

San Antonio Bay Partnership

Spring Newsletter

April 2, 2020

Conference Creates Connections

In January, our **10th Anniversary Conference & Celebration** connected speakers and participants representing more than 40 organizations. From freshwater inflow to sea level rise, oyster reefs to oystercatchers, environmental education to arts & the environment - a wide array of topics was covered providing the latest information from local experts. All presenters slides can be found on our website.



[View Conference Presentations](#)



Collecting Crab Traps

February's annual **Abandoned Crab Trap Removal** program got folks out on the bays saving wildlife and making the waters free of debris. An astonishing 1632 traps were removed from Lavaca Bay south to Aransas Bay by 164 people. The use of the Collector app not only provided boat teams with the location of traps spotted through aerial recognizance, but data collected about the traps and the by-catch will help determine root causes to reduce abandoned traps in the future.

[Crab Trap Removal Report](#)

New this Month

San Antonio Bay Drought Watch

U.S. Drought Monitor
Texas



As recent observations of stream flow and drought index data have revealed an increasingly alarming trend in the South Central Texas/Middle Texas Coast region, SABP has compiled the most recent data into a series of images illustrating the current status of drought conditions, stream flow, and salinity. Look for weekly updates.

Texas Floating Classroom 2019



In 2019, with the support and sponsorship of San Antonio Bay Partnership, the Texas Floating Classroom reached over **4000** children & adults.

Aboard the R/V Archimedes and with their traveling touch tank Captains Whitney & Brian Curry are able to provide hands-on marine education to students along the San Antonio & Guadalupe Rivers down to San Antonio Bay and beyond!





Our Board of Directors

We welcome Dennis Durkee and Ed Boyer as the two newest members to join the board. We thank the continuing directors for their time, efforts and dedication. Directors serve two year terms to fulfill San Antonio Bay Partnership's mission "to create and sustain a working partnership of committed stakeholders in order to protect, restore and enhance the natural resources of the San Antonio Bay System for the benefit of the ecosystem and its human uses."

Allan Berger, Chair 2019-20, Port O'Connor

Jerry Pearce, Vice Chair 2019-20, Victoria

Vickie Grove, Treasurer 2020-21, Houston/Seadrift

Dennis Durkee, Secretary 2020-21, Victoria

John Kivalus, 2019-20, Victoria

Charles Clapsaddle, 2019-20, Goliad

Kathleen Carey, 2020-21, Victoria/Seadrift

Steve Fotiades, 2020-21, Victoria

Ed Boyer, 2020-21, Rockport

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Paddles Pending

In respect for the community and the current Covid 19 situation, our paddling events are on hold. As soon as the social distancing restrictions and stay at home orders are lifted, we will post a paddling schedule. SABP board, staff and volunteers wish you all health & happiness and hope to see you on a paddling trail very soon.



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