

Survivors from A/1

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So, on Marco’s beach protected sea turtle hatchlings are disoriented (causing irreparable and irreversible harm), and vulnerable shark species are being caught legally for sport and profit. Some shark fishing may be legal, but sea turtle lighting ordinances should still apply.



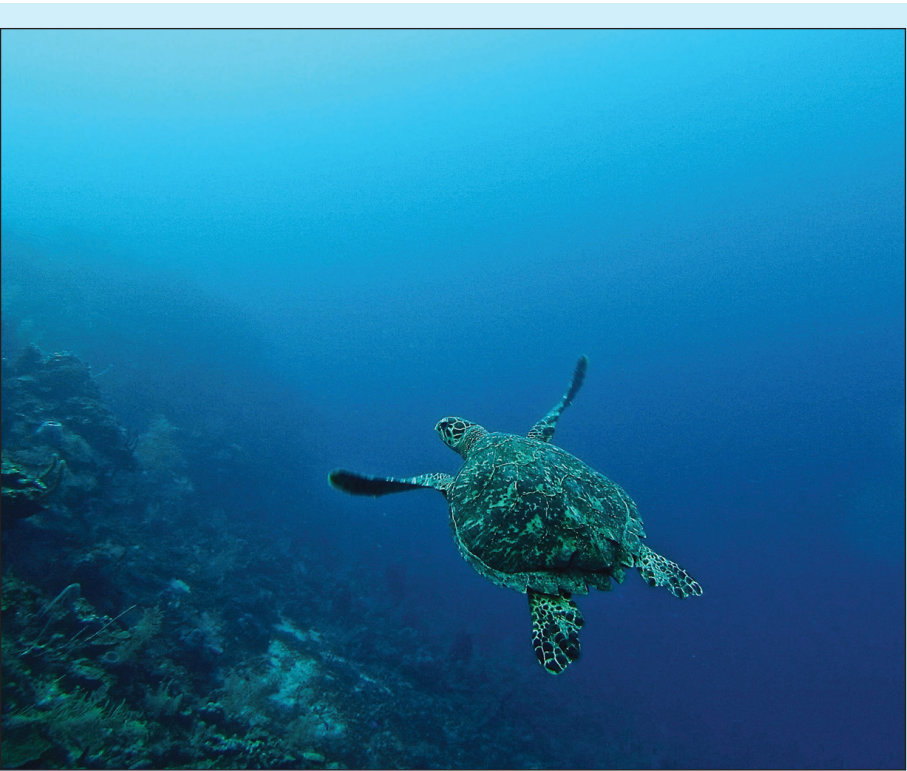
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Lights out Marco Island! Instead, shark fishing is busier than ever on South Beach, where landing a hammerhead for sport, profit, and a photo op under bright lights was posted on social media. Participants’ faces have been removed from photo.



Submitted Photo

This dead hammerhead shark washed up on South Beach (by the Cape Marco seawall). According to FWC, “It is unlawful to harvest, possess, land, purchase, sell or exchange this species commercially or recreationally in state waters of Florida as they are included on the state prohibited species list. However, this species is still taken in federal waters. Considered to be dangerous, ranking seventh in unprovoked bites in humans.”



Sea Turtle Activity Update July 2 - 8, 2024

Beach	Nests		False Crawls		Hatched Nests		
	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	This Year	Last Year	Disoriented
Barefoot	190	203	163	428	15	7	5
Delnor Wiggins	47	48	63	123	0	0	0
Vanderbilt	201	282	181	386	10	18	0
Parkshore	176	172	155	330	4	1	0
City of Naples	216	267	250	334	4	6	0
Keewaydin Is.	353	411	554	763	5	7	0
Sea Oat Island	9	24	17	71	0	0	0
Marco Island	85	99	214	361	2	0	2
Kice and Cape Romano	107	130	161	239	2	0	0
10,000 Islands	108	93	123	139	8	3	0
Collier County Totals	1492	1729	1881	3174	50	42	8

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



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