2019 Turtle Krawl 5K Run/Walk  
Sept, 14, 2019, at 7:30 a.m.  
Nance Park, Indialantic, FL

It’s time to gear up for this year’s Turtle Krawl 5K. The Turtle Krawl 5K Run/Walk is the largest 5K race in Brevard County. On Sept. 14, come see what all the hype is about during the third race of the Space Coast Runners’ Runner of the Year’s series. The race proceeds benefit the Sea Turtle Preservation Society’s work in the coming year, so lace up your running shoes and/or pull on your volunteer hat to help make this year’s race a success.

To participate...
Register online at turtlekrawl.com through Sept. 12. Or complete the official entry form on turtlekrawl.com and mail or hand deliver to the Running Zone in Melbourne.

Or register for the virtual race beginning Aug. 15 on virtualstrides.com and run, walk or krawl your time between Sept. 14 and Sept. 30.

To volunteer...
More than 100 volunteers are needed to help before the race as well as on race day.

Go to turtlekrawl.com and select the volunteer tab to see what’s available and to sign up to help make the event a success.

The 2019 race shirt design was revealed June 15 at our World Sea Turtle Day open house. This year’s medal design also has been decided. Don’t miss out. Register to participate today.
We are definitely in the middle of our busy season. Turtles, Turtles, Everywhere!

- The STPS Sea Turtle Nesting Surveys are in full swing, and we are finding that the Turtle Mamas started making their nests on our beaches early this year. Our sea turtle nesting survey teams are out seven days a week, starting at the crack of dawn, documenting all nests (and false crawls) that occurred on a 2-mile stretch of Cocoa Beach during the night.

- Turtle Walks: During June and July, STPS conducts guided programs five days/week, which allows a group to learn about, and observe, a nesting loggerhead sea turtle. This program is very popular, and there are only a few slots still available, so if you have never had an experience like this before, sign up quick.

- Earlier this year, STPS provided funding to the UCF Marine Turtle Research Group for two satellite transmitters. These transmitters were attached to two male green sea turtles, Jack and Apollo, and you can get updates on these turtles by checking out our Loggerhead Lowdown blog on our website.

- We are very excited to announce that the Membere Membership Software is now LIVE. As a member, you may not have noticed much change, other than you received an email that allowed you to reactivate your login access (if you have not done this, please do so). But this new software will give us much more flexibility to manage our increasing membership needs well into the future.

- The Membership Survey results have been received and are being reviewed, and action items evaluated. Communication about the results will be distributed to members soon.

- Thank you to all who participated in helping STPS shell-ebrate Word Sea Turtle Day in a big way on June 15.

- As we do each May, STPS participated as the Lead Observer in the Thunder on Cocoa Beach boat races. As lead observer, STPS had the authority to stop any racing if a species of concern was observed within the race course, or within a 500-foot perimeter of the race course. Thankfully, there were no injuries or incidents reported during this year’s races.

- STPS is now an active member of the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce. We look forward to collaborating with area businesses to promote our mission of "Helping Sea Turtles Survive."

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Volunteer enjoys kiosk experience
By Kirk Cunningham, STPS volunteer

Nancy and I have been members of the STPS for a little less than a year and several months ago we started looking for ways we could actively volunteer in some capacity. Nancy was working full time, and I was working part time, so we wanted to volunteer in areas that fit our schedule.

When Nancy and I heard about the Port Canaveral kiosk, we realized that the weekend shifts offered up volunteer opportunities that would allow us to schedule some volunteer hours regularly and that were compatible with our work schedules. We signed up as a team with Dave Cheney, and we then did some on-the-job training with Kathy LeBrecque at the kiosk.

While Nancy and I do not have all the turtle knowledge that more experienced members have, there is educational material throughout the kiosk that make it easy to guide visitors to learn about sea turtles and our efforts to save sea turtles. This has proven to be a great way for us to individually increase our sea turtle knowledge as well! Additionally, the cash register and sales check out process is easy to learn, and I would think most people would be able to easily master the merchandise sales part of the kiosk.

Most people that visit the kiosk are very receptive to our cause and seem very interested in helping us make a difference. We’ve sold a great deal of merchandise during our volunteer times and have even seen a family around and educate them about sea turtles and our efforts to save sea turtles. This proves to be a great way for us to individually increase our sea turtle knowledge as well! Additionally, the cash register and sales check out process is easy to learn, and I would think most people would be able to easily master the merchandise sales part of the kiosk.

Just wanted to drop a line to let you know that we enjoy working the kiosk and really think this is a great volunteer opportunity!

— Lisa Littleton, Board Secretary

Turtle Nest open for business
By Angela Collins

Stop by and visit our Turtle Nest kiosk at Port Canaveral, located between Cruise Terminal One and Grills restaurant. The kiosk is open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Come for a visit or come join us as a volunteer. The kiosk is a small space packed with lots of educational information. We also sell turtle-themed merchandise; some of it is kiosk exclusive. Looking for a gift? We’ve got it. T-shirts, mugs, beach towels, toys, books and much more.

Interested in volunteering at the Kiosk? This is a great way to share your interest, learn about sea turtles and share that knowledge with others. It is a great way to meet both locals and visitors to the area. Share your love of sea turtles and spread interest and information about our mission to help sea turtles survive. Volunteers are needed to staff the kiosk in four-hour shifts. Come meet our new kiosk coordinator Wendy Collins. For more information, contact Dave Cheney at 321-507-4256 or dcheney@gmail.com.

Have you visited the Loggerhead Lowdown blog recently? This blog features posts on a wide variety of topics of interest to our members: information on nesting season, STPS events and programs, conservation, and sustainability. The blog can be found on our website. sea turtlespacecoast.org. You can subscribe to the blog on the website as well.

Stay connected with STPS
Website: sea turtlespacecoast.org
Here you’ll find our Loggerhead Lowdown blog, calendar of events and other information for members and volunteers. On social media, you can keep up with STPS on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Facebook: Sea Turtle Preservation Society. You can also keep up with what’s happening at the gift shop by liking STPS Turtle House Gift Shop on Facebook. Twitter: @SeaTurtlePS. Instagram: seaturtlesps. For questions, contact news@sea turtlespacecoast.org.
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We are pleased to announce the results were overwhelmingly positive. We are still going over the responses and will be providing the results soon.

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**Nesting Surveys**

Teams have been surveying our stretch of beach in Cocoa Beach since mid-April. The season has gotten off to a fast start with more nests recorded than at this point in 2018. As of June 15, teams have recorded three leatherback nests and 222 loggerhead nests in our survey area.

**Volunteers**

For the month of May, STPS had a total of 1,627.42 volunteer hours recorded with an in-kind donation value of $40,180.99 for the month. For the first five months of 2019, volunteers recorded 4,856 hours with a total value of $119,894.83. Since we started using the VIC system, we have recorded more than 16,000 hours of service.

**Night Walks**

Our summer night walks began June 1 and will continue through the end of July. Online registration began May 1 for guests, and we are nearing being sold out for the season. If you’re interested in attending a night walk, check availability on our website: seaturtlespacecoast.org.

**Education**

In the month of May, 720 people were reached through 15 events offered through our education program. Our new Traveling Turtle Trunk is available for check out to educators.

**Fundraising**

One of our main fundraisers will be a Sea Turtle Gala. Our first annual Sea Turtle Gala is being planned for June 2020. The committee is seeking sponsorships to fund the gala, which will provide a sit-down dinner, drinks, dancing, a silent auction and potentially more. Please contact Noelle Villanueva at fundraising@seaturtlespacecoast.org.

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A couple of things to do before your new member experience is available to you. An email was sent out to members on June 3 with a link to change their password. If you have not changed your password please take the time to go back to the original email sent on June 3, click on the change password link in the email and a new link will be provided. The original link was only valid for 72 hours. If you no longer have the email and link, you can always contact membership@seaturtlespacecoast.org.

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Another one can be sent to you.

Once you have logged into your account, please take the time to review your profile and make any corrections you may see, especially email addresses, first names and phone numbers. The old system did not handle multiple members for a single account so when the data was imported into the new system it grabbed what it could and not everything may be exactly the way it should be.

We value your membership and want to make sure we have all the correct information. Thanks for being the wonderful members you are and looking forward to great things to come.

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Shell-ecting World Sea Turtle Day

STPS celebrated World Sea Turtle Day on June 15-16, 2019. On Saturday, June 15, we opened our Turtle House, 111 S. Miramar Ave. in Indialantic. The event featured educational displays and presentations as well as a silent auction and raffles. The celebration continued on Sunday, June 16, at our Turtle Nest kiosk at Port Canaveral. We would like to offer a huge thank you to everyone who came out and helped make the weekend a success.

Even if you weren’t able to join us for our World Sea Turtle Day activities, you can celebrate sea turtles every day of the year. Here are some ideas:

- **Keep the beach flat, clean and dark:** When enjoying the beach this nesting season, please remove all beach chairs and other obstacles, fill in holes and knock down sandcastles, pick up all trash and remember it’s lights out on Brevard County beaches from May 1 to Oct. 31.
- **Recycle:** Plastics pollution poses many hazards for sea turtles, from ingestion to entanglement. By recycling, you cut down on waste that may end up in the ocean or on the beach.
- **Register for the Turtle Krawl 5K Run/Walk:** Visit turtlekrawl.com to register as a participant or sign up as a volunteer to help with race activities.

We can each do our part to help sea turtles survive.

Mark Your Calendars

**June**

29 Turtle Talk and Volunteer Orientation will be from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Suntree/Viera Library, 902 Jordan Blass Drive, Melbourne. Register online or as a walk-in from 1:30 to 2 p.m. The presentation will last about an hour and a half with questions afterward. Presentations are free and open to the public. For questions, please contact education@seaturtlespacecoast.org.

**July**

6 Monthly Beach Cleanup beginning at 8 a.m. at Coconut Point Park in Melbourne Beach and Cherie Down Park and Beach in Cape Canaveral.

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Here’s a way to help STPS….

Our fundraising committee would like to extend this opportunity from TD Bank to all of our members.

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