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CELEBRATE REEF MONTH AT THE COASTAL CENTER



BATHTUB BEACH & ITS UNIQUE REEF SYSTEM

Bathtub Beach is home to a reef system called the Sabellariid Worm Reef. Sabellariid worms are about 1 inch long and group in clusters of 50,000 per sq. meter. They create their homes from pieces of sand, and during high tides the worms move to the tops of their tubes to feed. During low tides, the worms stay inside their homes. This reef is home to many different marine animals and plants. It's important to remember to never step on the worm reef. Stepping on the reef can trap the animal inside or even crush their tube. We are lucky to have such a unique reef so close to our homes!



August 5: 1/2 Price Admission and World Oyster Day

Enjoy half price admission to the Coastal Center in celebration of World Oyster Day! Learn more about our FLOOR program and oyster reef conservation efforts during your visit.



Join us every Thursday night at Mulligan's in Stuart

Stop by Mulligan's Beach House restaurant in Stuart every Thursday evening in August from 5-8 pm to support Florida Oceanographic! Each night will feature family-friendly activities like face painting, crafts and raffles. 10% of sales will benefit Florida Oceanographic!

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

New Volunteer Information Session: August 14 at 10:30 am

August 5: Seagrass Matting

Help us weave seagrass mats that will be used to restore seagrass meadows in the Indian River Lagoon. This project is an integral part of our FOSTER program. No experience is needed. Takes place at the Coastal Center from 9:30-11:30 am. **You must RSVP online at FloridaOcean.org to participate in this event.**



August 21: Seagrass Survey

Spend the morning underwater collecting data with our research team and help us document short and long term trends in seagrass health! Takes place at the Coastal Center from 9 am-12pm. Snorkeling experience required. **You must RSVP online at FloridaOcean.org to participate in this event.**

August 29: Oyster Shell Bagging

Take part in our oyster restoration efforts with the FLOOR program from 9-11 am on Thursday, August 29. Help us to move and bag oyster shell that will be deployed into the Indian River Lagoon. **You must RSVP online at FloridaOcean.org to participate in this event.**



IN CASE YOU MISSED IT:

On July 20, Florida Oceanographic celebrated 55 years of education, research and advocacy! We are so proud of how far we've come with our research and conservation programs while promoting awareness of our local waterways and the wildlife that calls them home. Check out our blog on FloridaOcean.org to take a look at photos from the past and to read more about our exciting plans for the future.

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