

Chesapeake Bay Stewards **E-Newsletter July 2017**



Our Mission

The mission of the Chesapeake Bay Trust is to promote public awareness and participation in the restoration and protection of the water quality and aquatic and land resources of the Chesapeake Bay region and other aquatic and land resources of the State. The Trust will engage residents of the region in programs that lead to actions that measurably improve local communities and increase

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Come help with the Great Turtle Lift of 2017! Since mid-May over 40 volunteers have been helping to relocate turtles from the pond at Harbour Center in Annapolis. South River Federation and the Terrapin Institute are catching, marking, and relocating these turtles because the pond will be under construction until the fall, when the turtles will be returned. To learn more and to get involved, check out the Federation's coverage of this project!

It's time to get your camera out! The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is accepting entries for its annual photo contest now through Aug. 31, 2017. Photographers – from novice to professional – can enter online or by mail for the chance to win cash and other prizes. Click here for more information.

Wicomico County Public School teachers are participating in the Summer Institute this week. This 5 day program, sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, helps these teachers gain hands-on environmental lessons that they can then use with their students in the classroom. Highlights include, trawling, canoeing, and learning about the history of the region. You can find out more about this trip and the programs the Foundation offers here.

Looking for something fun to do? Head to Monie Bay in **Somerset County!** This large nature reserve is an amazing place to explore through kayaking, fishing, and hiking. Be sure to check out the 9-mile trail that leads through gorgeous tidal creeks and salt marshes!

The Lynnhaven River in Virginia is home to a substantial population of osprey. Once on the brink of extinction, these "fish hawks" have made an incredible comeback over the last several years due to improved habitats, the banning of DDT and other factors. The Chesapeake Bay region holds the highest concentration of osprey in the world!

Dolphin sightings in the Bay! Keep an eye out for <u>dolphins</u> when you are out on the water or near the water this summer. There have been dozens of sightings so far and some experts estimate there are around 1,000 of these marine mammals present in the Bay. These experts are asking for the public's help in reporting any sightings. If you see dolphins you can report it here.

What Pennsylvania Farmers Have to do With Chesapeake Bay Rockfish: Residents of Maryland and Virginia are not the only ones with a stake in the Bay. The 64,000 square mile watershed is made up of 6 states and the District of Columbia, and each one plays a critical part in the health of the Bay. Check out this article for more on the important role that Pennsylvania plays.

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