SEA TURTLE REPORT



Thanks to Brandon Bahr and his team from Marco Island Water Sports and all the volunteers. More than 60 pounds of trash were collected. Photos by Maria Lamb

June Beach News

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Marco's South Beach saw a steady flow of beach visitors with many tents/umbrellas already set up around 9:00 AM on a Saturday morning.



Beach and Coastal Advisory Committee board member Mark Morze with daughters Stella and Amelia.

Brandon Bahr of Marco Island Water Sports led a group of volunteers for the monthly beach cleanup on Saturday, June 14. Bahr also invited friend and colleague Richard Reisinger of the Regency Watersports, along with David Martella, General Manager of the Charter Club of Marco Beach. Thanks to all the 30 volunteers, 60 pounds of trash were collected.

The Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee (BACR) also took this time to recognize Marco Island Water Sports for their annual sponsorship of a beach cleanup since 2011. A Recognition Certificate was presented to Bahr, who added that they have been on the beach providing water sports adventures since 1981. His father, Mark Bahr, is the son of a very prominent Deltona Executive, Neil Bahr, often referred to as the "fourth Mackle Brother." It was Mark Bahr who first started Marco Island Water Sports, which catered to luxury hotels that included the Marriott Beach Resort and the Ritz-Carlton Beach Resort in Naples. Currently, Brandon Bahr and Marco Island Water Sports offer 10,000 Island Guided WaveRunner Tours and rentals, Catamaran Eco-cruises, and serve beach visitors as well as three major hotels, such as JW Marriott, Marco Island Hilton, and Marriott's Crystal Shores. In 2019, Marco Island Water Sports joined the Hoffman Family of Companies.

Richard Reisinger and his brother Paul have been operating the Regency Watersports on Marco Island since 1998. Richard was on the beach helping out with the beach cleanup, adding to the historical presence of two prominent watersports companies. Between Marco Island Watersports (31 years) and Regency Watersports (27 years), now both under the Hoffman Family of Companies, they represent 58 years of experience on the beach.

Once again, straws, both plastic and compostable, made up the top items collected from Marco's central beach. Cigarette butts were plentiful around the concrete benches on South Beach and outside the condo boardwalks and the third top item plastic food wrappers of all sizes.

Do Your Part, Let's Keep it Dark:

Here are helpful tips from Marco Island Code Enforcement:

DO NOT use flashlights, mobile phone lights, flash photography, lanterns, and any other light source on the beach after 9:00 PM during sea turtle nesting season (May 1 – October 31).

DO NOT leave exterior building lights on that are visible from the beach after 9:00 PM.

DO NOT leave litter and trash on the beach.

DO NOT leave beach chairs, tents, or equipment on the beach after 9:00 PM.

Rules are strictly enforced by the City, County, and State Law Enforcement Officers. If you see a violation, please call Marco Island Code Enforcement at 239-389-5060.

Sea Turtle Activity Update May 27 - June 2, 2025

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	158	117	160	109	0	0	0
Delnor Wiggins	45	35	55	32	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	156	138	117	124	0	0	0
Parkshore	130	106	169	94	0	0	0
City of Naples	134	137	137	185	0	0	0
Keewaydin Is.	296	226	415	385	0	0	0
Sea Oat Island	7	6	6	7	0	0	0
Marco Island	44	49	156	141	0	0	0
Kice and Cape Romano	79	58	98	114	0	0	0
10,000 Islands	77	70	83	81	0	0	0
Collier County Totals	1126	942	1396	1272	0	0	0

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



Anthony Filippini is a local resident and daily morning beach walker who is always picking up litter. Thanks for keeping the beach pristine year-round, Anthony!



Peter and Nancy Cleary try to attend all the beach cleanups. They brought along a special gift from their daughter - a very fancy beach grabber!



Brandon Bahr (far right in green shirt) and Marco Island Water Sports were presented with a Recognition Certificate by the Beach and Coastal Resources Advisory Committee for over ten years of beach cleanup sponsorship.