

## April 2014

Hey Team,

Dive Office has your April Update here:

First off be sure to welcome our new Dive Volunteers if you see them:

Charles Fosler - Fridays

Stuart Hope - Mondays

Robin Canfield – Mondays

Stuart is also Sallie Miller's Intern on Fridays. You'll probably run into him a lot during the summer.

### Dive Shows

- We're back to 3 Dive Shows a day starting **Memorial Week** (May 25<sup>th</sup>) and on till end of summer. Education is planning "Themed" shows for when we step back up to 3 shows/day. I'll give you an update when I hear more.  
Don't forget, we're also on 3 shows temporarily when the Mermaids are here.

### GOT News

- Feeds are looking excellent! Great job everyone for helping to improve the process. We're keeping most of the Cobias and larger Jacks away from the front window and distributing food pretty evenly.

### Gear News

- We've added hanging racks to most of the Staff locker doors. Feel free to make use of them to hang your jackets, towels, etc .
- Guardians: With the way they are hung now, water tends to accumulate near the microphone. Please take an extra minute to help drain any water before hanging them for the day. Let us know if any mics seem off-quality. And if you have any ideas for how we can better hang the masks, please share with us.

### Aquarium News

- Two of our Sea Turtles, Miss Royal and Nud, were released from our Hospital on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Due to the cold (below 60F) water offshore, they were transported approximately 50miles towards the Gulf Stream and released in 70F waters. Both were swimming away happily.

Because sea turtles are cold blooded, they need waters that are around 70F or warmer to thrive.

Check out the news link below

<http://www.live5news.com/story/25154927/sc-aquarium-releases-two-sea-turtles-back-into-ocean>

A few excerpts from the Sea Turtle Hospital:

- *Miss Royal, a 215-pound female loggerhead sea turtle was picked up by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources research vessel the Lady Lisa, off of Beaufort County. Miss Royal was found with a propeller wound to the right side of her carapace (shell) extending through her right rear flipper. The wounds were flushed and treated and the badly damaged portion of the flipper was successfully removed. After 10 months of expert care and a healthy diet, Miss Royal was cleared for release.*
- *Nud, a 71-pound juvenile loggerhead sea turtle was found stranded on DeBordieu Beach suffering from a severe skin infection that caused a decline in health. Treatment included fluids, vitamin and antibiotic injections, as well*

as topical antibiotics and antifungal cream for the skin. Nud also received laser treatment to help accelerate the healing process. Nud spent 10 months in the care of Sea Turtle Hospital Staff and recently received a clean bill of health.

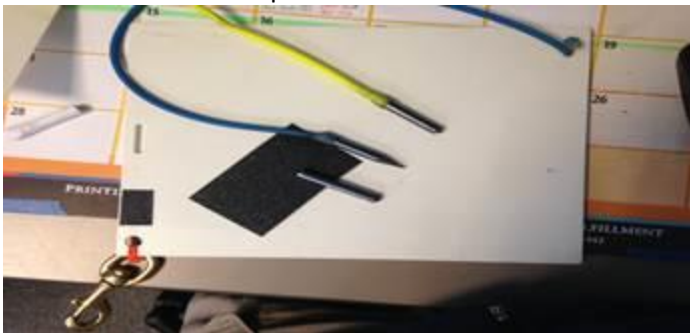
## **Fun Stuff**

- Still organizing Sea Turtle Hospital Tours for anyone interested. Send me an email or grab me if your team wants a small break from dive world.
- Did anyone know you can get into the 4D Theater? On days you volunteer just stop by the Welcome Window, let them know you're a volunteer, pick up a ticket, and enjoy the show. The 4D Theater consists of a 3D movie and platform seats that move with the scene. Sort of a fun interactive ride. We're now hosting only one show called Prehistoric Sea Monsters, that lasts 13mins long and runs every 20mins. Might be a fun experience you can share to any kids you meet behind the scenes.



Thur dive team@ a 4-D show: Carrie, Ken, Sue, Sandrine, Lori

- I recently customized a couple slates for training uses and wanted to share some advice that has helped me. If you've ever used a slate and had your pencil break or worse, had the graphite fall out, this little fix goes a long way; and it's cheap!  
What you need to do is replace your wooden golf pencil with an All Graphite Pencil; you can find one at your local art store. Look for a hardness of either **4B** or **6B** as those are the easiest to work with. You can usually make three out of one long one.  
To sharpen, stick a small patch of Skateboard Grip Tape on your slate and file away. The grip tape is abrasive and will allow you to shape a point at the end of your pencil.  
You can usually get free scraps from any skate shop if you ask nicely. It's simple, effective, and it's cheaper than those mechanical UW pencils.



That's all for now. Be sure to spread the word that Mermaids are coming to the aquarium, April 12-20<sup>th</sup>!

Cheers,  
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