



# TURTLE TRACKS

## Newsletter — August 2007

**NEXT MEETING:** The next meeting will be held on **August 6, 2007** at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon at **7:30 p.m.** The Board of Director's meeting begins at 6:30 p.m. and all members are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

Dear Supporters of Our Marine Turtles:

The Save-A-Turtle meeting was held at the Turtle Hospital in Marathon on July 2. The board meeting was scheduled to start at 6:30 with the general meeting at 7:30. Since we had several board Members on vacation and did not have a quorum, we used the time to prepare for our August meeting.

We went on our summer guest schedule starting in July. At the July meeting we viewed a DVD titled "The Last Journey of the Leatherback". The DVD was very well done. In August we will be showing a DVD produced by Sea Turtles Forever. The DVD shows the work of their group in Costa Rica. You are all encouraged to join us for the **board meeting at 6:30 and the general meeting at 7:30 at the Turtle Hospital.**

I would like to remind the Beach Surveyors to keep in contact with your coordinators. Coordinators don't forget to update Pat Wells on your survey information. It is imperative for all the information we gather to be passed along.

Have a safe month and we hope to see you in August!

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A volunteer, non-Profit organization sponsored by the Florida Park Service and Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission  
**Membership/Jensen Contribution/Adoption Form**

Please enroll me (or renew my membership) as a member of Save-A-Turtle, Inc. **\$10.00 per person/yr**  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State and Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to adopt \_\_\_\_\_ baby sea turtle(s) at \$ \_\_\_\_\_ each.  
Name of adoptive Parent \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name(s) of Turtles \_\_\_\_\_

**Adoption fees (please circle choice):**

Single \$10.00   Twins \$20.00   Triplets \$25.00   Quads \$30.00   Quints \$35.00   Nest \$100.00

*Adoption includes certificate with your name, adopted turtle's name, and a photograph of your baby sea turtle. Adoption is symbolic and in no way implies ownership of a sea turtle. Please allow 2-4 weeks for delivery.*

The Robert Jensen Endowment Trust Fund is a living endowment dedicated to sea turtle conservation in the Florida Keys. The endowment principle is held in trust and the income generated will support our ongoing program commitment. Contributions, donations and legacies are accepted. Consider a gift that keeps on giving. For more information on the trust fund, visit our web site at [www.save-a-turtle.org](http://www.save-a-turtle.org).

Please accept my contribution to the Robert Jensen Endowment Trust Fund in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Not-So-Hotline**

In this day of e-mail and internet, our telephone hotline was falling into disuse and had received no calls in many months. The Board of Directors decided that the money could be better spent, and so the number has been disconnected.

As always, if you find a sick, injured, or dead sea turtle you should call the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission at 888-404-FWCC. If you would like to contact us, President Sears has provided her e-mail address on the reverse side of this letter, and our mailing address appears there as well. For other contact options see phone numbers below or you can visit our web page at [www.save-a-turtle.org](http://www.save-a-turtle.org).

**Who's Who**

***New Members***

Please help us welcome our newest member!  
Judy Scott of Key Largo, FL.

***Donations***

Richard Johnson of Kenosha, WI (Jensen Endowment Trust)  
Capt. Larry Parks of New Port Richey, FL  
Randy & Cindy Pruett of Shreveport, LA

Thanks to all for their generous support of our programs!

**NESTING NUMBERS**

Here are the latest nest counts of surveyors who've reported in:

Sea Oats Beach has 7 crawls or nests. The first nest hatched there on July 10 and all made it to the water safely!

Long Beach has 5 crawls or nests.

Bahia Honda State Park has a total of 37 crawls, and at least 10 of those are nests.

Key West National Wildlife Refuge is "hoppin" with green turtle nests. Only a few loggerheads this year.

Smather's Beach has had 12 crawls, 9 of them nests. This is very exciting news for Key West since it had no nesting activity for many years. However, it does mean a lot of lost sleep for Russ Draper and his crew due to perennial lighting problems in the City. Hatchlings are almost guaranteed to disorient there from ambient lighting alone, so Russ and the gang check the nests late at night when they're due to hatch. Their first nest hatched on July 9, with surveyors on hand from start to finish. The second nest was surveyed on July 21, with 128 hatchlings emerging. Unfortunately, street lighting from US1 caused some disorientation at this nest, with 8 confirmed dead. The next nest is due to hatch soon, so more late-night walks are in the works.

Thanks to all of our beach surveyors and coordinators for your continued dedication. We love ya and the turtles do too!

**Need a Telephone Number?**

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Fl Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission  
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