

Dolphin Gazette

*"For all of
you curious...
Yes! I am
eating the rice!"*

April 1, 1998

Volume 2 Issue 1

It looks as though the summer of 1998 will be as busy as ever with 12 weeks in the works for dolphin trips. Oceanic Society Expeditions has reserved the weeks from July 11 to September 4, and they are working hard to fill up their trips (1-800-326-7491). Cost for their trip is \$1500 per person per week plus airfare. Please call them for more information on their dolphin trips or for a brochure detailing other trips they offer in various parts of the world.

(cont. on back page)

Imax Filming in Bimini



This past summer both Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski and "Hanky Panky" captain James "Peppie" Mitchell were a part of filming a new Imax feature film on dolphins in Bimini. The film is a sort of sequel to "The Living Seas" by the well-known MacGillivray Freeman Films. The film will be about 40 minutes long with about 1/4 of it to feature Dr. Dudzinski, her work with dolphins in the Bahamas, and her video array. There may be some

data analysis shown also. Dr. D and Peppie spent several days shooting aboard a dive boat with the pod of spotted dolphins that frequents the waters around the island of Bimini. Other segments in the film will be in Argentina, California and maybe in New Zealand. There may also be some orca footage included. The producer/director of "Dolphins" is Greg MacGillivray and the director of photography is Bob Talbot. The film is expected to be released in 1999/2000. Don't forget to keep your eye on the schedule at your nearest Imax theater for the opening!



New Years' Eve Party Highlights off-season

The winter season for the crew of the "Hanky Panky" was a mixture of fishing, snorkeling, and holiday parties. Half-day and full-day fishing and snorkeling trips were popular with tourists and locals alike during the so called dolphin "off-season". The yacht was also available for groups or individuals who were visiting the island of Grand Bahama and who wished to live aboard during their vacation. Several parties were also held to celebrate anniversaries, birthdays and other holidays. The highlight of the winter season was the New Years' Eve Party when we cruised from Xanadu to Lucaya for the midnight fireworks. The "Hanky Panky" was decked out with thousands of holiday lights as passengers partied until the wee hours of the New Year. It was definitely a memorable way to ring in 1998!

Dr. D on Miyake Island

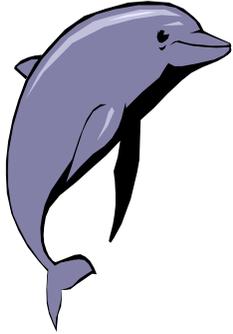
*special to the Dolphin Gazette
by Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski*

Life in Japan, specifically on Miyake Island! I am loving it and my work here. And for all of you curious...Yes! I am eating the rice. I am also eating lots of sashimi and sushi. The fish is very fresh. I have even learned how to filet the fish properly for sashimi. I've made several friends, and visit with the fishermen and dolphin guides whenever I can. January through March are really bad weather months—rough seas and high winds. It is very different from the situation in the Bahamas. First, I wear a wetsuit, and sometimes a liner with that! The Mikura bottlenose dolphins are observed nearer to shore (within 300m) and in an area where the sea floor is covered by various sized boulders, not white sand. I am conducting similar studies on this group of

(cont. on back page)



**Seaview Productions
3254 Virginia St.
Miami, FL 33133**

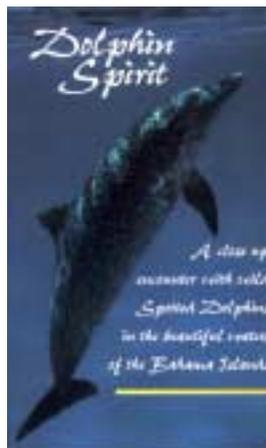


*(cont. from front)
page*

For people who would like to join us for a dolphin trip earlier in the summer we have facilitators working to fill the weeks of June 13 to July 10. All trips begin with arrivals on Saturday afternoon and departures Friday at midday. If you are interested in one of these

(Cont. from front)

dolphins as compared with the spotted dolphins. Preliminary observations of contact behavior among individuals of both species suggest similarity in exchange. I am continuing with data analysis at the moment. So far, this population of dolphins has promised everything I thought they would. I am beginning to adapt to colder water temps and, by this summer, I should be able to communicate fluently in Japanese with visitors. In other news, I am now the proud "mom" to a 6 month old beagle named "Umi". Her name means "sea or ocean" in Japanese. We often take a morning walk at Toga Beach, about a 5 minute walk from my house. I hope all of you are doing well and enjoying the season wherever you may be. I would love to hear from my friends via regular or e-mail! Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski, Miyake-jima Nature Center, 4118 Tsubota, Miyake-mura, Miyake-jima, Tokyo 100-12 Japan. E-mail: dudzinsk@bio.mie-u.ac.jp



"Dolphin Spirit"

**Still available in both VHS NTSC (North America)
and VHS PAL (European) formats.
\$25 NTSC or \$35 PAL postage paid.**

Send check or money order to:

**Seaview Productions
3254 Virginia St.
Miami, FL 33133**
