SEA TURTLE REPORT

# More Nests Recorded on Marco

**By Maria Lamb**

Looking at the sea turtle activity as compiled by Collier County, it looks like a banner year for the 2025 sea turtle season. The County recorded 24% more total nests this year. Likewise this year, Marco's beach had 22% more total nests. Hatched nests were up as well. Collier County recorded 132% more versus Marco's 108% more hatched nests.



Photo by Tonya Long, FWC

**According to Collier County sea turtle activity, Loggerhead hatched nests are up this year!**

## Sea Turtle Activity Update September 9 - 15, 2025

| Beach | Nests | | False Crawls | | Hatched Nests | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | This Year | Last Year | This Year | Last Year | This Year | Last Year | Disoriented |
| Barefoot | 300 | 222 | 280 | 187 | 248 | 107 | 35 |
| Delnor Wiggins | 65 | 55 | 99 | 75 | 61 | 21 | 0 |
| Vanderbilt | 274 | 221 | 205 | 199 | 233 | 119 | 37 |
| Parkshore | 217 | 213 | 272 | 188 | 182 | 77 | 54 |
| City of Naples | 268 | 244 | 224 | 277 | 225 | 71 | 54 |
| Keewaydin Island | 556 | 421 | 736 | 658 | 433 | 182 | 0 |
| Sea Oat & Cannon Island | 19 | 10 | 24 | 17 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Marco Island | 118 | 97 | 310 | 231 | 77 | 37 | 13 |
| Kice & Cape Romano | 188 | 135 | 216 | 190 | 62 | 34 | 0 |
| 10,000 Islands | 155 | 129 | 171 | 134 | 109 | 59 | 0 |
| Collier County Totals | 2160 | 1747 | 2537 | 2156 | 1641 | 707 | 193 |

To report dead, injured or disoriented sea turtles on Marco call 239-289-9736 or 239-289-9687

# Happy Hour for Hope – You are Invited!

**By Maureen Chodaba**

Mark your calendars now! The next Happy Hour for Hope is September 29, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Marco Island Brewery and YOU are invited! Come enjoy complimentary appetizers, happy hour drink prices, and the musical sounds of Konstantino "Konnie" Papoulidis, all for a suggested donation of just $20. This fun gathering will raise funds for Meals of Hope, a 501 c3 nonprofit organization with a mission to eliminate hunger in Collier County. Meals of Hope Marco Island is a combined effort of Sunrise Rotary, Noontime Rotary, and the Kiwanis Club.

Neil "Capt. Happy" Snyder, along with our happy team of Rotarians and Kiwanians, urge you to attend, as Happy Hours for Hope are crucial to the success of Meals of Hope. These monthly events raise funds to purchase raw food materials for the upcoming packaging event Saturday, November 8, 2025, at the Marco Island Charter Middle School. This year, we need to raise $60,000 to pack 200,000 meals. Food packages are distributed throughout Collier County by its accredited food bank partners free of charge to recipients in need. Meals of Hope Marco Island is supported by donations and by Friends of Hope, a group of generous individuals and businesses who have made substantial financial contributions to the cause. We thank our 2025 Friends of Hope: Erik Cond-ee-Condee Electric and Cooling, Tom Mann-All Event Party Rental, Donna Dubey, Deb Henry, Barbara Kaumann, John McGonigle, Tom Menaker, William G. Morris, Dennis and Joan Pidherny, Susan Purvis, Jim and Allyson Richards, Arne and Jill Sandberg, Alan and Linda Sandlin, Pam Shniper, Gwyn Steiner, Robert and Catherine Thomas, and Bonita Schwan.

Don't forget – a 50-50 drawing will add to the fun and funds, so please join us Monday, September 29, 5:00 – 7:00 PM at the Marco Island Brewery, 1089 N. Collier Blvd., Marco Island. Let's get together for a worthy cause!

To learn more about Meals of Hope Marco Island, please visit www.mohmi.org or contact us at marcomealsofhope@gmail.com




Submitted Photo

**Music by Konnie Papoulidis will be the featured entertainment and the September 29 Happy Hour for Hope.**

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