



# TURTLE TRACKS

FALL 2022

## Ralph Evinrude Test Center and the Environmental Studies Center

Thank you to the Outboard Marine Corporation: Ralph Evinrude Testing Center (RETC) for all they have done for the River Scout over the years. Part of the Evinrude test program has involved putting over 100 marine engines into the community in areas like law enforcement, manatee recovery, education and more. The ESC's boat, the River Scout has benefited from this program, with the RETC donating at least 6 sets of twin engines for the River Scout over the years, keeping it up to date and safe for all the students who have visited the Center. These engines are maintained at no expense to ESC.

The River Scout was originally equipped with OMC Stern Drives, which were eventually replaced with two large twin outboards on an extended transom bracket. If engine problems occurred, they were often resolved in a day rather than taking weeks at a marina. This meant that ESC's daily busy schedule of accommodating students could be maintained without major scheduling interruptions.

The staff at the RETC enjoyed the fact that their efforts with the River Scout helped tens of thousands of Martin County schoolchildren benefit from learning about our rivers. "I remember 35+ years ago when my two daughters, Lisa and Lori, took several educational tours on the craft, only to come home all excited, relaying the great experience that they had had that day," said \_\_\_\_ Many RETC employees could relate similar stories about their children. RETC Manager Jim McFarland, Pete Meier and Bob Erlandson all served on the Environmental Studies Council board at various times.

Sadly, Outboard Marine Corporation/Bombardier is no longer at the RETC site by the Roosevelt Bridge. The property was sold last year, but fortunately will remain a marina. All the RETC buildings have been removed, since new building codes require that the property be raised 3 to 4 feet for the new project, The Atlantic Point Marina. The marina will have a large dry stack boat storage facility and a restaurant, coming at the end of 2023.

### ***Fall Open House***

Join us for a day of fun and exploration at the Environmental Studies Center! Interactive activities, learning, refreshments and more! See you there! Saturday October 22, 2022 10am -1pm

### ***Save the Date!***

Save the date.... ESC 50th Anniversary Fundraiser at Bay Tree Lodge, Sewall's Point on April 1, 2023

\*More details coming soon!

***Please consider leaving a legacy by naming the Environmental Studies Council in your estate plans.***



## The Environmental Studies Council, Inc.

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### Mission Statement

To protect and enhance the education programs of the Environmental Studies Center and to promote and extend environmental awareness through community education.

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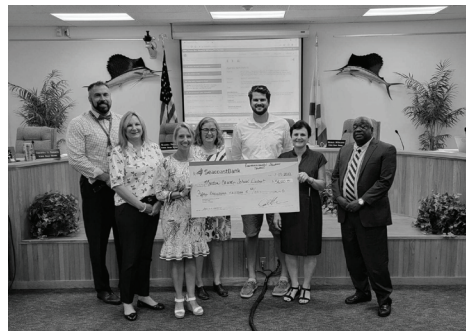
### Center Staff

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## From the desk of the President

Prior to summer, I had the honor of being named President of the Environmental Studies Council Board of Trustees. As a native Floridian born and raised in Stuart, growing up on the waterway, I learned at a young age the importance and value in preserving our environment, promoting awareness, and educating our community and youth about our local ecosystem. I am excited and grateful to be your incoming president and I wanted to acknowledge the leadership provided by Kara Muzia and last year's board. This year's summer camp was a resounding hit! This amazing summer success filled our campers with the knowledge and passion for protecting our wildlife, waterways and oceans. Kara and team deserve many kudos for this and all the work over the previous years. I too, share the same vision and look forward to helping increase participation and engagement, including a diversity of perspectives and experiences. I would like to extend a BIG thank you to our teachers and volunteers who make everything we do possible! Some of our upcoming projects include our fall Open House scheduled for October 22nd, set to be a day filled with learning and exploring our Environmental Studies Center. In addition, our volunteers are hard at work planning our 50th anniversary Gala which is sure to be a night to remember!

Please join us for these exciting events and as always take time to review our wish list and membership options. Last month I along with other council



members were pleased to present the Martin County School District with a check for one teacher's annual salary. This was made possible due to the fundraising and donations from our active environmentalists. As

we continue to support and promote the center and community educational opportunities, we ask that you join us and share in this mission.

Sincerely,  
 Coltin S. Radabaugh

## Did Your Membership Expire?

Have you renewed your membership to the Environmental Studies Council? We need your support!

To sign up, log on to [www.escmc.org](http://www.escmc.org) or call (772) 219-1887 x 121





## Summer Camp at the ESC



*“And at the end of the day, your feet should be dirty, your hair messy and your eyes sparkling.” -Shanti*

ESC summer camp was in full swing this year! We had over 400 campers be a part of this amazing opportunity! Campers went boating, fishing, seining, snorkeling and even had a visit from a manatee at Fort Pierce Inlet State Park! What an incredible summer! The ESC is so thrilled to be able to share these unique experience with children in our community. We have an incredible staff and volunteer network that makes the ESC truly the place to be!!!



## Thank you to our volunteers!

**T**hank you to all of our Staff and Volunteers at ESC Camp 2022 who made this year absolutely incredible! We are excited for our seniors next adventure and wish them well with their endeavors: Connor Martin, Austin O’Hare, and Dexter Paulson. Thank you to all of our volunteers that help keep the ESC “ship-shape.”



## AFTERNOONS AT THE CENTER

Enjoy the ESC with a self-guided tour! Educators will be stationed at different locations to answer any questions you may have and to tell you some fun facts. Be sure to check out all the awesome new merchandise at our gift shop! Afternoons start at 1:30 and end at 3pm. Dates are December 13th, February 21st and April 18th.

## THE EARTH WITHOUT ART IS JUST “EH”!

This year ESC Camp was sponsored by the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation. We had an amazing partnership with the new ESC Camp shirts and our art program that campers were exposed to! Campers explored various new ways to use paint on different medium. It was an amazing way to get campers to Dive into STEAM at camp.



## ESC OPEN HOUSE

**J**oin us Oct.22 from 10am-1pm for the fall open house! All rooms will be open, including the wet lab and Joey the Alligator. We also have our new red door room! The gift shop will be open with all of our new amazing swag. See you there!

**When: October 22,  
10am-1pm**

**Where: The  
Environmental  
Studies Center  
2900 NE Indian River  
Drive, Jensen Beach**

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## Wish List

The Environmental Studies Center needs your support! The Center has a current need for:

- *The ESC needs your support! The Center has a current need for a new boat cover.*

If you are interested in supporting any of the above opportunities, please contact us at [info@escmc.org](mailto:info@escmc.org) or by calling 772-219-1887 x121. Or stop by the Center - we'd love to see you!

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## Learning new things at Camp WET!

**T**his year Camp WET (Water, Environment, Technology) campers were able to integrate the Technology into Camp WET in a new and exciting way. Students learning about Fishial, a computer program that enables the development of a highly accurate fish identification technology using Artificial Intelligence. Campers



learned about new ways they can participate and assist in a scientific study. We are grateful to the Wye Foundation for providing campers with this experience, some goodies and an amazing instructor Kimmie Denesha.

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