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WOW, already into August...the summer is flying by. We are still busy sitting nests and still searching for turtle tracks. Sea Turtle season lasts thru the Fall months, but our walkers usually stop their daily walk/search the last day of August. Since nests take 55-70 days to hatch, we'll still have nests to watch into September and October.

Introducing: Emmie, the new mascot for the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Patrol!
Now that she's made her debut, expect to see her around town! She loves to meet people and slap flippers with fans!

We're not sure WHAT nest sitting will look like this year due to COVID 19 concerns and issues. However, you can certainly keep up to date in several places.

- We have a Facebook page : Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Patrol. In order to protect the sea turtles, we will not ever post where nests are laid, nor will we ever post information about nest hatchings until after the event has happened, we will however post info that will be helpful in keeping up with the turtle's summer.
- We are proud of our webpage at: eiseaturtlepatrol.org. We encourage you to check it out if you haven't already visited it. We try to keep it updated with new information, book titles, nest hatching statistics etc.

The Facebook page and the website will reflect changes in our COVID 19 response as they happen, so please keep checking back!

We are always reminding beach visitors to "Leave Nothing Behind But Your Footprints". This hatchling got caught up in some netting on the beach here in Emerald Isle several summers ago. The hatchlings are, at the very least, on Protected Specie lists and EI is a Sea Turtle Sanctuary. We always hate to come upon situations like this!!! Please, we need your help to protect them all.

A reminder that the sea turtles and hatchlings need LIGHTS OUT on the ocean front properties all the way through October 31. As hatchlings emerge from their nest they could get confused by the lights and head toward the lights on the house instead of towards the ocean!!! This could be disastrous for these small creatures.

At nests we are often asked by visitors about buying our t-shirts. Our Board heard you and listened!!! This year, anyone can buy one of the Visitor T-shirts. Again, refer to our website for information about t-shirt sales and availability.