

# The Dolphin gazette

NEWSLETTER FOR THE DOLPHIN COMMUNICATION PROJECT

*The Dolphin Communication Project (DCP) is focused on the dual goals of scientific research and education. Our mission is to promote the scientific study of dolphins and inspire their conservation.*

## Summer's nearly done ...

Dear Reader/DCP supporter,

As you read our 3rd issue of this year's newsletter, I hope you are healthy, safe, and sane in this very strange year! I've seen a sentiment on social media and the news feeds that most everyone is ready for 2020 to be done. That said, even though our summer months have been light on data collection trips, we've been busy putting the newly available time to good use! And, our first ever Summer remote internship program went without a hitch! See reflections from Taylor and Raina on page 6. Thank you also Amilynn and Olivia for your social media and KSA assistance; you can read their reflections below also. And, I dare you to finish the word jumble! I would be remiss if I did not send a huge thank you to Wanderer Bracelets for their continued support. And, similarly I extend a big thank you to some of our past AKR/RIMS eco-tour participants for their generous donations, through DCP, to AKR's staff (see photo right and details on page 4). Here's to a safe autumn! Happy Reading! Cheers!

~Kathleen



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### Thank You volunteers & students!

Thank you to Nicole (Ph.D. student) & Manon for their dedication. Thanks also to Taylor & Raina, our Summer 2020 remote interns, Olivia, our remote volunteer, and Amilynn, our Social Media Intern. Your contributions to our research and education programs are very valuable!

### Internships

If you are interested in interning with DCP in the field next summer, apply for an SFE or full summer internship. Please note, most other internships are office-based and do NOT include field work. Check out the web site before contacting us at [info@dcppmail.org](mailto:info@dcppmail.org).



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# Bimini, The Bahamas

## What a weird field season...

Submitted by Kel Melillo Sweeting  
Bimini Research Manager

I'm sure every newsletter, blog, email that you read lately is filled with stories about how 2020 has not gone according to plan. Well...this is another one of those stories. A typical August update includes summaries from our field courses and ecotours as well as stories about beach clean-ups and Sea Crest guests. Alas, all of those programs have been postponed until 2021. But, there are still stories to share!

Our April – June webinars were a big success. Bimini's internet even (mostly) cooperated! If you weren't able to join live, you can check out all the recordings on our [new YouTube channel](#) (don't forget to subscribe!). We're so grateful for all of our guest presenters and participants. DCP webinars resume in September: stay tuned for the schedule.

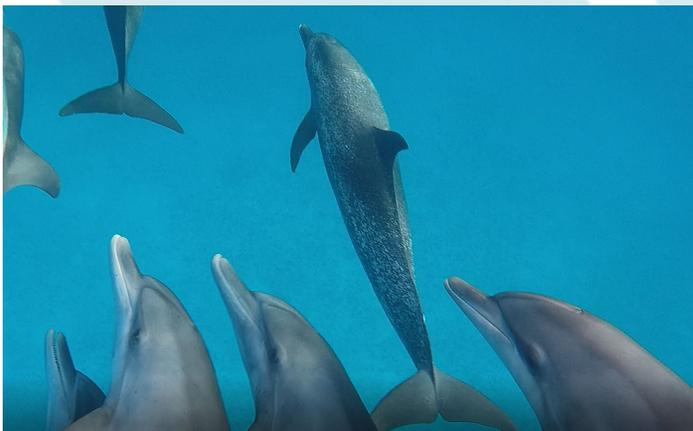
By the August newsletter, I would be reporting on 40 – 60 boat trips in search of dolphins. This year, I was able to get on the water four times. But, I am grateful for those days on the water and for my island friends who have shared photographs and updates on the dolphins they have seen. Thanks to these opportunities, I can share that Tina (#14) is doing well and still with her older calf, Kiwi (#121). Vee (#101) is now a first time mom and her little one seems to be doing great. Juliette (#12), who is approaching 30 years old, seems to have a new calf this year. I also saw Romeo (#10), Split Jaw (#22 – yes, he was with Tim, #69, and, I think Prince William, #64, was there too), Swoosh (#36), Leslie (#80 – is she pregnant?!) and Paul (#99). Each of these [dolphins is available for adoption](#).

If travel is safe in 2021, we will have many opportunities for you to join us in the field, so stay tuned for exact dates and programs. If you are looking for a short-term study abroad opportunity and seek academic credit, our [field course with Sacred Heart University](#) might be for you. If you would rather a vacation-atmosphere experience, [our ecotour](#) will be right up your alley. We are hopeful these and other programs will be safe and successful in 2021, rebooting our research and fundraising efforts!

~Kel



*Kiwi (#121) with a fellow calf. Without a scar, calves are nearly impossible to tell apart.*



*In late July, Kel was able to observe a large mixed-age group: several adults and many juveniles, plus Vee (#101) & calf on the periphery.*

# Opportunity to Join Kathleen

Eco-tour programs in 2021!

## DCP's 20th Anniversary "2nd year" - Eco-tours to Roatan!

### Join Kathleen on Roatan at Antony's Key Resort (AKR): January, May & October 2021



DCP plans to return to Roatan to collect data with eco-tour participants again in October 2020, if COVID-19 has not severely impacted our ability to travel internationally!

(Stay Tuned to the website for updates.)

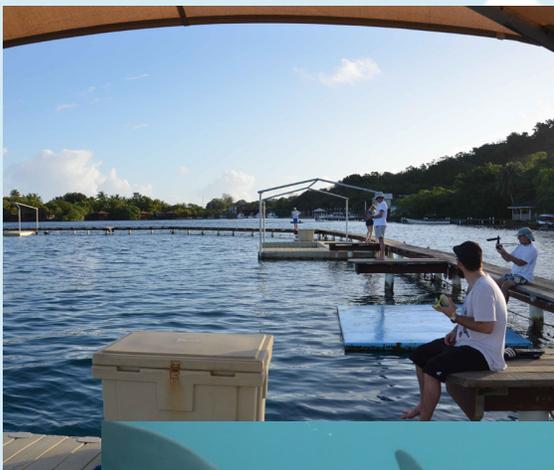
We are also coordinating for week-long programs in January (9-16 Jan 2021), May (1-8 May 2021) and October (TBD). As always, spaces are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Once confirmed, details will be available in the next issue of the *Dolphin Gazette* and in

a field blog post to the DCP home page, as well as to the DCP RIMS eco-tour page.



Check out the [RIMS Eco-tour page](#) (look under the Education tab) to learn more about logistics and other details. Or send DCP an inquiry by email ([info@dcpmail.org](mailto:info@dcpmail.org)).

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



# DCP's Eco-tour to Roatan - AKR update

*Submitted by Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski*

As I am sure everyone can agree, 2020 has been wildly different from recent years, thanks to COVID-19. In the May 2020 issue of the *Dolphin Gazette*, we shared updates and details as to how DCP's roster of programs for 2020, our 20th anniversary celebratory year, had been impacted. We all continue in the same situation ... marveling at how a tiny virus can disrupt nearly every aspect of our lives - both personal and professional. That said, in this update (and future ones like it), I will focus on the positives that we have experienced through DCP, and also for me personally.

As in May, let me first state, on behalf of DCP, that I hope everyone is healthy and safe, and staying as sane as possible as we all traverse the ongoing global pandemic. We are all in roughly the same situation - staying at home to protect ourselves and our loved ones as well as trying to lessen our potential impact on people in our communities.

In late June, we learned that Roatan had their first cases of COVID-19. The folks at Anthony's Key Resort (AKR) and at the Roatan Institute of Marine Sciences (RIMS) were down to minimal staff. We learned from Teri Bolton, during her June webinar, that the RIMS dolphins were playful and rambunctious and learning lots of new behaviors, including on-the-reef swims and visits. We were glad to know the dolphins were doing well but also learned things were tough for many of the staff. AKR and RIMS rely on tourism and since mid-March, Roatan, and Honduras more broadly, were closed to tourism. A group of past DCP eco-tour participants and supporters rallied to donate funds for DCP to send to AKR/RIMS to share with their staff such that food and other necessities could be offered. See the photos below and what that donation helped to share with many AKR/RIMS staff. Thank you to Samir and the entire AKR team for sharing these photos with DCP. Thank you to all our donors!

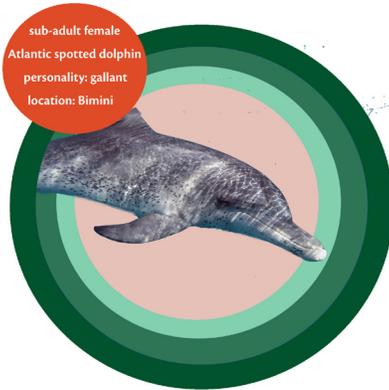
And, here's hoping we (DCP researchers and eco-tour participants) can return to our field seasons/sites in full form in 2021 (and, maybe a bit in the last quarter of 2020!).



*Photos courtesy of AKR*



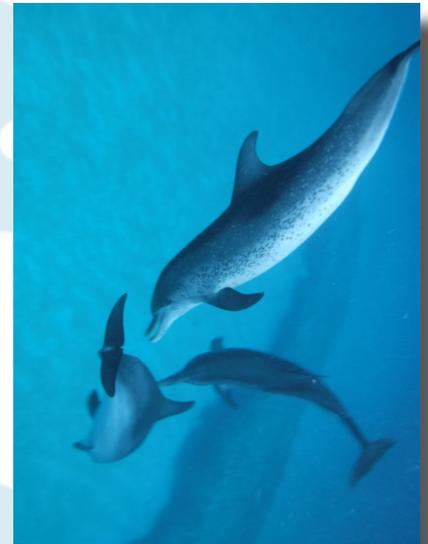
## Spotlight on: Vee



[Click here to adopt Vee!](#)

Vee (#101) is a sub-adult, female Atlantic spotted dolphin. DCP has been observing her off the coast of Bimini, The Bahamas since 2012, when she was already a juvenile. She is a “clean” dolphin, meaning that she does not have any major nicks or scars. Because of this, researchers rely on her spot pattern to recognize her, year after year. Thankfully, she seems fairly interested in the boat and our cameras, which allows us to document her new spot development and associations over time. Through the years, she has been seen with younger dolphins, like Sulfur (#102), as well as older females, including Romeo (#10) and Juliette (#12).

Guess what? She appears to be a new mom this year! Congrats, Vee!



The spotted dolphins around Bimini are ready for adoption all year round! Great gifts for little ones, even teenagers and grown-ups love seeing the images and video of each dolphin. Plus, you can feel good about making a purchase that directly helps dolphin research, education, and conservation.

Hard Copy (Print) Editions: \$35 (free shipping in USA, \$20 international shipping)

Includes printed biography, personalized certificate, 5x7 photograph, 2 randomly selected dolphin trading cards, the DCP info booklet, plus links to dolphin videos featuring your adopted dolphin and its Bimini friends!

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Includes link to 3 PDFs: the DCP info booklet, a Photobook featuring the adopt-a-dolphins, plus Adoption Kit PDF with biography, photo, personalized adoption certificate, and links to dolphin videos featuring your adopted dolphin and its Bimini friends!

Visit [www.AdoptAWildDolphin.com](http://www.AdoptAWildDolphin.com) to select your dolphin and kit edition today.

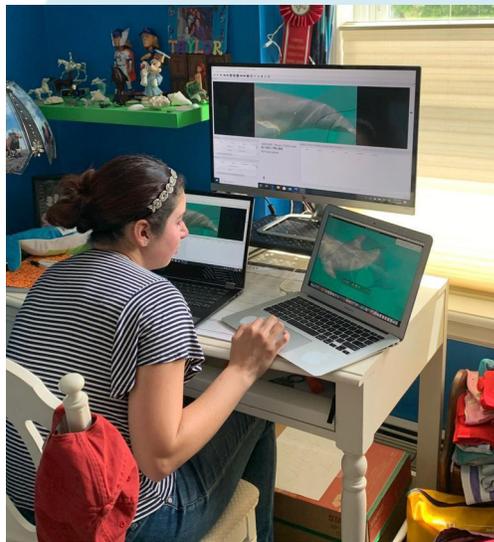
# Summer 2020 Remote Interns' Reflections!

COVID-19 shifted our in-person Summer internship program to DCP's first-ever Remote Internship session. Kel and Kathleen figured out ways to share some of DCP's visual data with both accepted summer interns, Taylor and Raina. And, we were still able to also have our bi-weekly paper discussion. Our weekly exchanges were via GoTo Meeting and Zoom! Before 2020-COVID-19, who'd have thought we could have had such a successful remote internship program?! But, don't just take our word for it, read below what both Raina and Taylor have to say about their DCP remote summer internship experience!

## Taylor

When I found out that I was going to return to intern for the Dolphin Communication Project (DCP) this summer, I was a ball of excitement. Kathleen and Kel wanted me to join DCP as a second-year intern for the summer of 2020. I had such a positive, memorable experience last summer as a first-year intern, I knew the experience would be even better the second time around. Returning this summer would mean some new responsibilities for me, including helping train the other intern, my friend Raina whom I met on DCP's eco-tour to Honduras last year. I was excited to be traveling back to Port St. Lucie and to Bimini to see some familiar spotted faces. But all the internship plans got rearranged due to COVID-19. I thought the internship was over before it began, but luckily Kathleen and Kel had a creative solution to the problem.

The internship with DCP would be hosted remotely, I could help analyze data for DCP, but from home. I set up my bedroom as a home office with 3 monitors and analyzed video footage from sessions that Kathleen recorded of the dolphins at the Roatan Institute for Marine Science, Honduras. In the beginning, learning and analyzing data with BORIS was challenging but with Manon's instructions and Kathleen's guidance, through weekly zoom meetings, I started to better understand the details that had to be watched when recording one observation. With this portion of the internship, I recorded many observations that included contacts between two dolphins, object play, and pair swim between two dolphins. This opportunity gave me responsibility and room to grow under good instruction that helped me understand the challenges of dolphin research.



Taylor working on RIMS video data from her home setup.

I also logged video footage details from trips to observe the Bimini dolphins. I recorded the in and out times in a video log of the Bimini dolphins. Sometimes I had a big group of Bimini dolphins that would all come into view at the same time and I could not keep track of all the different dolphins. I was able to identify some of the dolphins from my adventures under the water last summer. It was wonderful to see some familiar spots on the computer screen.

Interning remotely for DCP worked out well and I benefitted from learning many new skills. Although I did miss being on a boat in Bimini in search of dolphins, my family and I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the sounds that the dolphins made, coming from my computer screen. It felt like we were living in the water with the dolphins. I was so grateful to work with Kathleen and Kel again, and this organization will forever hold a special place in my heart!



The team during a weekly remote chat online ... clockwise from top right: Taylor, Raina, Kel, Manon & Kathleen

~Taylor (Remote 2020 Summer Intern)

# Summer Intern Reflections continued ...

## Raina

Well, here we are at the end of Summer 2020. For obvious reasons, it didn't go exactly as planned, but I'm so grateful to have ridden it out as one of DCP's first remote interns! I've learned so much about dolphin behaviour and research from Kathleen, Kel, Manon, and returning intern Taylor. They've been such wonderful mentors and colleagues, and we didn't let the fact that we were stuck in 4 different countries stop us from having a great time moving research forward.

When you start working with dolphins, it quickly becomes clear that it's not always glamorous. For every boat trip or underwater session, researchers spend many hours combing through recordings, quantifying observations, running statistical analyses, and synthesizing their findings. Though I was initially disappointed

that I wouldn't be meeting the famous Bimini dolphins, this was a fantastic opportunity to experience the daily grind of cetacean science – and I'm happy to report that I loved it! Far from losing interest during the long hours of video processing (though it certainly gets frustrating at times!), diving into the nitty gritty of identifying individuals, age class determination, logging social interactions and listening for whistles and clicks ... all of this really gave me a new appreciation for the complexity and nuances of how dolphins socialize and play.

The more I learn about dolphins, the more I am fascinated by them and the more I realise how much we have yet to understand. Thanks DCP, for encouraging interns to think critically and teaching a healthy balance between expressing giddy enthusiasm for these animals and applying an objective mindset that is so important for scientific discovery. I giggled watching Calli play with seagrass, Dory's love for the camera, and Stan and Tank's bromance at RIMS. I was blown away by the twisting crater-feeding bottlenose and the zippy spotted dolphins in the waters off Bimini. This internship strengthened my passion for dolphins and my confidence as a scientist, and I can't wait for more!

*~Raina (Remote 2020 Summer Intern)*



*Raina identifies the dolphins in view and logs their behaviors during a video analysis session.*

## Amilynn

My internship at DCP has so far been a remarkable one. In addition to discovering new information about dolphins and their communication, I have increasingly learned about DCP's story, its team members' dedication to the organization, and how through collaborative research and educational opportunities, it continues to expand our knowledge and appreciation of dolphins, year after year.

I am privileged to have witnessed DCP's mission of research, education, and conservation at work, even through the trials that have defined much of 2020. Although I have only been collaborating with DCP for a few months now, I have felt very welcomed and embraced by the team; through my personal experience, I can certainly testify to DCP's fostering of an environment of appreciation, growth, and collaboration.

# In Celebration of DCP's 20th Anniversary ...

## A Brief History of DCP's College-level Field Courses!

*Submitted by Kathleen Dudzinski, PhD & Kel Melillo-Sweeting, M.S.*

Hop in your time machine! Turn the dial to May 2006, Bimini, The Bahamas ...  
Go!



While Kel was a student at Alaska Pacific University (APU), spending September – April in Anchorage and May – August in Bimini, it was a no brainer to utilize APU's block structure to bring a group of students to Bimini. Dr. Leslie Cornick led the "Ecology of Coastal Cetaceans" course, Kathleen met us in Bimini, and we teamed up with Bill & Nowdla Keefe's Bimini Undersea. We stayed at Barbara's "Bimini Ocean Villas," completing classroom sessions in the morning and dolphin trips in the afternoon. After the 2006 field season, Kel returned to Alaska to finish her Master's in Environmental Science program at APU, but there was no denying that the framework for DCP field courses in Bimini had been set.

Meanwhile, in April 2007, Al Sweeting Jr completed a dolphin charter with Dr. Stephen Turnbull of the University of New Brunswick Saint John. Steve was teaching a 6-night course at the SharkLab and said to Al, "Man, I wish I had a way to spend two weeks down here each year ...". To run a field course, Steve needed to collaborate with an existing research project. Al passed along Steve's name to Kel, who kept it on a sticky note for a year. Degree in hand, Kel emailed Steve: "I've got my degree. I'll be in Bimini. DCP is awesome."



*The 1st UNBSJ group eating dinner after a busy day on the boat! (2009)*

Steve replied, "Let's Do It." And, in April 2009, Steve arrived with 14 students. Later that year, Dr. Deirdre Yeater of Sacred Heart University (SHU) arrived for her first 12-night program. Since then, we've had many programs with these colleagues as well as a joint Georgetown College/DCP course with Dr. Rebecca Singer (to DCP's field sites in Nassau and on Bimini) and regular programs with Dr. Radhika Makecha of Eastern Kentucky University. We also collaborate annually with the Hunter/Manhattan College Bimini program. Though the focus is on dolphins (obviously!), DCP Bimini programs also expose students to mangroves, reef sharks, southern stingrays, shallow reef fish, and more. All this plus the fact that we coordinate with local, Bahamian-owned and -operated businesses

means we are very proud of how our Bimini Field Course program has grown! Though 2020 handed us a (COVID-19) curveball, we are hopeful our courses will return in 2021, rejuvenated and better than ever.

Around the same time that Kel was establishing our college-level field courses on Bimini, Kathleen was overseeing DCP's Dolphin Research Trainee (DRT) junior high school programs; each included a week-long field trip after the semester-long, after-school session. In 2008, we took the second DRT group to Roatan, DCP's research site at, and in conjunction with, The Roatan Institute for Marine Sciences (RIMS), based at Anthony's Key Resort (AKR). This DRT program, and the success of our courses on Bimini, led Kathleen to develop similar college programs to RIMS. Our first program (January 2010) to RIMS had students from different schools who joined Kathleen for a week of both formal and informal lectures as well as data collection participation. Following the 2010 university-level program...

# Summer Intern & Volunteer Reflections cont'd ...



*Amilynn created so much engaging social media content!*

## Amilynn cont'd from page 7

As an intern who came in with almost no prior knowledge about dolphins or DCP, I had to (and continue to) “dive deep” into its history, educational resources, and vast collection of research on dolphin communication and related topics. My main responsibility as a social media intern is to share this content with DCP’s followers on multiple platforms in a creative and engaging way. The goal of DCP’s presence on social media has been not only to encourage interaction with the organization and the resources it has to offer, but also to ultimately increase support of conservation, their research, and the well-being of dolphins everywhere. In my own position, I hope to contribute to this goal the best I can.

*~Amilynn (Social Media Intern)*

## Olivia

This summer, I was presented with the opportunity to work with the incredible members of the Dolphin Communication Project. Dr. Lauren Highfill put me in contact with Kel and Dr. Dudzinski, who gave me the chance to jump right into some of their projects. I spent time working with Adobe InDesign to update several of the Adopt-A-Dolphin files and the photobook that encapsulates all the adoptable dolphins, as well as other important information about DCP and its programs. In addition to my work with InDesign, I developed several Kids Science Activities (KSA). The KSAs that I worked on have been something I’m especially proud of because they were uploaded to DCP’s website so quickly, so I was able to see my work in action! To wrap up my time with DCP, I worked with logs of some past DCP video data. Through this, understanding and interpreting data records was a vital skill that I developed and fine-tuned. Throughout all these projects, I felt so lucky because not only was I building experience, but I loved what I was doing. I was able to use my creativity and knowledge synchronously to complete work that would be useful to an incredible research organization. In such an uncertain time, I was honored to learn from and with the staff at the Dolphin Communication Project and hope to work with them again in the very near future!

*~Olivia (Remote 2020 Summer Volunteer)*

## Webinars ... returning in September!

In April 2020, DCP launched our wildly popular webinar series: Deep Dives and Dolphin Lessons! DCP offered these webinars live via Zoom, with recordings posted to [DCP’s YouTube channel](#) and on our own website ([“Webinars,” under the Education tab](#)). Our guest speakers were amazing and we did remote visits to our field sites including Bimini, Nassau, and Roatan!

Our Deep Dives & Dolphin Lessons are slated to return in September 2020. We’ll offer a different program each week, most weeks, from September 2020 through April 2021. Stay tuned for scheduling.

These webinars cover dolphins, and their marine home and the other critters with whom they share the sea. If you have a question or a topic suggestion, please let us know by emailing us at [info {@} dcpmail {.} org](mailto:info@dcpmail.org).

We look forward to sharing more webinars with you and your friends ...

Don’t forget to check out [Kids Science Activities](#) (KSAs) too. Webinars & KSAs are great resources for remote learning.

# The Dolphin Pod: New episode coming!

Join hosts Dr. Justin Gregg and Laura Teasdale as they talk with scientists and experts about everyone's favorite marine mammal: the dolphin. With a sprinkling of comedy to season the science, *The Dolphin Pod* is an enlightening and entertaining deep dive into the world of dolphin science. After a 10 year hiatus (so Justin could be a stay-at-home dad), *The Dolphin Pod* returned with new episodes in 2019. If you love *The Dolphin Pod*, please consider donating to DCP; we accept restricted donations if you would like to ensure your support goes to *The Dolphin Pod* specifically.

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# THE DOLPHIN

# POD



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Next episode coming  
Fall 2020

## History of DCP's College-level Field Courses, cont'd from page 8

...we fine-tuned the schedule and coordinated more directly with Jennifer Keck (Education Director, RIMS) and Teri Bolton (Assistant Director & Director of Research, RIMS) to augment our formal classroom sessions to include lectures on coral reefs, dolphin training, and sea turtle conservation. Our first revised college-level field course to RIMS/AKR was with partner Colorado State University (CSU) and Dr. Shane Kanatous. Shane, an exercise physiologist, and Kathleen had been in graduate school together. This field course was a chance to offer insight to students about how behavior and physiology could be looked at together – both for research and educational topics. In addition to annual CSU programs, Kathleen now coordinates with several colleagues and schools (e.g., Dr. Heather Hill, St. Mary's University; Dr. Justin Richard, University of Rhode Island; Dr. Kristen Andrews, York University) to bring college students to Roatan to learn about the dolphins at RIMS and about DCP's research program as well as the reef and other ocean critters.



*The 2017 CSU crew after a data collection session.*

We look forward not only to continuing but to expanding our programs in the coming years! Stay tuned to DCP's quarterly *Dolphin Gazette* for updates on these regular programs, as well as DCP's home page blog for posts from each school group (past and future!).

*~Kathleen & Kel*



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## Dolphin Bracelets from Wanderer Bracelets make great gifts!

Wanderer Bracelets are a refreshing, burden-free alternative to jewelry made from precious stones, metals or ivory.



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Wanderer Bracelets has just released a video of their dolphin bracelet and chosen to **give 10% of sales to the Dolphin Communication Project**. We are extremely grateful for their support - and the support of each and every person who purchases a dolphin bracelet!

### Are you a gift shop owner?

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*Dog not included.*



**“Not all who wander are lost...”**

-Tolkien

# DCP Announcements!

## Publication Updates

Dudzinski, KM, Ribic, CA, Hill, HM, Bolton, T (in press) Evidence for Individual Differences among Adult Female Dolphins when sharing Pectoral Fin Contacts with their Calves. *Animal Behavior & Cognition*. (will be available in winter 2021)

**Plus several manuscripts in review for publication consideration, including:**

Dudzinski, KM, Ribic, CA, Hill, HM, Bolton, T (in review) Dolphin Calf Initiated Pectoral Fin Contact with Kin and Non-kin. (to – *Animal Behavior & Cognition*).

Themelin, M, Ribic, CA, Melillo-Sweeting, K, Dudzinski, KM (in review). New approach for relationship quality study in dolphins. (to – *Behavioural Processes*)



## Almost There, Nicole!

At the end of August, Nicole will defend her dissertation research. Nicole's been hard at work over the last half year writing the chapters for her dissertation. She has spent many seasons with DCP collecting data on the spotted dolphins around Bimini, and even found time to join Kathleen on Roatan! One of her [chapters has already been published](#), and the others will require minimal editing (according to Kathleen) to be ready to submit to other journals. Join Kel and Kathleen as we send Nicole positive thoughts for an informative defense! We'll be sure to include an update in the next issue of the *Dolphin Gazette*!

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\* Compact HD Projector (high vis) \* Underwater still cameras \* SD flash cards \* GoPro \* Handheld GPS \* Office supplies \* Frequent flyer miles \* Laptop \* Giftcards

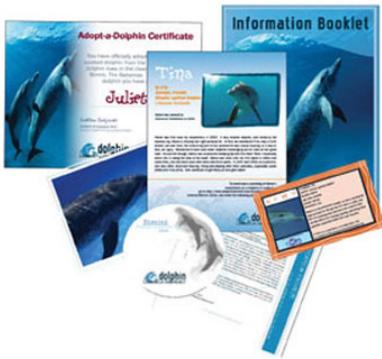


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# Adopt a Wild Dolphin

[www.adoptawilddolphin.com](http://www.adoptawilddolphin.com)

## What's in your Adoption Kit?



An official adoption certificate

Photograph or PDF photobook of your adopted dolphin

Details on how to download dolphin vocalizations from the Bimini adopt-a-dolphins as a ringtone or audio file

Link to video of the Bimini dolphins

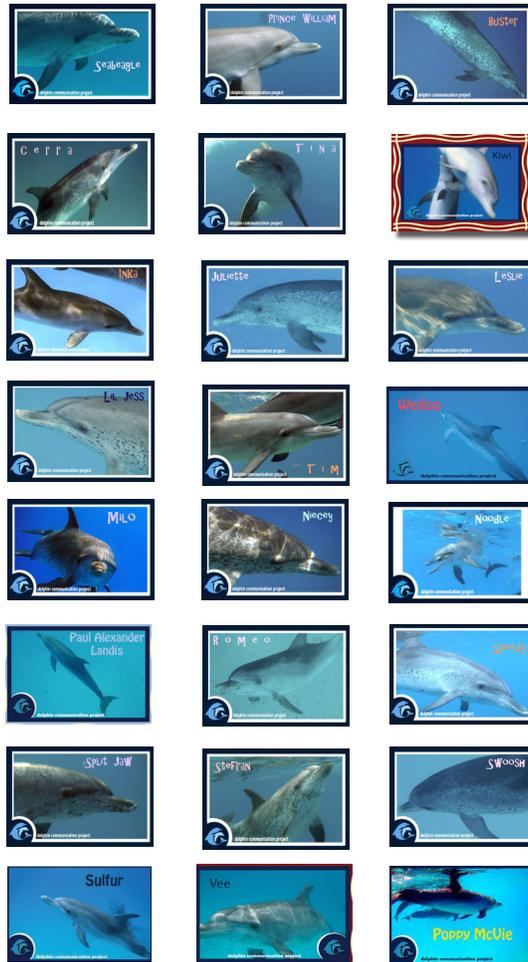
Biography of your adopted dolphin

Welcome letter and registration info

Information Booklet with Atlantic spotted dolphin fact sheet and info about the Dolphin Communication Project

Dolphin trading card sample (hard copy only)

## Dolphins currently up for adoption



## Adopting a wild dolphin with DCP helps to fund:

The purchase of new research equipment (e.g., cameras, underwater microphones)

Conservation and education programs on Bimini, in the US and around the world

Publication and dissemination of DCP's research results to the scientific community and the general public

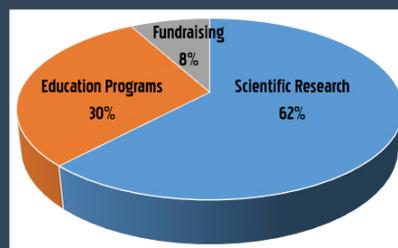
Maintenance of the DCP website, field reports, and our podcast The Dolphin Pod

Classroom education programs for school-aged children including DCP Youth Program, Dolphin Research Trainee, Classroom Connections

Volunteer, ecotour and internship opportunities for the public

Holiday gift ideas  
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## Where does money raised from donations, dolphin adoptions and field courses go?



Adopt-a-wild-dolphin t-shirts  
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# DCP's Adopt-a-Dolphin Program

DCP currently has ~25 dolphins from our catalog of Atlantic spotted dolphins residing around Bimini, The Bahamas available for adoption. While adoptive parents do not get to take their dolphins home, they will receive a certificate of adoption, a photo of their adopted dolphin, some facts about Atlantic spotted dolphins, information about DCP and our research around Bimini and a dolphin video. They will also receive the most recent edition of the Dolphin Gazette, DCP's quarterly newsletter, announced quarterly by eblast. Be sure to send us your email address, or subscribe online at the newsletter page!

*All dolphin adoptions through DCP help support our dolphin research throughout the world, and the creation and implementation of local, national, and international education programs for students of all ages.*

*Each adoption costs \$30 and lasts for one year. Become a spotted dolphin parent today & support valuable scientific research!*

**Yes! I want to adopt a dolphin!** Some of our dolphins are listed below. For a complete list & all dolphin biographies, check out [www.adoptawilddolphin.com](http://www.adoptawilddolphin.com)  
 Juliette | Niecey | Paul | Swoosh | Milo | Cerra | Inka | Tina | Lumpy | Lil' Jess | Kiwi | Split Jaw | Noodle | Seabeagle | Sulfur | Vee

I would like to adopt a dolphin: \$35 for one year. **Dolphin name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Please cut out and mail your order form, with check, to DCP at P.O. Box 7485, Port St. Lucie, FL 34985.  
 Credit card payment is available online through our web site at [www.dolphincommunicationproject.org](http://www.dolphincommunicationproject.org)

Please **SEND** my adoption package to: If this is a gift, please note gift **GIVER** address:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_



## Postcards

\$1.00 each/ 3 for \$2



## Iruka Gear

To purchase Iruka gear visit [www.cafepress/irukagear](http://www.cafepress/irukagear)



## Membership

### Sustaining Memberships:

Donate from \$5 to \$100/month to receive a special gift!

### Annual Memberships :

- Student: \$20
- Individual: \$30
- Family: \$45
- Supporting: \$75
- Contributing: \$150
- Patron: \$500

Supporting, Contributing & Patron Members receive a DVD copy of *Dolphins - The Lighter Side*. Contributing & Patron Members also receive a photo album featuring images and information about all of our adopt-a-wild-dolphins. All gifts subject to availability and may change.

Visit [www.dolphincommunicationproject.org](http://www.dolphincommunicationproject.org) to become a member today!

## Notecards

\$2.50 each/ 3 for \$6



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*Support DCP's research efforts buy purchasing some of the many products that we offer for sale. All products seen here are also available on our website: [www.dolphincommunicationproject.org](http://www.dolphincommunicationproject.org) All profits from the sale of these products will directly fund DCP's research and education efforts. DCP is a nonprofit organization.*



