



VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH:

I want to thank David Zelinski for his hard work on installing the transmitter and antenna for our low power radio project. With his help, and those of other volunteers, we are nearing our goal of being on the air before summer starts. The goal is to teach people about the rich local history, wildlife, flora, fauna, wetland ecology, beach safety, and other related topics. Next time you drive out to Powderhorn, tune into 1610 AM. Currently we are broadcasting a test signal of music, which will soon be replaced with our first few scripts.

ADOPT-A-BEACH

Thanks to all the volunteers that joined the 23rd Annual cleanup sponsored by the Texas General Land Office. Magnolia Beach had approximately 150 volunteers and collected over 11,000 pounds of trash. Kingfisher Beach in Port O'Connor had over 80 volunteers according to the Victoria Advocate. The Bayfront cleanup in Port Lavaca was too windy for the kayaks, but approximately 200 pounds of trash was picked up on shore in the boat ramp area.

Marine debris doesn't fall from the sky, it falls from human hands—and human hands have the power to stop it. Picking up trash during such events is not the whole answer, but it is a start. And working together, we can change behaviors that lead to trash in the ocean.



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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!



ALLIGATORS

Alligators differ from crocodiles principally in having wider and shorter heads, with more obtuse snouts; in having the fourth, enlarged tooth of the under jaw received, not into an external notch, but into a pit formed for it within the upper one; in lacking a jagged fringe which appears on the hind legs and feet of the crocodile; in having the toes of the hind feet webbed not more than half way to the tips; and an intolerance to salinity, alligators strongly preferring fresh water, while crocodiles can tolerate salt water due to specialized glands for filtering out salt. In general, crocodiles tend to be more dangerous to humans than alligators.
<http://dic.academic.ru/dic.nsf/enwiki/455>

PICANTE FILLETS

- 1½ lbs. skinless fish fillets
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 jar (32 ounces) picante sauce

Cut fish into serving-sized portions. Rub oil on each side of fish. Heat remaining oil in a non-stick skillet. Cook fish on each side for two minutes. Pour picante sauce over fish and simmer for five minutes. Serve with tortilla chips. Makes four servings.

SPOTLIGHT ON THE SEADRIFT SAIL AND YACHT CLUB

The Seadrift Sail and Yacht Club is open to individuals and families without restriction. The club was organized to encourage yachting and handling of small boats of all types. The club provides members with a place to meet fellow boaters for the exchange of ideas and development of common interests. The social activities encourage intellectual contact among its members and those of other associations devoted to similar boating pursuits. The club strives to help members qualify for participation in various sailing and yachting association activities and to promote boater safety. Check out their website: <http://www.ssandyc.com/>

CHANGING BEHAVIORS THAT CAUSE MARINE DEBRIS

Stopping the flow of trash in the ocean is difficult in part because changing human behavior is so difficult. But the right approach can make a difference: On a Florida fishing pier, a program launched by Ocean Conservancy and its partners is successfully changing actions that cause great harm to wildlife: Fishers are now recycling used fishing line instead of discarding it where it can get into the water and kill marine animals. Volunteers talk directly with them to explain the dangers and the option of recycling; collection bins on the pier make recycling easy. No single silver bullet can end the marine debris problem, but programs like this one offer hope. They can be replicated in many locations, rippling out across the globe to change the behaviors that put trash in the water.



http://www.oceanconservancy.org/pdf/A_Rising_Tide_full_lowres.pdf
page 17.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The workshop for boaters will be held at the Fairgrounds' Ag Building on Saturday, May 16th from 0830—1130. Information will be presented to help you make informed decisions about how to secure your vessel in the event of a tropical storm or hurricane striking Matagorda Bay this season. Learn your responsibilities and options. Call 361-552-9747 to R.S.V.P. so we can have enough materials available.

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