

# New Pass Fishing Piers Cleanup 2017

June 3, 2017

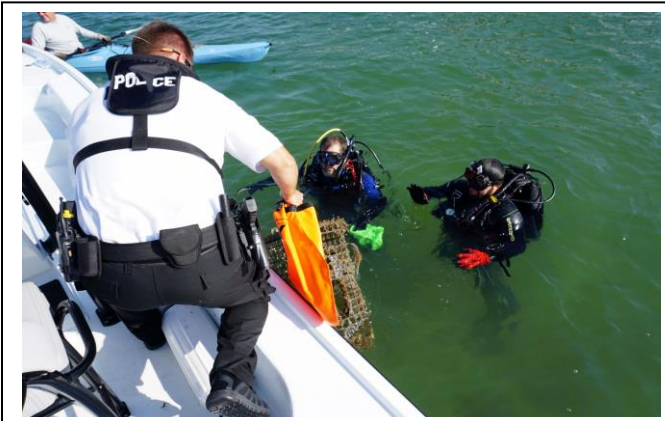


**What:** The first cleanup of the New Pass Fishing Piers.

**Who:** Certified divers, limited kayakers, and lots of 'topside sorting' volunteers on the pier needed. Community service for students.

**When:** June 3, 2017. Registration at 8:00, briefing at 8:30. Water Entry at 8:45. Event ends at 12:00.

**Where:** Ken Thompson Park (between Marine Max and Sarasota Sailing Squadron), 1700 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236.



**Why:** Removing marine debris and lost fishing gear will reduce bird and marine animal entanglement and ghost fishing while maintaining a healthy habitat and fishing environment for everyone. Sarasota Bay Watch collects data from recovered fishing gear to determine marine debris hot spots, fishing impact, and entanglement dangers.

**How:** Registration is limited and required for divers, kayakers, and all helpers.

**Go to:** [www.sarasotabaywatch.org](http://www.sarasotabaywatch.org)

⇒ Experienced divers must be certified and supply their own equipment. Scuba Quest will provide free air tank rental and/or air fill for day of event – (Must prearrange through store at 1129 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota). Sarasota Police Department boats will secure perimeter.

⇒ Experienced kayakers will help communicate with divers and assist in debris transfer from divers to collection site. Space is limited.

⇒ Topside helpers will retrieve trash from the pier and surrounding area, hoist debris from divers, and transfer the refuse while assisting with data collection.

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