

Sea Breeze

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4th of July

What a celebration!

The flags, parade, swim contests and food were fantastic! Many thanks to all of the hands involved in making this a great holiday!



Turtle Nests and Patrol

Interested in helping out our Turtle Patrol? Lots of good info at <http://www.turtlepatrol.com>.

August 15 is the cutoff for adopting nests this year, but will get you started for next.

Please remember to cover up any holes that you dug and to not use lights on the beach. The baby turtles have a tough road to get out of their nests and safely out to sea; lights confuse their direction.



True or false?

Answers on the following page

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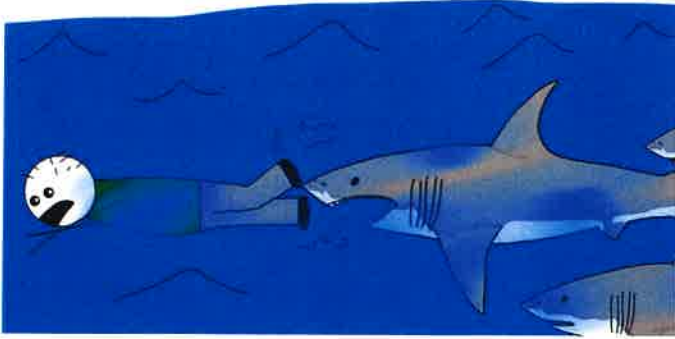
The average lightning bolt is only one inch in diameter. True or false?

Lightning never strikes the same spot twice. True or false?

A storm must be directly overhead to be dangerous. True or false?

If you hear thunder get out of the pool and off the beach! True, true, true!

Sharks have bad publicists!



Shark bites were down in Florida in 2018 with a total of 16 in 2018. There were zero reported north of Volusia County, which led the state with four.

How does a shark find its food?

Two thirds of a shark's brain is used for its sense of smell, allowing them to smell blood from a great distance (up to a mile). Don't go in the ocean if bleeding, even a little bit.

Besides smelling their prey, they have electro perception which can sense objects based on their natural electric stimuli. Avoid using electronic water proof cameras if you want to avoid a close up!

Their eyesight allows them to see contrasts very clearly. If you are extremely untanned, don't wear a dark swimsuit—shark neon light!

How to avoid shark encounters?

Avoid shiny jewelry, swimming at twilight or dark when sharks are very active. If you see birds or dolphins feeding in the area, get out of the water. If there are dolphins eating, there is an extremely good chance there are also sharks, as they share the same habitat and food source.

Second graders are happy to tell you that a dolphin will protect you from a shark. Like they said in the movie, you're gonna need a bigger boat as that does not happen.

So, enjoy the ocean and outdoors. Just be smart about lightning and swimming.



True or false? answers

The rubber tires on a car can protect you. *False.* It's the metal framework of the car that dissipates the force of the lightning. It's safer than being outdoors

The average lightning bolt is only one inch in diameter. *True.* That one-inch bolt can be three times hotter than the surface of the sun.

Lightning never strikes the same spot twice. *False.* Ask the Empire State Building which gets hit about 25 times every year

A storm must be directly overhead to be dangerous. *False.* If you hear thunder you can be in danger of being hit by lightning

Board Meeting

No August meeting unless announced. Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 5, 7:00 pm

ARC: September 23, 10 am

Social Committee September 17, 10 am

Check the Guardhouse sign for updates
Full calendar can be found on our website:

seacolonypalmcoasthoa.com

ONGOING ACTIVITIES

Please check as schedules change

Walking Class M-Fr 9 am

Yoga \$ Thurs 10 am

Pool Exercise M-Fr 10 am – 11 am -
uses one half of the pool (shallow end
to middle)

Bridge Thurs 1 pm

Poker Tues 7 pm

Mahjogg Mon 12:30 & 7:30 pm Wed
1 pm

Book Club 2nd Mon at 10

Bingo will be posted

Movies will be posted

Please feel free to join any of these activities; if not, please respect the time and areas that these groups have scheduled