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RMP NEWSLETTER



Our park rangers protect the reef 24/7

Our park rangers have been working hard day and night to protect the reef. Help us out by following the guidelines on how to be a responsible visitor and promote these best practices.

How to be a responsible visitor:

- Do not buy souvenirs made from: coral , sea fans, turtle shell, shark or seahorses.
- Do not touch or stand on the reef.
- Do not remove anything from the sea, dead or alive apart from recent trash
- Use natural insect repellent and sunscreens
- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

If you spot anything suspicious, take a photo and call our Patrol Co ordinator 31715982

Contact us : www.roatanmarinepark.net email: info@roatanmarinepark.net Call: 2445 4208

Park Rangers search and rescue



After receiving a call about a boat being lost at sea, our park rangers began a search and rescue starting at West Bay point they continued their search until they found the missing boat located nearly 30 miles off the shore. This is one of many rescues our Park Rangers are involved in each month.

Lobster season

Our Park Rangers facilitate the implementation of existing fishing laws. The laws around lobster fishing is dependent on size and season and location. The regulated size is a minimum of 5.5 inches, this enables the lobster to be large enough to reproduce.



It is completely illegal within the Sandy Bay West End Reserve to remove lobster or conch. Elsewhere on the island lobster and conch can only be caught for subsistence by Hondurans and can not be sold commercially.



This photo shows 200 conch confiscated by our Park Rangers from a fisherman. These conch were intended for commercial and being juveniles, threaten the local population of conch.

CITES & Conch

Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species (CITES) is one of the international agreements signed between governments and by Honduras in 1985. CITES prohibits the international trade of threatened or endangered specimens., including sea turtles, seahorses, queen conch, corals and marine anemones. The Co Management Plan of the Bay Islands National Marine Park limits fishing and capture in coherence with CITES.



Our Eco Store aims to promote products that support alternative livelihoods which help to take pressure off the reef.

Our Bee Project in Corozal is a great success and we have restocked our shelves with simple honey, honey with honeycomb and a medicinal honey with eucalyptus and peppermint to help you recover from the cold and flu. If you are interested in distributing honey call 98295758



We also have eco friendly cleaning products which are extremely economical on the pocket too. We aim to provide alternatives to products that cause damage to the reef.

*Visit our Eco Store
Half-moon Bay*

Platinum Members



Protect Our Pride & PADI



We have made an exciting turn in our Protect Our Pride Program (POP) as PADI has agreed to help our candidates with materials. Eligible candidates will receive the materials free of charge under the condition that they must finish their courses within an agreed upon period of time. Time frame varies per course, and failure to do so will result in them paying the full value of the materials so we can continue to train local Divemasters! This is a huge help to our candidates and will add to the sustainability of the program!

Thank you to all the dive shops that helped out with this program Subway Watersports, Native Sons, Reef Gliders, Ocean Connections, Fantasy Island, Anthony’s Key, Sun Divers, West End Divers, Splash Inn, Mayan Divers, Infinity Divers, Las Rocas, Coconut Tree and Hammerhead Dive Centre and thank you Robert Sievens at PADI!

MPA Enforcement Training

Following up from the First Aid training our Park Rangers received earlier this year, they received Marine Protected Area Enforcement Training. This was delivered in mid August by Captain Jayson Hordam a retired Fish and Wild life Warden. The training was given to our RMP Rangers, NAVY as well as rangers from an NGO called TIDE in Belize. Altogether over 4 days they learned better techniques for approaching, self preservation, verbal judo, and good inspection techniques. The course aims to build an all over better interaction between stake holders, fishermen and authorities for a more efficient enforcement program.



Gold Business Members



Salt Life

We are delighted to announce a new partnership with Salt Life. The partnership will encompass ongoing efforts in raising awareness and aid in the care and preservation of the reef and the ecosystem on and around the Roatan. SaltLife will provide needed resources to RMP from content generation, apparel for staff, social media outreach and various other contributions. Salt Life is an authentic, aspirational and lifestyle brand that embraces those who love the ocean and everything associated with living the "Salt Life". Salt Life brand has widespread appeal with ocean enthusiasts worldwide. From fishing, diving and surfing, to beach fun and sun-soaked relaxation, the Salt Life brand says, "I live the Salt Life". SaltLife President Jeff Stillwell, an avid diver and conservationist says "Without preservation, education and conservation, our mission is moot. Living the SaltLife is a way of life and with our relationship with RMP we are able to provide funding awareness ago one of the worlds largest reefs.

Turtle Release!

In the past few months, our Rangers and staff have been involved in the confiscation and release of over 10 green and hawksbill turtles. In addition to the turtles, several title nets have also been removed from the water. Unfortunately turtles are still illegally hunted and eaten around the Bay Islands and it is something we feel very strongly against.



Eco Audit 2015

In October, we attended the annual Eco Audit Conference in Guatemala. The Eco Audit was developed by Healthy Reefs Initiative (HRI). The initiative began after the decline of reef was documented in the Healthy Reefs Report Card 2008, 2010 and 2012. The decline stems, at least in part from inadequate management of threats to coral reefs. This Eco Audit evaluates our efforts to protect and sustainably manage the regions coral reefs; celebrates management success stories; and documents the extent to which recommended management actions have been implemented in Belize, Guatemala, Honduras and Mexico. Representatives from 45 different organisations came together to share ideas and assist in the rating process. We're hoping the overall score for Honduras will increase, this will be confirmed when the documents have been analysed later this year.

To find out more visit www.healthyreefs.org

Silver Business Members

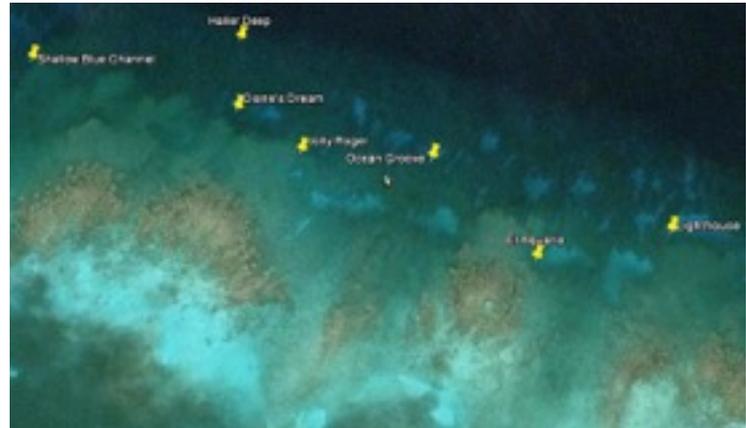


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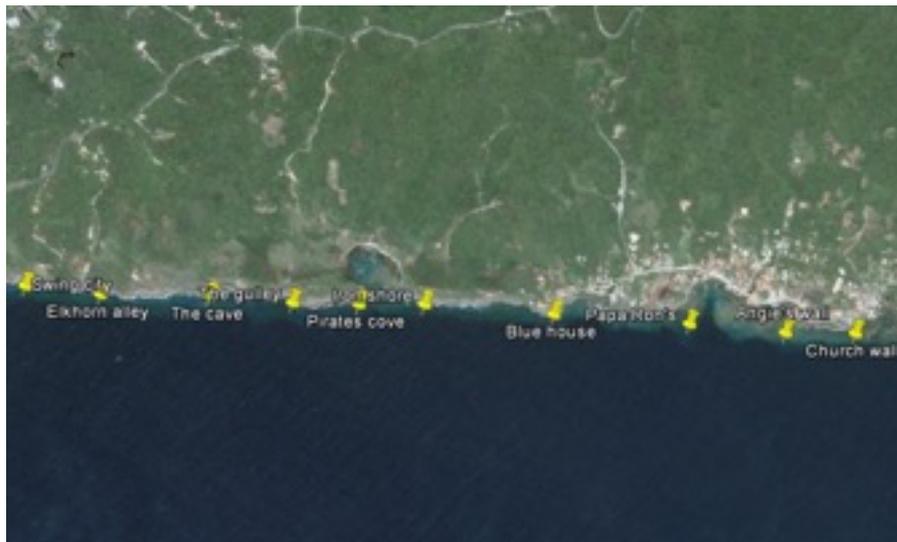


In the past few months there were several individuals who became Gold Members and got to name their own dive sites. The first were Greg and Cris Buscetto who named their site “Wicked Pissa” after their favorite show Wicked Tuna. Located at the far end of Sandy Bay opposite Blue Harbor where they live, the mooring sits in 35ft in a crack next to the shallows. Our next member is Roberta Yaeger who named her site in commemoration of her husband James Yaeger who passed away earlier this year. The site is called "Yaeger Bomi" and is located just to the west of the Odyssey wreck in a 35ft sand patch right next to the wall.

We would also like to thank Allen Sullivan, our who being an Instructor here in West End and a longtime supporter and member of the RMP, he decided to name a dive site in commemoration of his mother Diane who had been visiting the island since the 70s. The site is named Diane's Dream and is located in the shallows between Haller Deep and El Aquario.



We are very excited about our newest gold members who will be naming their site Cindy's Surprise, because there is in fact a surprise on this dive. Watch out for the new dive site and more details soon.



In preparation for rainy season, the moorings between Flowers Bay and Key Hole have been renovated to cope with the inundation of boats when the weather switches. There are now over a dozen moorings along that part of the coast, however as always, the buoys are often stolen or the lines cut so please report to the RMP if they are missing. With approximately 20 dive shops that use Flowers Bay when the northerlies arrive, there are obviously not enough dive sites for every boat. With no dive shops actually located in this area, it is a large investment for the RMP to install moorings with expensive buoys and hardware. If you would like to work together the finance of these moorings, please get in touch to find out more.

Silver Business Members



Tax Deductible Donations

It's finally here! With our new 501c3 status granted by the IRS earlier this year we can now accept donations via the USA . In return donors will be able to claim a tax deduction for their donation. We aim to diversify our income streams to areas other than just Roatan with the intention of reinvesting it in community development, alternative livelihoods, patrols and everything else we can do to take pressure off the reef here on the island. It opens other doors to funding such as matched donations from companies and much more. If you want to know more about making a donation via our 501c3 status, please contact us info@roatanmarinepark.net

Want to become a member?

All members receive:
 a T-shirt and bracelet or tag,
 are added to our mailing list
 have voting rights in our General Assembly (If present)
 AND Business members receive a banner indicating level of support.

INDIVIDUAL	BUSINESS
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