful...and so it continues!

Throughout 2021, The Dolphin Project continued with Zoom trainings, welcoming some new members and conducting some surveys despite the virus and bad weather. Needless to say, TDP Education Outreach has suffered, although we managed a few lecture events both in person and via Zoom.

TDP has been impacted financially since we haven't been able to fund raise, participate in festivals and recruit as we did 'BC'...Before Covid. We're open to any ideas you may have to help us raise funds. Besides basic operational costs, we require additional funding for the Data Processing Program as described in the September 2021 newsletter.

Donations for Memorials are wonderful ways to honor those who have passed who cared about the environment. Honorariums are a unique way to recognize a special person or commemorate a special occasion such as an anniversary, birthday or holiday.

Adopt-A-Dolphin is always a great gift to give for any occasion—just because! ❤️ Valentine's Day ❤️ is coming up. Order your adoption or Honorarium ASAP!

Some of you may work for companies that offer a matching gift program for charities. Please think of us. Corporate Sponsorships are greatly appreciated. Contact Peach for more information.

We have some TDP dolphin statistics to share with you and gratitude to express to all you contributed to the research. We've also included the revised Event Sheet.

I'm looking forward to getting back together.

Sincerely, *Peach*

AHOY Skippers!!!

We have a list of members who would like to participate in TDP research surveys but we need skippers!!! If you are available to Skipper your boat for a survey, *please* sign up through our website as soon as possible. The survey dates are posted on the site: <https://thedolphinproject.org/calendar>.

2022 CALENDAR...

FEBRUARY

- 19 ZOOM **Training Workshop**
- 26 Research **SURVEY**

MARCH

- 12 ZOOM **Training Workshop**
- 26 Research **SURVEY**

APRIL

- 09 ZOOM **Training Workshop**
- 23 Research **SURVEY**

MAY

- 14 Research **SURVEY**
- 21 ZOOM **Training Workshop**

JUNE

- 11 Research **SURVEY**
- 25 ZOOM **Training Workshop**

JULY

- 09 Research **SURVEY**
- 16 ZOOM **Training Workshop**

AUGUST

- 06 Research **SURVEY**
- 20 ZOOM **Training Workshop**

SEPTEMBER

- 17 Research **SURVEY**
- 24 ZOOM **Training Workshop**

OCTOBER

- 1 GA-DNR Coastfest
- 14-16 Great Ogeechee Seafood Festival
- 22 Research **SURVEY**

NOVEMBER

- 05 Research **SURVEY**
- 19 ZOOM **Training Workshop**

DECEMBER

- 03 Richmond Hill Christmas Parade

2021 Richmond Hill Christmas Parade...

TDP participated in the Richmond Hill Christmas Parade on December 4, 2021. the theme this year was "Silver Bells, It's Christmas Time in the City". We decorated my boat with plush dolphins, pelicans, seagulls, a bubble machine and a large 'silver bell' on the bow. The frame was made for it by my neighbor, Robert. New member, Nicole Neininger, was in charge of ringing the bell as we traveled through the parade. Hub drove the truck, I managed the bubble machine in the back of the truck. The rest of the crew walked the route and handed out 'Protect Wild Dolphin' stickers to the kids watching the parade. Thanks to Robert, Hub, TDP Photographer-Donnissa Busch, TDP TL-John Scanlon, new members, Nicole, Mark & Jennifer Isaak-Harrington and potential member, Jordan Pritcher. We had great weather and lots of fun!



Bottlenose Boutique

TDP T-Shirts are now available on our website.

More items will be available soon.



2021 TDP Member Cookout...

TDP hosted a cookout for TDP members on Sunday afternoon, September 26th at an outdoor, riverside pavilion at Fort McAllister State Park. It was so great to see smiling faces again - some old friends, some new friends!!! It included a special celebration for Charlotte Keenoy's birthday, as well as her dedication and longevity in TDP. The picnic was fun and delicious, thanks to Ed, Susan, Dodie, Gary, Mary, Hub, Boyd and Jennifer. We hope to host another cookout in the Spring. Thanks to all who joined in the fun.



Ocean News...

Dolphin spots shark circling near scuba divers—amazingly tries to 'protect' them: https://m.theepochtimes.com/video-dolphin-spots-shark-circling-near-scuba-divers-amazingly-tries-to-protect-them_4034480.html

Spectacularly rare, enormous eagle shows up in North America, 5,000 miles from home: <https://www.sciencealert.com/spectacularly-rare-sea-eagle-spotted-a-thousand-miles-from-home-in-massachusetts>

Georgia on the Front Lines of Right Whale Survival: <https://www.ajc.com/news/georgia-on-the-front-lines-of-right-whale-survival/NEJAOPGM4ZEFJLSHVBNGWJ3QDE/>

Great Pacific Garbage Patch: [Nation's Largest Protected Marine Reserve Littered with Tons of Trash - Videos from The Weather Channel | weather.com](#)

Sea Pigs!?!?!?: [10 Facts About Sea Pigs \(treehugger.com\)](#)

Sand Dollars 101: [9 Fascinating Facts About Sand Dollars \(treehugger.com\)](#)

Not All Dolphins Get Along: [Bully Bottlenose Dolphins | Wild Caribbean | BBC Earth - YouTube](#)

TDP Dolphin Statistics...

YEAR	TOTAL DOLPHINS	ADULTS	JUVENILES	CALVES	NEONATES	TOTAL MONTHS	TOTAL BOATS	DIFFERENT ZONES
2017	534	449	32	36	17	11	31	18
2018	558	437	67	49	5	11	25	13
2019	366	305	35	23	3	6	18	11
2020	62	52	8	2		6	8	6
2021	117	88	23	6		5	7	6
5 yr TOTALS	1637					39	89	

Over the past 5 years, The Dolphin Project Photo ID Research Surveys have been impacted by storms, high winds, family issues, crew members moving, Covid, skippers selling their boats, members passing and Covid.

For this 5-year abundance count, subadults have been counted as adults and will be counted that way going forward for Photo-ID surveys on the updated Event Sheet which is now on our website. It's impossible to identify one dolphin or two dolphins together as subadults unless there are adults close by. Even then, it's only a guess; in which case, the number should be rounded up to adult.

The Dolphin Project is deeply indebted to our research crews, especially our Skippers: Peter Asmuth, Steve Bozovich, Tony D'Aguillo, Jim DeFelice, Nick Gosdin, Mike Gould, Carter Harvey, Peach Hubbard, Ed Johnson, Dave Mauk, Carl Miller, Joe Powers, Ron Sattelle, Boyd Stanley, Dan Walters, Tom Workman, Andrew Zeigler,

Many thanks to our crews: Joyce Albrecht, Dave Anderson, Bill Beardsley, Terry Beardsley, Jennifer Beaulieu, Jerry Berkman, Penny Berkman, Jaden Bozovich, Maureen Bozovich, Elaine Ceccacci, Joni Chastain, Mary Cirincione, Carlos Clyburn, Martha Cox, Scott Craig, Arlene D'Aguillo, Carol DeFelice, Linda DeGutis, Marci, Dougherty, Susan Edwards, Carl Ericsson, Jackie Estes, Peri Fowler, Brian Gilbert, Jim Godron & Sophie, Nathaniel Gosdin, Naomi Gosdin, Patty Gosdin, Ron Greco, Taylor Guilford, Kathy Harvey, Susan Hall, Shannon Hamed, Jennifer Isaak-Harrington, Susan Johnson, Michele Karnes, Charlotte Keenoy, Kat Kelsven, Cheryl Kenton, Stacey Kern, Tova King, Dodie Koch, Connie Marcy, James Moher, Maureen Morales, Nicole Neiningner, Jacquie Reis, Elize Robles, Gerry Sattelle, Whitney Saunders, John Scanlon, Betsy Shanley, Loree Scherck, Mel Schoychid, Myrtie Schoychid, Melissa Sellers, Catherine Simpson, Jennifer Stanley, Krystle Stewart, Daniela Tate, Renee Thornton, Kim Turner, Amy Nicole Wagner, Jack Walsh, Belinda Walters, Leslie Weichsel, Kristi White, Sandy Workman, Kate Young

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USE MILITARY TIME

DATE month day year

ZONE

BOAT NAME

PERIOD Period START

Period END

EVENT

continuous numbering throughout survey

CI Survey Traditional Survey

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Skipper	<input type="text"/>	Assistant TL	<input type="text"/>
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Event START Time	Event END Time	LONGITUDE: WEST	LATITUDE: NORTH
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TIDE	TIDE	SEA	SEA STATE	WEATHER	Weather
OH - Outgoing High	IH - Incoming High		0 = Glassy		C = Clear
OM - Outgoing Mid	IM - Incoming Mid		1 = <1ft 2 = 1-2 ft		P = Partly Cloudy
OL - Outgoing Low	IL - Incoming Low		3 = 2-3ft 4 = >3ft		O = Overcast
					F = Fog
					D = Drizzle
					R = Rain

WATER INFO: DEPTH FEET SALINITY PH TEMP CELSIUS

ADULT: 6' or more / **JUVENILE:** 4-5'; Stays w/ mother or similar size / **CALF:** 3-4'; Stays w/ mother / **NEONATE:** 3' or less; Dark skin; Light fetal folds; Soft fins.

Total dolphin number

Adults Juveniles Calves Neonates

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| <input type="checkbox"/> MILLING: non-directional movement | <input type="checkbox"/> FEEDING: fish in mouth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TRAVELING: heading in general direction | <input type="checkbox"/> PROBABLE FEED: fish splashing near dolphin, birds nearby, repetitive deep dives |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BREACH: leap out of water/land on side | <input type="checkbox"/> MUDDING-STRAND FEEDING: part or totally out of water-on mud bank - with fish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LEAP: jump out of water | <input type="checkbox"/> HERDING/HARDSTOP: rushing fish parallel to mudbank, abrupt stop & turn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SEX: Erect penis | <input type="checkbox"/> CIRCLING: Dolphins circling to corral fish in center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PROBABLE SEX: Rolling together | <input type="checkbox"/> KERPLUCKING/WHACKING: slapping tail to stun fish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> SPYHOP: pops up to look around | <input type="checkbox"/> BOAT INTERACTION: riding alongside; bow riding |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BEGGING: head out of water, mouth open, approaches boat | |

DOLPHIN DISTRESS: If seen towards boat, STOP sighting, LEAVE DOLPHINS

Tailslap Chuffing Jaw Clap

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OBSERVATIONS/ NOTES/ SKETCHES