

San Antonio & Espiritu Santo Bays Crab Trap Cleanup 2020 (updated 2/21 9am)

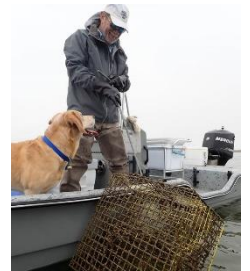


Thank you for volunteering for the comprehensive & systematic cleanup of both bay systems! Below are several things you should know about the crab trap clean-up:

1. **Closure Period** – Friday Feb 21- Sunday March 1
 - a. Friday Feb 21 – Aerial reconnaissance. Data will be available Saturday morning via Collector App described below.
 - b. Saturday Evening Feb 22 – **Celebratory Party sponsored by GBRA** at Hooper’s in POC for participants in the cleanup. Live music by Jack Motley. Happy Hour 5pm; dinner at 6pm. Bring your spouse or friend; please RSVP with number in your group (we don’t want to run out of food!)
 - c. Volunteer opportunities continue for the closure period.
 - d. Saturday, Feb 29 is bad weather fallback for Saturday Feb 22.

2. Rules for the Day

- a. Be Safe.
- b. Have Fun.
- c. Get free equipment. **Sponsored by GBR Trust, HEB & Citgo.** I will have hooks & gloves & snippers. Let me know how I can get them to your crew.
- d. Waders are essential. Many traps require getting out of the boat.
- e. Binoculars helpful!
- f. Start when you want. On way out, start picking up traps after you have arrived on your route. On the way back, pick up anything you see. Other boats not associated with the systematic effort may be in your area—the more help the better.
- g. Fill the dumpsters at TPWD POC Dock, Charlie’s or Austwell. I am trying to get one added in Seadrift Marina and Sanders Park/Swan Point.
- h. Don’t be late for dinner/party in POC!



3. Data Collection

- a. TPWD requires only # traps and effort expended. The Basic Data sheet is shown at end of document. I will have copies of the form at the Party.
- b. In order to begin addressing root causes, I am asking all boats to mark the specific location of each collected trap, characterize the location, and note entrapment.
- c. Requires download of a free App to utilize USFW ARC-GIS technology and signup with your ID provided by USFW. Captains should have received email from USFW; check your spam folder. Instructions are provided on on SABP link next to this document. I

tested the Collector App last year and found it user friendly, but I suggest a crew member be assigned a Data role.

d. The App will also make available to boats the results of the aerial recon scheduled for Friday, Feb 21 for the SA Bay and Aransas Bay Systems, Lavaca Bay & Powderhorn Lake and Matagorda Bay. Near POC, I have also marked traps from my boat during the last week that appear derelict.



e. Data to be collected via the APP (preliminary)

- Location per Collector App GPS
- Tag Present: Yes/No
 - If yes: Owner Name or Float #
- Collected From:
 - Boat
 - On Foot
 - Can't remove
- Trap Contents
 - Empty
 - Blue crab (BC)
 - Stone crabs (SC)
 - Fish (F)
 - BC & SC
 - BC & F
 - BC & SC & F
 - SC & F
 - Turtle Diamondback terrapin
 - Sea turtles
- Other/Comments

Training materials are available on this website

4. Routes / Search

a. Map below shows the composite of the routes and the spreadsheet describes-- trying to be efficient and cover the bay. Areas should include both the shorelines and transect across the open water. Signup for your preferred route to allanrberger@outlook.com



- b. To sign-up for the Aransas Bay Routes, contact Stephen Ford, Flats Worthy, at smford72@icloud.com; 936-203-0700. He is seeking volunteers for all the Aransas Bay system.
- c. To sign-up for Lavaca Bay (not shown), contact Janet Weaver, Lavaca Bay Foundation, at jlwls@yahoo.com; 361-920-0818
- d. To sign-up for Matagorda Bay (not shown), contact Bill Balbo, Matagorda Bay Foundation at bbalboa@matbay.org; 361-781-2171



THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS



San Antonio & Espiritu Santo Bays Search Areas – *table below*



	Bay Section	Description	Sat 22	Sun 23	Mon 24	Tue 25
A	Barroom Bay & Blackberry Shore	Fisherman's Cut: Barroom Bay & old canal, Blackberry Shoreline to Army Cut	Barton, Goldman, Bootzin			
B	SW Matagorda Bay	Little Jetties, north to Powderhorn Lake including Boggy's and south into Sunday Cove and Fish Pond; east to Pass and Peninsula Shore to Big Lake	Doug Berger, Brenda, Ashley, Alejandro			
C	Bayucos and Grass Islands N Shore	Chris's Cut & west, along Bayucos & Grass Island shores to tip Grass Island, incl Bill Day Reef interior	Charlotte Odell Team			
D	Saluria	Saluria west to Bayucos Point and to south Grass Island and Farwell Island	ICF John Pistone, Holly Grand & brother			
E2	Lighthouse Cove	LHC west to TPWD dock	Liz Hewitt Crew- Start at LHC and work west			
E1	Big Pocket	Both shores and into Mules Slough, then west into ES Bay	ABergers, Kelsey, David B, Brandon, Cassie			
F	Dewberry Island	Shoreline & Bay from Army Cut west to Charlies Cut	Open			
G	Shoalwater / Lagoon	Shoalwater Bay west to Steamboat; Lagoon east to Army Cut		Dallas Zoo Airboat 3		
H	East Steamboat	North half of West ES Bay, from Charlies Cut to Steamboat chain	Darryl Kern Crew			
I	Southwest ES Bay	South Half of West ES Bay from Contee Entrance to South Pass	Sally and Mark Barnes			
J	East MI Lakes	Pringle, Contee & South Pass Lakes	ANWR Airboat			
K1	SE SA Bay	GIWW toward MI shoreline / open bay		Dallas Zoo 1		
K2	Central SA Bay	Middle of SA Bay west of Steamboat	Stephen Mills / Art Esquivel			
L	Longs Lake to Pats Lake	Longs Lake , Post, Cory's and Pats Lakes and Shorelines	David Weynard Crew			
M	Pats to Cedar	Pat's Lake south to Cedar Lake	Open	ABergers, Patrick & Perrin Shell, Friend Pistone, BOrtego, Vacancy		
N	Cedar to Panther	Cedar Lake south to Panther Point & lake	Open			
O	West SA Bay	S of GIWW, Panther Reef to 2nd Chain				ANWR 1
P	Ayres Bay	Between 2nd Chain and Ayres Reef				ANWR 1
Q	SW SA Bay	N of GIWW, to Webb Point; east to midbay		Stephen Mills / Arturo Esquivel		
R	Turnstake	Turnstake to Misquito Point, including Welder Flats; south to GIWW, west to mid bay		DALLAS ZOO 2		
S	E SA Bay	Seadrift south to Misquito point; east of VBC			DALLAS ZOO 2	
T	Guadalupe Bay	Guadalupe Bay; up River to Trayors Cut		TMerindino, GBRT - start west shore		
T2	River	River upstream to Bafrier				GBRA 3
U	Upper SA Bay	Webb Pt. to McDowell Pt.; East to VBC	The Nguyen		Dallas Zoo 1	
V	Hynes Bay	Hynes Bay , shores and marshes			GBRA 1 & 2	GBRA 1 & 2
WN	Hog Bayou	launch at Hog Bayou; Hog and Goff Bayous			GBRA 3	
WS	Mission Lake	Hogg, Goff Bayous; Mission Lake & River			Dallas Zoo airboat 3; Pistone , Shelly with Advocate	
X	Mesquite Bay		Evan Smith			
Y	Carlos Bay					
ZE	East St Charles Bay	Refuge Shoreline north to Dietrich Pt.	Ed & Lisa Boyer			
ZW	West St Charles Bay	W Shoreline north to Cavasso Cove	Ed & Lisa Boyer			
ZN	North St Charles Bay	Cavasso Creek to Burgintine Lake	Ed & Lisa Boyer			
ZR	BlackJack Marsh	East Shoreline St Charles - Refuge Marsh				ANWR 2
1	Powderhorn Lake	Entrance to Lake, then west: lake and both shorelines into Coloma Creek	open			
	Boats and crews to be scheduled rest of week:					
	ABerger	Cranes (T,W, or Thur?)				
	ICF John Pistone	Ortego; Threat Crew Mon, Tu, Wed?				
	Richard Porsche	Dodson (Th, F)				
	Steven Mills	Art Esquivel				
	Mark Saddler					

Crab Trap Removal Report, Feb 2020

<p>Route: _____</p> <p>Areas missed: _____ _____</p> <p>– Captain: _____</p> <p>Mobile Phone: _____</p> <p>Email: _____</p> <p>– Affiliation: _____</p> <p>– eg CCA, TMN, Paddling Club, GBRA , SABP</p>	<p>Crew and email addresses:</p> <p>1. _____ – email _____</p> <p>2. _____ email _____</p> <p>3. _____ email _____</p> <p>4. _____ email _____</p>
<p># Traps picked up _____</p> <p>Deposited at _____</p> <p>Counted by TPWD staff ? Yes or No?</p>	<p>Includes:</p> <p>____ from Matagorda Bay</p> <p>____ from Aransas Bay-Mesquite south</p> <p>____ from Lavaca Bay</p>
<p>Hours on the water working Traps: _____</p>	
<p>ARC- GIS App used to mark collected traps. Yes or No</p> <p>Route KMZ file: can you send Allan your approx. route?</p>	
<p>Most interesting observation of the Day:</p>	
<p>Suggestions for improvement next year:</p>	