

Regional Offices

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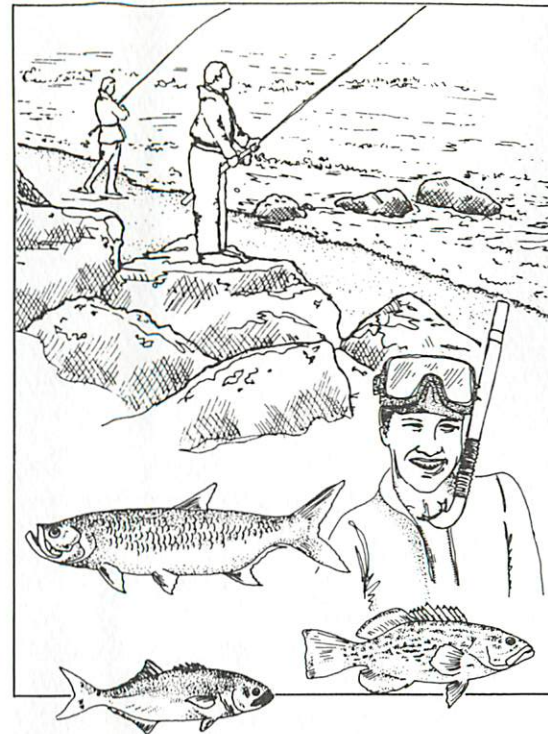
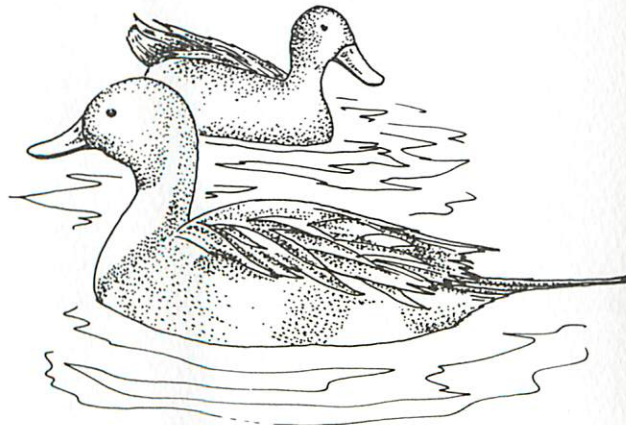
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Environmental Issues

Environmental Protection - Membership contributions make it possible for the Society to watch coastal beaches, wetlands, rivers, and estuaries, and promote protection of critical habitat. This is accomplished by education, media coverage, testimony in state capitals and Washington, D.C., about environmental legislation, court action, river and sound keeper projects, and working with environmental coalitions; the Society is affiliated with such groups as the Coast Alliance, the Barrier Island Coalition, the Society of Wetlands Scientists, Monitor (marine animals), Clean Ocean Action, and state environmental and education coalitions.

"Society members help protect nesting sea turtles in Georgia, analyze water quality in Delaware Bay, collate data on municipal sewage and industrial toxic waste dumping in the New York Bight, organize beach walks on Cape Cod, and of course, study the striped bass everywhere in this range."

*-from "Wanderer On My Native Shore,"
by George Reiger, ALS member
and Conservation Editor
of Field and Stream*



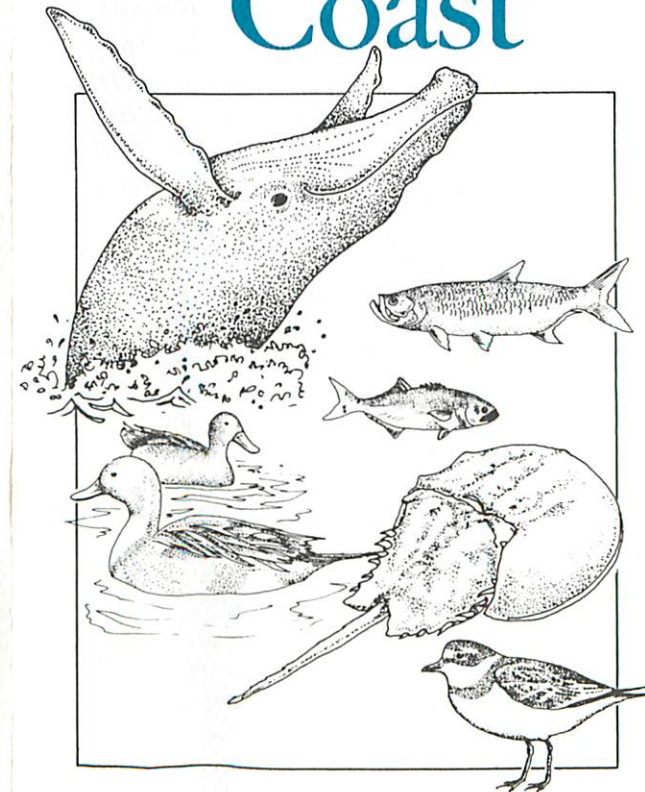
Publications

The Society's quarterly magazine, Underwater Naturalist, Coastal Reporter (a national newsletter), chapter newsletters and incidental bulletins cover such coastal subjects as coral reef ecology, barrier islands and dunes, marine mammals, coastal birds, Florida's Everglades, life in Chesapeake Bay, the rise in sea level, tips for underwater photography, the future of striped bass, and environmental action reports. Recent issues of the magazine have included articles such as "About Seagrasses," "The Galapagos - A Season in the Field," "The Plight of Australia's Dugong," "Pink Salmon in Prince William Sound, Alaska," and "The Great White Shark." The magazine also contains book reviews, field observations, and fish tagging reports. The Littoral Society Is Not A Book Club, but it does publish books. Among the recent titles are Marine Gamefish of the Middle Atlantic and And Two If By Sea: Fighting the Attack on America's Coasts. Members receive free copies of Society books.



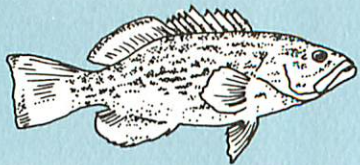
AMERICAN LITTORAL SOCIETY

We Care About The Coast



Explore and protect the wonders of the coast

Join the American Littoral Society today!



A Coastal Concern Since 1961

The shore and adjacent wetlands, bays and rivers - the *littoral* zone - is the special area of interest and concern for members of the American Littoral Society. This brochure will introduce you to the many facets of the American Littoral Society; as you will see, membership in the Society can benefit you and the coastal environments. A full complement of educational activities, publications, and trips keeps members up to date on coastal concerns.

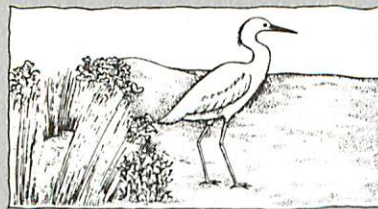
"A major goal of the Society and a major reason for the growth of Society membership is a concern about the future of the shore and its wildlife habitat.

When we fill coastal wetlands, pollute estuaries, and dump toxic wastes in rivers and at sea, we threaten the ocean's future."

- D. W. Bennett, Executive Director

Society Background - A national, non-profit, public interest organization of professional and amateur naturalists, the American Littoral Society was founded on April 8, 1961, at Sandy Hook, NJ, by a small group of divers, naturalists, and fishermen to encourage a better understanding of aquatic environments and provide a unified voice advocating protection of the delicate fabric of life along the shore.

Since those early days, membership has grown and diversified to include birders, swimmers, canoeists, boaters, and beachcombers - in short, individuals and families who are interested in the enjoyment, study, and conservation of coastal environments. It is an active group devoting much of its energy to outdoor field experiences - hikes, dives, and explorations of the coastal strand. Six regional offices along the east coast offer activities and activism for members from New England to Florida.



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Member Activities

In addition to local and national field trips, there is an annual film symposium on such topics as commercial fishing, deep sea explorations, marine birds, and coastal rivers.

Field Trips - The Society runs coastal field trips varying in cost and duration. Members congregate on trips to experience and enjoy the environments the Society seeks to preserve and protect. There is something for everyone starting with:

- ◆ local New Year's Day beach walks
- ◆ spring and fall oyster dives in Chesapeake Bay
- ◆ whale watching off Cape Cod or Montauk
- ◆ canoeing and rafting on the Delaware River
- ◆ paddle and drift exploration of the Suwannee River
- ◆ island weekends in Spruce Head, Maine, or Appledore, New Hampshire
- ◆ diving trips to Bonaire in the Caribbean
- ◆ a week at the Bermuda Biological Station
- ◆ a birding weekend in Cape May, New Jersey
- ◆ the annual crab feast in Oxford, Maryland
- ◆ camping on Cumberland Island, Georgia, and Dismal Swamp, Virginia/North Carolina

Trips are scheduled throughout the year and are led by qualified member guides. We will send you the current field trip brochure after we receive your completed membership application.

Annual Meeting - Each fall a long weekend annual meeting is held at such locales as Cape Cod, MA; Mystic, CT; Montauk, LI; and Chincoteague, VA; featuring field trips on the water and beaches, spe-

cial presentations, and a seafood feast.

Fish Tag Program - Members can participate in the world's busiest fish tag-and-release program; they tag about 8000 fish each year. Tagging records have helped marine biologists increase their knowledge of fish migrations and growth rates. The data are stored in the National Marine Fisheries Service computer at Woods Hole, MA.

Divers' Section - The Society's Divers' Section runs special events for underwater enthusiasts, including dive/study trips and institutes to help divers understand and monitor the underwater environment. They benefit from the expertise of a technical advisory group that includes Stan Waterman, Sylvia Earle, Joseph MacInnis, Eugenie Clark, Richard Ellis, and Dee Scarr.

"The American Littoral Society stresses the joy of exploring the great wet outdoors called the sea.

I hope you will join us."

-Dr. Eugenie Clark

*Zoologist, University of Maryland
ALS Vice President for Membership*

General Store - Stocked with T-shirts, sweat-shirts, jacket patches, and a Continental Shelf of books - selected publications of coastal interest, including field guides and natural histories, are available to members at substantial discounts.



HOW TO JOIN

Fill in the attached membership application and mail it along with your first year's dues or your credit card information. You will receive a membership card, window decal, and the latest magazine, newsletter, and field trip guide.

American Littoral Society
Sandy Hook, Highlands, NJ 07732

Please enroll me as a member of the American Littoral Society and send me current issues of UNDERWATER NATURALIST and COASTAL REPORTER, plus membership card.

I enclose a check for \$_____ for the category checked below:

☐ \$10 Student ☐ \$50 Sustaining
☐ \$20 Individual (includes family) ☐ \$100 Supporting
☐ \$25 Clubs, Libraries, Foreign ☐ \$250 Sponsor
☐ \$30 Contributing ☐ \$500 Donor

Or, you may charge your membership fee:

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