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Oyster reefs restore lost ecosystems in the bay by creating habitat. They also improve water quality through biological filtration. New oyster communities will enhance and protect local biodiversity through the foraging areas for many species of fish and birds.

Oyster domes are constructed onsite Tampa Bay Watch headquarters by pouring marine friendly concrete into a fiberglass mold containing a large round buoy surrounded by smaller rubber balls, creating the holes in the domes. Microsilica is mixed with the concrete to balance the pH so oysters are attracted to the domes.

We are recruiting five volunteers to build oyster domes on each of the following dates

When:

Monday, August 11
 Thursday, August 14
 Monday, August 18
 Wednesday, August 20
 Monday, August 25
 Wednesday, August 27
 Friday, August 29

Time: 9:45am - 12:45pm

Where: Tampa Bay Watch Offices, 3000 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL

What to wear/bring: Wear closed toe shoes and plan on getting dirty! Water and gloves provided.

Note to registered volunteers: Please call Chris or Dennis at 727-867-8166 the morning of the event.

project to make sure the weather is clear for us to build domes.

If you would like to help out on any of the dates listed above, please sign up with Rache rarndt@tampabaywatch.org. Please let her know the dates you would like to volunteer and phone number.

THE GREAT BAY SCALLOP SEARCH



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MONITORING THE RETURN OF
THE ELUSIVE TAMPA BAY SCALLOP!



Registration is closed for the Great Bay Scallop Search
an overwhelming interest from the community. We appreciate
 of your excitement for this event and look forward to
 participation.



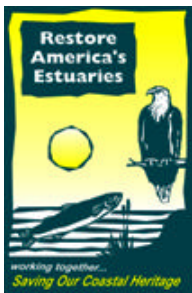
Tampa Bay Watch and the Tampa Bay Estuary Program have teamed up again to sponsor Tampa Bay Scallop Search, a resource-monitoring program where volunteers snorkel and search for scallops in select areas within Boca Ciega & Lower Tampa Bays. The purpose of this program is to document the health and status of the bay scallop population. Volunteers found only one scallop in 2005 due to the severe red tide, 17.5 were found in 2006 and 555 scallops were found in 2007. See if we can find more in 2008! This is one of our most popular family events of the year and spaces are already filled! Reservations are required to participate in the event.

About 45 boats with up to 150 participants will search selected sites in Boca Ciega & Lower Tampa Bays for the elusive bay scallops. Bay scallops, or the *Argopecten irradians* disappeared from Tampa Bay in the 1960s when the bay water was highly polluted from dredging operations and increased municipal wastes. Tampa Bay's water quality and seagrass beds have since improved to levels that once again support the bay scallop population.

Here are some reminders for registered scallop searchers

Please meet us on Saturday, August 16 at 9am on the east side of the Fort De Soto Boat Ramp to receive survey equipment and instructions for the monitoring event. Captains, please anchor or tie your boat up along the east side of the ramp by 9 am. **Volunteers need to bring:** a mask and snorkel and be able to swim 50 meters—fins and weight belt are optional. We will provide you a delicious lunch once you are on shore.

Please contact Rachel rarndt@tampabaywatch.org with any questions.



Restore America's Estuaries'
*4th National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine
 Restoration*
 Providence, Rhode Island
 October 11 - 15, 2008

Conference Early Bird Registration Deadline

August 15, 2008

Early Bird Registration Ends August 15 - [Register now and save \\$100.](#)

Restore America's Estuaries invites you to participate in the **4th National Conference and Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration** - *Creating Solutions Through Collaborative Partnerships*. The Conference will be held October 11-15, 2008 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. For more information, we invite you to view the [Conference Registration brochure](#).

- ✦ The only national conference focused on coastal habitat restoration at all scales.
- ✦ 1,200 participants from local, state and federal agencies, non-profit organizations, consulting engineering firms, academic and scientific institutions, tribes, educators and others - the coastal restoration community.
- ✦ Cutting-edge information on [climate change](#) in the context of coastal restoration.
- ✦ More than 100 exhibitors showcasing essential products, services and programs for your needs.
- ✦ A dynamic program and plenary speakers - view the [Conference Program](#).
- ✦ Frequent and fun networking events.
- ✦ Educational field sessions.
- ✦ Brownfield restoration project in Narragansett Bay.
- ✦ A Climate-Neutral Conference.
- ✦ And more!

Healthy coasts and estuaries are essential to the very fabric of our lives - the social, economic and ecological well being of humans in the coastal landscape. The Conference will mobilize the restoration community toward a strong national policy and commitment to protecting and restoring our

This is the premiere nationwide forum focused on advancing the science, pace, practice, and success of coastal and estuarine habitat restoration. Incorporating the non-profit, government, scientific, business, tribal, and academic sectors, the Conference will enable networking and communication throughout this growing movement.

The 4th National Conference on Coastal and Estuarine Habitat Restoration will advance the pace, practice, and success of habitat restoration at all scales. Past Conference locations include New Orleans in December 2006 (1,400 attendees), Seattle in September 2004, and Baltimore in August 2003. This is the only national conference that brings together the entire coastal and estuarine habitat restoration community. It provides a unique blend of people and policy, science and strategy, and best practices.

For More Information about the Conference visit www.estuaries.org/conference

Sponsoring and Exhibiting Opportunities - Contact Harvey Potts at 206-624-9100 x 2#, or hpotts@estuaries.org

General Conference Information - Contact 703-524-0248 or conference@estuaries.org

Conference Program - Contact Steve Emmett-Mattox at 303-652-0392, or program@estu.org

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



Sea Oats planting on Treasure Island Beach



Volunteers are needed to help plant protective sea oats along a stretch of Treasure Island **Saturday, August 9th beginning at 8:30am**. Volunteers need to bring a shovel, work sunscreen and crow bar and meet on the beach by the north side of the **Island Inn**, 998 Boulevard, **Treasure Island**. Water will be provided for volunteers. The 12,000 seedlings are free of charge by the Pinellas County Coastal Coordinator. Please contact Dennis Velasco Island Beach Stewardship Chair at (727) 360-1901 or denvelasco@msn.com

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