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and receive no compensation for their services*

FROM THE HELM

Greetings Crew!

I have more news and info for you.

Reminders:

- **Skippers and crews needed for summer surveys.**
- **Volunteers needed to host TDP table at Boathouse Restaurant in HHI. (details in this newsletter)**
- **Invite your friends to the training on July 28th**
- **Book your dolphin programs NOW. We're scheduling for this fall and into 2013.**

Have a safe and wonderful summer!

Peach
TDP President

Donation from Kids!

The Wilmington Island Presbyterian Church Vacation Bible School had an ocean-themed week of activities. They invited The Dolphin Project to give dolphin programs to the attendees ranging in age from 3 to 12 year old. Cheryl Tilton and Peach Hubbard also hosted a display table at which donations were made to TDP –girls vs. boys. At the end of the week the total donation was **\$1091.00** to The Dolphin Project. TDP is most grateful to the generosity of these children and the co-chairs of the Bible School—Rhonda and Karen Martin Bazemore.



HHI display at the BOATHOUSE...

Chris Spargur of the Skull Creek Boathouse Restaurant would like to help promote the protection of dolphins and The Dolphin Project. He has arranged for us to have a table display at his restaurant this summer. We need your help to host the display. The busiest days at the restaurant are Thursday, Friday and Sunday. Tuesday and Wednesday are also good. The time for the display is from 5pm to 8/8:30pm.

HHI resident/ TDP member Pat McGuire has graciously offered to keep the display materials at her home for the convenience of those hosting and yours truly. It is a minimal display with the finboard game, brochures, donation box, signage, a plush baby dolphin and a simple laptop PowerPoint which runs continuously once started. Detailed instructions are included for the setup of the display. It's not difficult. I can also send you photos of the display and instructions prior to your shift so you'll have an idea of what the setup involves. If you can volunteer for an evening at the Boathouse, please email me: gadolphin@comcast.net The main purpose of this display is to educate the residents and tourists about the need to protect dolphins, how to protect them (MMPA), keep 50 yards away and the importance of not feeding them. Two people are required to host the table as Pat and I discovered the other day. While Pat was managing the finboard game, I had to corral an unsupervised toddler bent on ripping up our brochures!

On occasion we also receive donations and adoptions which also make the efforts worthwhile. For more info, email or call me: 912-657-3927 ~~~~Peach



Pat McGuire at Boathouse

Dolphin News..

WHO'S SMARTER?

Dolphins VS Chimps: Dolphins are more intelligent by far. Chimps long held the highest position at the top of animal intelligence, but there have been a few studies knocking that notion down. Chimps are generally perceived to be as smart as 3-year-old humans, but their descent from the top began with a 2007 study that ranked orangutans as smartest of the animals. Dolphins are beginning to get their due from researchers. A 2010 study placed dolphins as the second-most intelligent animal, second only to humans. Dolphins can recognize themselves in a mirror and inspect various parts of their bodies, and they can solve difficult problems while living in the wild and round up schools of fish with almost military-like precision. They're so intelligent, in fact, that one researcher, Thomas White, an ethics professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, says they deserve the same moral standing as humans. "The scientific research ... suggests that dolphins are 'non-human persons' who qualify for moral standing as individuals," he said.

CHECK OUT THE WEB FOR MORE INTERESTING INFO:

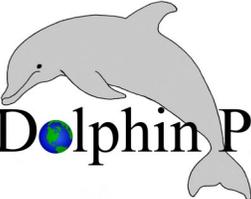
(DOLPHINS) SWITZERLAND — Two dolphins died at a Swiss marine park after eating a heroin substitute that ended up in their tank after a rave held at the park in November. Scientists determined the drugs affected the part of the brain that tells dolphins when to surface for air. How or if the park is going to be held responsible for the unfortunate dolphin deaths has not been said. Read on for more on this horrible incident. — Global Animal: <http://www.globalanimal.org/2012/05/10/dolphins-die-in-overdose/73984/>

(BABY DOLPHIN RESCUE) – A 7-day-old female La Plata river dolphin has been rescued on Uruguay's Punta Colorada beach. The baby dolphin was so young that the umbilical cord was still attached. Director Richard Tesore of the SOS Rescate de Fauna Marina rehabilitation center confirmed the dolphin was safely transported to their marine animal rescue center in Piriapolis.
<http://www.globalanimal.org/2011/10/18/exclusive-breaking-news-baby-dolphin-rescued-in-uruguay-gallery/55415/>

The TRUTH about dolphins in captivity....

"Cetaceans in Captivity: The Education Fallacy and the Modern Ark's Voyage to Apathetic Attitudes Concerning the Conservation of Cetaceans in the Wild"
<http://www.thedolphinproject.org/cetaceans%20in%20captivity.%20siddiqui.smm.pdf>

A Review of the Scientific Justifications for Maintaining Cetaceans in Captivity. By Sue Mayer, BSc BVSc PhD MRCVS
http://www.wdcs.org/submissions_bin/capmayerscijustifications.pdf

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