

# The Dolphin Gazette



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This issue of *The Dolphin Gazette* is shorter and with a few general updates. Data analyses are proceeding very well. We have a colleague in the United Kingdom who is digitizing the click detector data from this past season at Mikura Island. Mai Sakai, doctoral student at the Tokyo Institute of Technology, will be visiting Kathleen for the month of February to collaborate on our pectoral fin rubbing/function study. We have processed all past data (from spotted and bottlenose dolphins) for this study. In short, we are looking at how dolphins use their pectoral fins to exchange touches and rubs. We are writing a manuscript from this data and will post the reference to DCP's web site when it is available. We will also paraphrase the data and results to our members and mailing list in the spring issue of the *Dolphin Gazette*.

There are two other items that we'd like to share with you. The first relates to a new field project that we are beginning in September and October of 2003. We will coordinate with the Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences on Anthony's Key Resort to study a group of bottlenose dolphins. We will observe these 18 dolphins using the same protocol and methodology as we do the Bahamas' spotted dolphins and bottlenose dolphins at Mikura Island. This will allow us to conduct a comprehensive study of captive and wild dolphin behavior and directly compare data gathered from both settings. The study of dolphin behavior from underwater is only about 20 years old and no study has directly compared captive and wild dolphin behavior. This is a great opportunity to find what similarities and differences exist between both locations. And, we can apply findings and results to learning more about dolphin social lives and making the best environment for them. In support of our study on bottlenose dolphins at RIMS, we are offering three

ecotours for participants to assist with our observations and data collection. In addition to observing and recording dolphin behavior and sounds, participants will be introduced to data processing and analyses. I am really excited to be able to share all facets of my studies and research with participants this coming year.

The second piece of new information relates to a major move. In December 2002, I joined the team at the Mystic Aquarium/Institute for Exploration (MA/IFE) in Mystic, Connecticut. I became a Scientist-In-Residence. What this means is that I will continue my research programs (even developing new projects as with the RIMS program), but work with an excellent team of educators at MA/IFE to create and expand after-school and outreach opportunities. I will also work with MA/IFE folks to continue our search for funding. The very neat new Immersion Institute at MA/IFE provides interactive internet programs for folks of all ages to learn and have fun at the same time. I will also be working with colleagues at MA/IFE on development of new interactive programs for the Immersion Institute.

If you read the paragraph above accurately, you are probably wondering ... "Mystic is in Connecticut and DCP and Kathleen are currently in California!" Well, in March, DCP's office is moving with Kathleen to the East Coast, to Mystic, Connecticut. I have included the address change below. DCP will continue to produce our newsletter and share our results with members and other interested folks. Our web site will remain the same. This move is official on **30 March 2003!** We will keep you posted with updates on the web site.

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# Wilderness Education Program



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We are continuing our work with the Wilderness Education Program. This spring, we plan to offer programs for kids in the Cabrillo Village Area - at risk kids who will be introduced to the environment and nature programs with WEP and DCP. For more information on these and other education programs, check out WEP's and DCP's web sites.

## 2003 Ecotour Updates

DCP is offering ecotours to Anthony's Key Resort where we will be setting up a new study on a group of bottlenose dolphins at the Roatan Institute for Marine Science. Details are available on our web site on the ecotour page. We are offering 3 one-week trips: one in September, and two in October. Bill Sperling is handling details. You can reach him at [bsperling@idyllwild.com](mailto:bsperling@idyllwild.com) or at P.O. Box 2400, Idyllwild, CA 92549.

**Check us out online for an ecotour (or membership).**

[www.dolphincommunicationproject.org](http://www.dolphincommunicationproject.org)

## Adopt-A-Dolphin

We all love dolphins. We love their grace, their speed, their playful natures. We are drawn to them. DCP offers Bimini Atlantic spotted dolphin Adopt-A-Dolphin and Name-A-Dolphin Programs. These programs will help fund our Bahamas dolphin research and education programs.

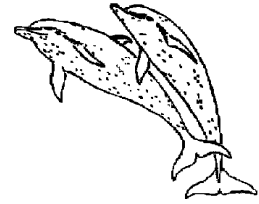
Each adoption costs \$30 and lasts for one year. Each name purchased for a dolphin goes into DCP's permanent database and costs \$200.00. The adoption & naming packet includes a certificate, a photo of your adopted dolphin, a spotted dolphin fact sheet, biographies of our named dolphins, a DCP flyer, & a copy of our most recent issue of the *Dolphin Gazette*.

**Become a spotted dolphin parent today & support valuable scientific research!**

*for more information about adopting a spotted dolphin, look to the back page of this issue of the Gazette OR contact DCP at [www.dolphincommunicationproject.org](http://www.dolphincommunicationproject.org)*



DCP's membership programs: Join us to learn about exciting new programs, research eco-trips, & member discounts.



### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

The following list defines the benefits of each level of membership with DCP.

- **\$15 Student:** welcome packet
- **\$25 Individual:** welcome packet
- **\$35 Foreign:** welcome packet
- **\$45 Family:** 3 notecards, 3 postcards, & welcome packet
- Note: Family memberships consist of 2 or more individuals living in the same household.
- **\$75 Supporting:** 3 notecards, 3 postcards, copy of *Dolphins* video (while supplies last, then the *DCP Season Summary* or *Dolphin Spirit*) & welcome packet
- **\$250 Contributing:** 1 DCP tank top, 1 DCP t-shirt, 3 notecards, 3 postcards, copy of *Dolphins* video (while supplies last, then other) & welcome packet
- **\$500 Patron:** Limited edition matted print suitable for framing, 1 DCP tank top, 1 DCP t-shirt, 3 notecards, 3 postcards, copy of *Dolphins* video (while supplies last, then other) & welcome packet
- **\$1000 Benefactor:** 25% discount for individual members on a DCP Bahamas' Ecotour trip, Limited edition matted print suitable for framing, 1 DCP tank top, 1 DCP t-shirt, 3 notecards, 3 postcards, copy of *Dolphins* video (while supplies last, then other) & welcome packet

### Welcome Packet

Membership card, 1 packet of 5 bookmarks, welcome letter, DCP flyer, one-year subscription to the *Dolphin Gazette* (DCP's newsletter), and a 10% discount on merchandise from DCP.



### Support D.C.P. with your purchases of ...

2001 or 2002 Bahamas' Summary Videos, Dolphin Spirit, or Dolphins (the film)  
cost varies depending on video.

**t-shirts & tank tops**  
(M L XL)

shirts are 100% cotton.

\$15.00 per t-shirt  
\$10.00 per tank top

**note cards & postcards**

notecards: \$2.50 each    postcards: \$1.00 each  
packet discounts available

**bookmarks -**

remember us each time you sit down with a good book  
cost per bookmark packet: \$1.25

D.C.P. membership  
see next page for details &  
sign up today!



shipping fees not included in price.  
for shipping arrangements,  
contact DCP.



Check out our website for views of  
items, ordering options,  
membership information, &  
details on our ecotours.

**Yes! I want to become a member of the Dolphin Communication Project.**

Please enroll me at the level checked.

- New member                       Renewing member             Gift membership
- \$15 Student                       \$75 Supporting                 I would like to offer an additional gift
- \$25 Individual                     \$250 Contributing            of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.
- \$35 Foreign (outside USA)     \$500 Patron
- \$45 Family                         \$1000 Benefactor

*Memberships to the Dolphin Communication Project are for one year.*

- My check made out to Dolphin Communication Project is enclosed.
- You may also use your credit card to pay for your DCP membership online at the member page.  
A \$1.00 handling fee will be added

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ if gift, note gift recipient at left & **your** name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ & address here: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ I want to receive newsletter via  email or  postal mail .

Your gifts support DCP and are tax-deductible. For more details, see [www.dolphincommunicationproject.org](http://www.dolphincommunicationproject.org)

**Yes! I want to adopt a dolphin.**

**Freckles                      Split Jaw                      Swoosh                      Juliette                      White Blotch**

**Circle the name you want to adopt, fill out the above information and send \$30.00 per adoption packet.**

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