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For those interested in swimming with the wild dolphins of the Bahamas in the summer of 2000, we still have a few open dates to choose from. The season will start on April 29 and will continue through the beginning of September. A number of weeks are already reserved, however all weeks that are indicated as open on the schedule may be reserved by a group or will be filled by individuals signing up with our office in Miami. All wild dolphin charters are 7 days/6 nights

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## Reflections from Dr. Kathleen: Japan & Dolphins

special to the Gazette by  
Dr. Kathleen Dudzinski

What's new? My two-year fellowship to study dolphins in Japan finished in August 1999. I returned to the USA in early September and have already moved twice! But I am nicely settled into a spacious house only a 5 minute walk from the Pacific Ocean. Umi still will not swim but she delights in chasing the shore birds. She has actually made some doggie friends but still believes she is the "Queen Bee" in our house.

The biggest culture shock I experienced was visiting the grocery store and having to choose between the multitude of items--so much food and in so many different packages. But I survived

and am slowly remembering my favorites. And I have also found a few Japanese shops to satisfy my cravings of foods I liked on Miyake. The best of both worlds is now mine.

My J.S.P.S. Fellowship passed much more quickly than I expected. The people of Miyake welcomed me and made me part of their community, and will always be in my heart. As my Visa for stay in Japan was for Cultural Activities, I made every effort to experience and share in the Japanese Culture. For example, I learned and participated this summer in the Matsuuri festival where it is good luck to help carry an exceptionally heavy shrine, the mikoshi,

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### Summer 2000 Schedule

April 29-May 5	reserved	July 8-July 14	reserved
May 6-May 12	open	July 15-July 21	reserved
May 13-May 19	reserved	July 22-July 28	reserved
May 20-May 26	reserved	July 29-Aug 4	reserved
May 27-June 2	<b>reserved</b>	Aug 5-Aug 11	reserved
June 3-June 9	reserved	Aug 12-Aug 18	reserved
June 10-June 16	open	Aug 19-Aug 25	reserved
June 17-June 23	open	Aug 26-Sept 1	<b>reserved</b>
June 24-June 30	reserved	Sept 2- Sept 8	reserved
July 1-July 7	reserved	Sept 9-Sept 15	reserved

## Excellent dolphins in summer 1999

Beautiful weather and numerous dolphin sightings made this past summer one of the most memorable ever for passengers on the "Hanky Panky". Our returning passengers from other summers have agreed that there were more dolphins around this year than any other in recent memory. The unusually high number of flat calm days certainly helped contribute to the many dolphin sightings in the summer. We did get brushed by Hurricane Floyd in September but other than damage at the airport, the island of Grand Bahama and the Little Bahama Bank were mostly unaffected.

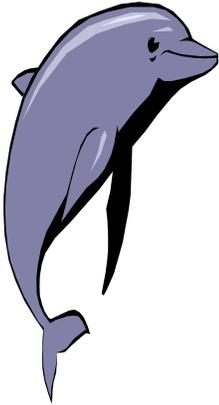
## Thank you for Web Page Submissions!

Special thanks to all of you who have made contributions to our web page. We appreciate everyone who has helped make our web site one of the most interesting and informative sites about swimming with wild dolphins on the internet! Be sure to check out all the information and photos at: **www.wilddolphincharters.com**.

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with arrivals on Saturday and departures on the following

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Brochures are available for anyone needing more information or for distribution by facilitators. If you are interested in being a facilitator for a week, contact Lynne at 305-441-0699 and she will be able to give you the

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which I did twice.

The return on effort for my dolphin studies was actually greater than in the Bahamas – we are much closer to shore and trips are only a half-day long to Mikura, and the dolphins. From 15 September 1997 to 21 July 1999, I gathered data during 82 four-hour trips to Mikura Island. During about 165 hours of effort, I recorded more than 23 videotapes with about 7 hours containing dolphins. Compare this with the 20 videotapes from the Bahamas with a bit more than 5 hours of dolphins! I am currently analyzing data and should be able to give more updates this summer.

One other update focuses on the large-format Dolphins film for IMAX theaters. I have been working on this with folks from MacGillivray Freeman Films for the past 2.5 years. The film is almost finished and will be premiering in March 2000. It has lots of beautiful shots as well lots of new and exciting scientific information. I think you'll really enjoy it.

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