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For those interested in swimming with the wild dolphins of the Bahamas in the summer of 2001, we still have a few open dates to choose from. The season will start on April 28 and will continue through the middle of September. A number of weeks are already reserved, however all weeks that are indicated as open on the schedule can be reserved by a group. The weeks of June 2 -8 and June 9-15 will be filled by individuals signing up with our office in Miami. All wild

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Wild Dolphin Charters Updated Happenings

You may have noticed that the expected pre-summer edition of the *Dolphin Gazette* did not make it into your mailbox this past spring. Due to an ambitious schedule of upgrades to the boat, we found ourselves totally swamped from February until the first charters began in early May. Shortly after Valentine's Day we hauled the "Hanky Panky" out of the water. In addition to doing bottom maintenance and painting we also had a brand new aluminum dive platform and ladder constructed to replace the existing teak platform. The new platform is about 6 inches wider than the old one and sports an extra wide 3-step ladder with handles to make exiting the water easier than ever

before. Other improvements on the boat include a new bimini for the flybridge, a new Garmin GPS with color map plotter, two new air conditioning compressors, and fully tinting all the windows to help keep things cooler. We also purchased a larger dinghy in the spring. We replaced our Mako 19 with a Mako 22 which has a 225 HP Evenrude engine to provide more speed when fully loaded, and two 30 gallon gas tanks to increase range. This coming winter we plan to replace the bimini on "Spanky II" with a permanent t-top and to paint the deck with white, non-skid paint to make it cooler and improve footing.

Summer 2001 Schedule

April 28-May 4	open	July 7-July 13	reserved
May 5-May 11	open	July 14-July 20	reserved
May 12-May 18	open	July 21-July 27	reserved
May 19-May 25	open	July 28-Aug 3	reserved
May 26-June 1	reserved	Aug 4-Aug 10	reserved
June 2-June 8	open signup	Aug 11-Aug 17	reserved
June 9-June 15	open signup	Aug 28-Aug 24	reserved
June 16-June 22	reserved	Aug 25-Aug 31	reserved
June 23-June 29	reserved	Sept 1- Sept 7	open
June 30-July 6	reserved	Sept 8-Sept 14	open

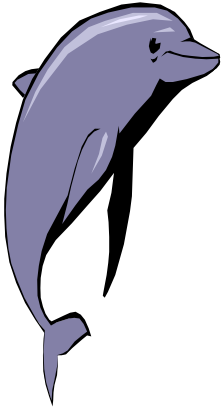
Busy summer in 2000

The summer of 2000 was our most successful ever in terms of number of guest aboard the "Hanky Panky". In total we booked 17 weeks of charters and had over 100 guests on board during that time. We were happy to welcome many passengers from past summers while several others stayed with us for more than one week. Our summer began with a group from Japan and ended with a couple from California. In between we hosted a television station from Cincinnati, and groups from Pura Vida Expeditions, Oceanic Society Expeditions, and the Dolphin Communication Project. The 2000 summer season ended on September 22 without any major hurricane threats. Thanks to all of you who made this another wonderful year!

Volcano Erupts

The Mount Oyama volcano on Miyake Island in Japan began spewing ash and steam in July of 2000 forcing the eventual evacuation of all residents. Scientists and rescue workers were also forced to leave the area due to toxic gases being released into the air. Trips to swim with wild dolphins from Miyake to the nearby island of Mikura have been cancelled for the time being. According to sources in Japan, rehabilitation of the island of Miyake may be 2-10 years away.

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It wasn't all boat work keeping us busy in the Spring of 2000 as Captain Lynne was on the road much of the time with conventions and video shows. Her travels took her twice to Las Vegas and once to San Antonio in addition to local shows in the Miami/Ft. Lauderdale area. Captain Peppie carried on in her absence and worked very hard to get the boat ready in time for the first charters of the summer. Now that the winter season is here Peppie is busy with day and weekend trips and is currently recording his first ever music CD! The CD will feature Peppie on lead vocals with partner Steve Colbrook playing keyboards and singing backup vocals. Songs on the CD will be representative of the music the duo plays at their local gigs around Grand Bahama. If you have heard them playing live in the past you know what type of mix they will be recording. No details are available at this time on where to purchase the CD but we will post information and order forms on the website as soon as it is completed. You can keep up with all the latest information on our Wild Dolphin Charters website at <http://www.wilddolphincharters.com>.

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dolphin charters are 7 days/6 nights with arrivals on Saturday and departures on the following Friday. Check the web page or call for up to date information. If you are interested in being a facilitator for a week, contact either Lynne (captaingal@minspring.com) or Peppie (captainpeppie@

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