

Save the Manatee® 2012 Calendar

JANUARY



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Manatees average ten feet in length and weigh between 800 and 1,200 pounds. At birth, calves are three to four feet long and weigh between 60 and 70 pounds.

FEBRUARY



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Manatees are semi-social. They sometimes gather in small, informal groups, but they have no leader or real social structure. They can be very playful.

MARCH



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The United States manatee population is concentrated year-round in Florida. In summer, however, individuals have been found as far north as Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and as far west as Texas.

APRIL



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Manatees are mammals and must surface to breathe air, which they do on average every three to five minutes. When they are using a great deal of energy, they may surface to breathe as often as every thirty seconds.

MAY



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Manatees are found in shallow, slow-moving rivers, bays, estuaries, and coastal water ecosystems. They can live in fresh, brackish, or salt water, but seek out fresh water to drink.

JUNE



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Manatees usually bear one calf at a time. Twins are rare. Mothers nurse their young for a long period, and a calf may remain dependent on her mother for up to two years.

JULY



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Manatees share a common ancestor with the elephant. They are also related to the hyrax, which is a small mammal resembling a rodent.

AUGUST



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Loss of habitat is the most serious long-term threat facing manatees today. There are very few places left where manatees are free from the danger, stress, and harassment posed by human activity.

SEPTEMBER



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Watercraft collisions are the largest known cause of manatee mortality. In recent years, manatee deaths due to prolonged cold weather have skyrocketed.

OCTOBER



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All wild populations of animals have a relatively high rate of death among newborns, and manatees are no exception.

NOVEMBER



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Manatees are protected by state and federal laws. When boating, stay in deep water channels and avoid boating over seagrass beds and shallow areas where manatees may be feeding. Call 1-888-404-FWCC(3922), *FWC, or use VHF Channel 16 to report an injured manatee.

DECEMBER



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Save the Manatee Club is working to protect and expand warm-water habitat where manatees aggregate to take refuge from cold weather. The Club also works to reduce manatee injuries and deaths caused by human activities.

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ABOUT SAVE THE MANATEE® CLUB:

Save the Manatee Club (SMC) is an award-winning 501c3 national nonprofit conservation organization established in 1981 by singer/songwriter Jimmy Buffett, and former Florida Governor and U.S. Senator Bob Graham. The Club's mission is to protect manatees and their aquatic habitat for future generations. To accomplish its mission, SMC works closely with federal, state, and local governments, the media, and the public, and supports policies that are based on the best scientific data available. SMC raises public awareness; educates; sponsors research and rescue, rehabilitation, and release efforts; supports land acquisition; promotes aquatic habitat protection; advocates for improved on-the-water protection measures, and supports education and conservation efforts in other countries.

MORE WAYS YOU CAN HELP:

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