



Wednesday January 6th, 2016:

6:00pm – 8:00pm – *Meet and Mingle, FRIENDS Education Center*

Enjoy cocktails and appetizers with your fellow attendees and presenters while visiting the FRIENDS education centre and Frank Kenyon Centre. A great opportunity to learn more about conservation efforts in Abaco, plus a chance to view the famous Sawmill Sink fossils!

Thursday January 7th, 2016:

Talks and Poster Sessions, Venue: New Vision Ministries

- 8:30 am Mingle and Coffee
- 9:00 am Opening and Introductions
- 9:15 am *The importance of research in the protected area design process*
Keynote speaker: Eric Carey, Executive Director, Bahamas National Trust
- 9:35 am *Fishing down nutrients on coral reefs: selective harvest reduces nutrient capacity in coral reef ecosystems* - Jake Allgeier
- 9:55 am *Rates of Extinction in Abaconian Birds Before and after Human Arrival*
David Steadman
- 10:15 am *Does Study Abroad Matter? The Impacts of a Bahamas Field Experience on U.S. Student Participants, 1977-present.* - Dawn Ford
- 10:35 am Poster Session and Coffee Break
- 11:05 am *A closer look at the mangrove die-off in The Marls*
Ryann Rossi
- 11:25 am *Sound off: The effects of noise pollution in the ocean*
Charlotte Dunn
- 11:45 am *Marine debris in the Exuma Sound and plastic ingestion by tunas, wahoo, and dolphinfish* - Zachary C. Zuckerman
- 12:15 pm LUNCH
- 1:15 pm *Poster Frenzy!*
- 1:30 pm *Stingray Research at The Cape Eleuthera Institute: Ecosystem driven approaches to conservation* - Owen O'Shea
- 1:50 pm *Movement Patterns of West Indian Manatees (Trichechus manatus) in The Bahamas*
Felice Knowles
- 2:10 pm *Assessment of the Schooner Cays queen conch nursery in South Eleuthera*
Candice Brittain
- — end of talks for today — —
- 3:00 - 5:00 pm *Workshop Session: Conchservation Campaign*
Venue: FRIENDS Education Centre
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Conference Social - Frank Kenyon Centre
Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be offered.



Friday January 8th, 2016:

Talks and Poster Sessions, Venue: New Vision Ministries

- 8:30 am Mingle and Coffee
- 9:00 am Opening and Welcome
- 9:15 am *Conservation implications of site fidelity patterns by bonefish, *Albula vulpes*, in the Bahamas: A case study* - Justin Lewis
- 9:35 am *Adult bonefish movement corridors and spawning locations around Grand Bahama*
Karen Murchie
- 9:55 am *Using Angling Guide Knowledge (AGK) to establish historic population models for Bonefish, Tarpon, Permit and more on Bimini and Grand Bahama* - Tom Karrow
- 10:15 am *Twelve years of bonefish research in The Bahamas: current findings and future objectives* - Georgiana Burruss
- 10:35 am Poster Session and Coffee Break
- 11:05 am *Piping Plovers and the Bahamas: Five Years Later, What's New and Next?*
Todd Pover and Stephanie Egger
- 11:25 am *"Potcake" Abundance Estimate: A study into the Population and Health of "Potcakes" in Sandy Point, Abaco* - Sheldon Mackey
- 11:45 am *Bottlenose dolphin population trends on Little Bahama Bank: sentinels for ecosystem change* - Diane Claridge
- 12:15 pm LUNCH
- 1:15 pm *Schoolmaster snapper are susceptible to temperature change across both juvenile and adult life stages* - Eric Schneider
- 1:35 pm *The evolutionary ecology of communication in Bahamian mosquitofish*
Sean T. Giery
- 1:55 pm *Bats of the Bahamas: an update on local species and their evolutionary history in the islands.* - David Reed
- 2:15 pm *What if we are wrong about the lionfish invasion?*
Craig Layman
- Vote of Thanks/Closing
Please pack up your posters!
- 3:00 pm - 5pm *International Piping Plover Census Workshop*
Todd Pover and Stephanie Egger, Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey
Venue: FRIENDS Education Centre
A workshop to organize and train local participants for the Abaco segment of the survey to be conducted in late January, 2016.
- 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Conference Social - Frank Kenyon Centre
Light hors d'oeuvres and drinks will be offered.