



# Marine Education Poster Contest 2016

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Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH

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## Rays the Roof: Protecting Southern Stingrays in The Bahamas



The unique hunting abilities of a stingray – digging, sucking, and crushing – also benefit other reef animals looking for lunch. These gentle winged fish are key predators in

Beautifully graceful underwater, many Southern stingrays choose the turquoise waters of The Bahamas as their home. Like other reef animals, stingrays play an important role in our marine ecosystem.

When a stingray hunts along the bottom, it mixes the sand and stirs up hidden creatures in search of food. Sea birds will often follow the path of a stingray hoping to make a meal of the animals disturbed by the ray.

a healthy, marine habitat, so it's time to "Rays the Roof" and start protecting our stingrays!

Learn more about this unique animal and the challenges it faces from the MEPC 2016 Info Sheet and express your feelings through art in the Marine Education Poster Contest 2016. Call for a FREE Marine Assembly Program at your school to introduce you to the marine topic "Rays the Roof!"



Contest Deadline:  
March 4th, 2016

Here are some of the great prizes for this year's contest!

**Seaventure Summer Camp**  
at Dolphin Encounters

**Ocean Explorer's Kit**  
from Dolphin Encounters

**Sea Lion Encounter**  
at Dolphin Encounters

**Beach Day Package**  
at Blue Lagoon Island

**Swim with the Dolphins**  
at Dolphin Encounters

**Snorkel Adventure**  
at Blue Lagoon Island

### New Student Prizes!

Each student who submits completed artwork will receive a Sea Tag Award—unique to each year's competition!

## Poster Guidelines & Entry Rules

Any posters that do not meet the following guidelines may be disqualified:

- Paper size must be standard letter-size (8.5 x 11 inches)
- Must be un-ruled & unlined
- Presentation may be horizontal or vertical
- Theme must be a saying OR full sentence WRITTEN on the front of the poster. NO SPELLING ERRORS.
- Art Materials used may be pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers, crayons, watercolors or paints
- NO charcoal, pastels, chalk, glitter, sand or paste-ons.
- Must be done freehand by the student. NO STENCILS or TRACING.
- NO firm or rigid backing.
- NO computer-generated graphics
- One poster per participant.
- Each participant must submit an application form.
- Posters must be delivered to Dolphin Encounters or mailed flat. Pick ups from schools or mailboats will be made upon request.
- All entries must be received by March 4th, 2016. Send entries to:  
M.E.P.C.  
DE-Project BEACH  
P.O. Box SS-6257  
Nassau, Bahamas



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## Contest Guidelines & Entry Rules Continued...

### Eligibility

Open to all students residing in the Bahamas within the following four contest divisions:

**Kindergarten — Second Grade**

**Third — Fifth Grade**

**Sixth — Eighth Grade**

**Ninth — Twelfth Grade**

Official Sea Tag Awards acknowledging each student's submission will be sent to all that participate at their respective schools.

### Entry Deadline

All school entries must be submitted to DE-Project BEACH at the Paradise Island Ferry Terminal by March 4th or postmarked by February 29th, 2016. On request, DE-Project BEACH will pick up all applicants from any school in Nassau OR a mailboat by March 8th. Teachers MUST CALL to confirm the pick up date for their school.

### Judging

A panel of judges recognized for their work in the marine environment will be assembled to view and select winners. All decisions are final. Announcement of winning contestants will be made on March 11th, 2016.

### Student Awards

Each child that places in the top three slots for their grade-category will receive a reward. Award ceremony will be held at Dolphin Encounters—date in March to be announced.

### Teacher Awards

The teacher for each of the first place winners will be awarded two passes to relax for the day on Blue Lagoon Island. Tickets include lunch, transportation, inflatable park access and your choice of water sports float (noodle, mat or inner tube) for the day.

### General Contest Rules

Poster content must represent the artist's own perception of the theme or slogan which MUST relate to this year's contest topic.

All posters submitted will become the property of Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH. All rights for reproduction in all media, including print, film, and/or video are assigned to the organizers and their sponsors to use as deemed appropriate to further the goals of the contest. Posters will not be returned.

### Winners' Exhibition

Posters from participants will be scanned and posted throughout the community in recognition of student efforts to help preserve the oceans on which we depend.



**A stingray has a powerful suction, pulling food and water into its mouth and spitting the water and debris out its spiracles (located right in front of its eyes).**



### **Any questions?**

Phone: 242-363-7150 ext 338 or 303

Or 427-9031

Fax: 242-394-2244

Education@DolphinEncounters.com

### **Hand Deliver Posters To:**

**Dolphin Encounters**

**Paradise Island Ferry Terminal**

## Official Application: Marine Education Poster Contest

**THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT  
AND THE TEACHER OR PARENT:**

I have read and agree to all rules of the Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH Marine Poster Contest and agree that my poster entry becomes the property of Dolphin Encounters-Project BEACH and its sponsors and may be displayed, published, donated or used in any way deemed appropriate to meet the goals of Project B.E.A.C.H. I certify that this poster is my original work as witnessed below by my teacher or parent.



**DOLPHIN ENCOUNTERS**

Student/Artist

School Grade Level

City Island

Teacher's Name

Teacher's Phone Contact & Email

Artist's Signature Date

Title for Poster Student's Home Phone

Teacher's OR Parent's Signature Date

