

Who Are All These New People in the Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Patrol?

We will be saying goodbye to long term Sea Turtle Patrol members Emilie and Bernie Zucker. We appreciate the time and energy they devoted to the program over the many years they volunteered. We wish them much happiness as they relocate and start a new adventure. I expect we will still see them around a nest from time to time this summer!

With the departure of the Zuckers, the 2018 Sea Turtle Patrol season is undergoing lots of changes this year and you will be seeing many new faces in old positions! The faces may change, but our love and passion for saving sea turtles is still the same, and as strong as ever!!! Additionally, we are proud to have officially become a non-profit organization. The Board members are as follows; President: Dale Baquer, Secretary: Sharon Lewis, At Large Board Members: Heather Keever and Don Wells. Tom Stuart is the Treasurer.

We welcome a new Coordinator and Co-Coordinator this season. Dale Baquer is our new Coordinator. She can be reached at 252-646-8292. Ruthie Gomez-Stuart will be Dale's Co Coordinator. Ruthie will be manning the EISTP email account. The public is invited to submit questions and comments to: EISeaTurtlePatrol@gmail.com.

Nest Response Team members are the volunteers who report to the beach when there are signs found that indicate a female turtle has come onto the beach. The NRT members help locate the nest and record important information for each nest. Marsha Horner, Gary and April Hardee served last year, and will return this year on the Nest Response Team.

Joining them this year will be Cheryl Balthorp, Heather Keever and Jess Lasley. All 3 of these women have been involved in the Sea Turtle Patrol program for a while. They will start the season as Trainees, but expect to see them as trained Nest Response Team members in short order!

Wanda Verreault has built, and will be webmaster for, the soon to be live Emerald Isle Sea Turtle Patrol web page (April 1st). Look for more information next week!

Valerie Rohrig was asked to take on the job of Public Outreach and Photography for the program this year. Any questions, comments, story suggestions, or photo submissions can be made on our webpage.

Interested in joining the Sea Turtle Patrol? Join us April 14 from 10am- 1:00pm at the EI Community Center Gym.