

# Manatee Sighting Network

NEWSLETTER



## Manatees move west!

With the onset of warmer weather, manatees began their seasonal migration to northern Gulf of Mexico waters. MSN has already received 2 - 5 times more sightings in Mississippi waters than usual for this time of year. In fact, Zewie, a manatee captured and tagged by MSN in Dog River last summer has already traveled back through Alabama. After a brief stay in Mobile Bay, he headed to Lake Pontchartrain in Louisiana, and MSN researchers continue to track his movements along the Gulf Coast. You can track Zewie's movements too by logging on to our website at [manatee.disl.org](http://manatee.disl.org). DISL Senior Marine Scientist Dr. Ruth Carmichael suggests, "Something is going on that we do not fully understand, perhaps due to early warmer temperatures and the greater freshwater inputs. We are definitely looking at evidence of more animals further west earlier in the year this year."



D. Powrie 2011

Manatee spotted in Orange Beach, AL

## CONGRATULATIONS!

to MSN staffer/graduate student **Allen Aven** who recently presented his work at the Northern Gulf Institute's (NGI) annual conference in Mobile. His poster titled, "Detection of belted manatees using passive acoustic monitors" won third place in the student competition. MSN was the first to use PAMs to detect acoustic transmitters in belted manatees. MSN was able to detect three belted manatees in AL waters this winter using this method.



MSN's tagged manatee Zewie

## MSN Educational Outreach

MSN volunteers & personnel have been busy attending local events, including DISL's Discovery Day open house and the DISL Foundation fundraiser, Cocktails With Critters held at Tacky Jack's on the causeway. Want to find us on the road? Visit our booth at the Dauphin Island Fishing Rodeo, July 9, 15-17.



DISL Discovery Day

To schedule us at your next event, call: **1-866-493-5803**

## URGENT!! New tag needed



One of MSN's tagged manatees lost his satellite tag due to a boat strike. The manatee seems to be fine, but the tag was destroyed. This tag accounted for 25% of MSN's manatee tracking capacity, and we can no longer monitor the manatee via satellite. Direct tracking of manatees in the northern Gulf of Mexico has provided the most significant data on manatee movement patterns and habitat use in Alabama waters in his- tory. Visit [manatee.disl.org](http://manatee.disl.org) for details on how to help by making a donation to MSN. **THANK YOU!**

## Manatees celebrate Mardi Gras 2011

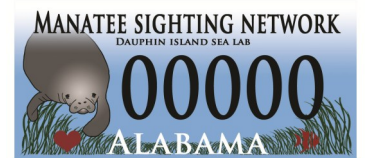


S. Carmichael 2011

The MSN crew celebrated Mardi Gras 2011 in style this year in Gulf Shores. The crowd was huge and lots of folks took home cool MSN manatee gear. Visit our website to get your own manatee shirts, cups, magnets, and more. Look for our manatees on parade in the future or invite us to your parade.

## Manatee Plate Update

MSN needs 1,000 signatures to produce our distinctive plate. Sign up today and pay later. Help support local manatee research & outreach.



## Report Sightings 24/7

☎ 1-866-493-5803

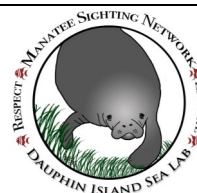
💻 [manatee.disl.org](http://manatee.disl.org)

✉ [mantee@disl.org](mailto:mantee@disl.org)



## ADOPT A MANATEE

Now available! Adopt an Alabama manatee with Save the Manatee Club. Log on to [savethemanatee.org](http://savethemanatee.org). A portion of proceeds benefit DISL/MSN.



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# Power of Attorney

STATE OF Alabama

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby appoint Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Mobile Manatees Sighting Network  
NAME  
 of 101 Bienville Blvd. Dauphin Island, AL Zip 36528  
ADDRESS

as my attorney-in-fact to sign my name and do all things necessary for the purpose(s) of: **(Owner shall initial each purpose for which appointment intended)**

- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ making application for certificate of title;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ making application for replacement certificate of title;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ completing assignment of title to transfer my ownership to the transferee;~~
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ to receive my certificate of title;~~
- \_\_\_\_\_ to register and to purchase license plate,
- ~~\_\_\_\_\_ other purpose, describe: \_\_\_\_\_~~

for my motor vehicle described as follows:

<u>_____</u> <small>YEAR MODEL</small>	<u>_____</u> <small>MAKE</small>	<u>_____</u> <small>MODEL</small>	<u>_____</u> <small>BODY STYLE</small>
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Sworn to and subscribed before me  
on Date above stated.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires:  
\_\_\_\_\_

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SIGNATURE OF OWNER

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PERMANENT ADDRESS

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**Signature of Appointee:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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If a business firm or corporation is appointed, the signature shall be of an authorized representative of the firm who will perform as attorney-in-fact for the owner.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** Any alterations or strikeovers shall void this Power of Attorney. *Original signatures are required on all Power of Attorneys.*

**LEGAL NOTICE:** A person acting for the motor vehicle owner under this Power of Attorney should be aware of the statute under the *Alabama Uniform Certificate of Title and Antitheft Act* as follows: **Code of Alabama 1975, §32-8-11.** "Aiding, abetting, etc., in violations. A person who, whether present or absent, aids, abets, induces, procures or causes the commission of an act which if done directly by him, would be a felony or a misdemeanor under provisions of this chapter, is guilty of the same felony or misdemeanor. (Acts 1973, No. 765, p. 1147, §43.)"

**Please Initial to Indicate Preference:**

\_\_\_\_\_ If 1,000 commitments are not made, **MMSN may keep \$48.75**(tax deductible) as a charitable donation.

\_\_\_\_\_ If 1,000 commitments are not made, please **RETURN** my funds. I will forfeit my tax deduction.

\$1.25 is retained by AL DMV.

**Checks payable to:** Dauphin Island Sea Lab

**Mail to:** Mobile Manatees Sighting Network

c/o Dr. R. Carmichael

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