



The Andrew “Red” Harris Foundation Reef

The Andrew “Red” Harris Foundation funds the construction of artificial reef cells that are then donated to the Palm Beach County Artificial Reef Program for placement on sites in the ocean off Jupiter, Florida. These sites are permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers for artificial reef construction.

The Foundation was created to honor the memory of Andrew Harris who was struck by a boat while snorkeling in the Jupiter Inlet on June 8, 2014. The foundation’s work will help assure the long-term health and vibrancy of the local marine environment where Andrew loved to dive and fish.

The Foundation’s 2015 summer project is the construction of a new northern Palm Beach County reef built with forty 6’ x 8’ x 8’ concrete artificial REEF CELL modules at a cost of approximately \$120,000. The 2016 summer project will be built with up to 100 modules off Juno Beach.

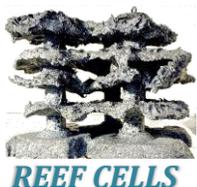
The unique REEF CELL design, rising eight feet from the sea floor, will create highly functional reef structures that will quickly begin to look like Bahamian coral heads. Twenty REEF CELL modules had been completed by the end of May, 2015- go to <http://andrewredharrisfoundation.org> to see pictures.

The new reefs will be built on offshore sites that are vast underwater sand plains. The Foundation will continue to build productive new reefs on unproductive sites off the shores of northern Palm Beach County. Our goal is to help the marine habitat can keep pace with the increasing pressure on it from a variety of destructive influences including population growth and climate change.

The community will benefit in terms of personal enjoyment and satisfaction in being able to take part in this effort to help build the strength of the marine environment that is the key to the south Florida lifestyle. Additional funding is needed and 100% goes to reef construction- please pitch in!

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) has stated that artificial reefs divert pressure from natural reefs while still allowing visitors to enjoy diverse marine life. Because many of these divers, snorkelers and anglers are eco-tourists who utilize local boat charters, hotels, restaurants and other amenities, artificial reefs can have a positive impact on local economies. In such an instance, the artificial reef would be considered a win-win for the economy and the environment.* According to Alan Richardson, Chair of the Organization for Artificial Reefs based in Tallahassee, FL, he estimated that for every dollar spent locally on artificial reefs, \$138 comes back into [local] communities**.

Please join us as we continue to build artificial reefs to both enhance our environment and honor the memory of Andrew and everything that was important to him.



How can you help the foundation build new reefs?

Donate tax-deductible funds through our website at andrewredharrisfoundation.org, donate personally, through your business, your employer's charitable giving program, or a personal charitable trust.

- Purchase a \$5,000 6' x 8' x 8' REEF CELL reef module and naming plaque for someone you love, for your business, your community group or as a memorial and create your own reef!
- Link your TD Bank account to the Andrew "Red" Harris Foundation through your local branch and the TD Bank Affinity Program will donate \$10/ year per account to the ARHF or open a new linked checking account with \$100 and TD Bank will give you \$25 and donate \$50 to the Andrew "Red" Harris Foundation.
- Buy our long sleeve SPF shirts with the beautiful lighthouse logo for \$30 (ornaments, charms and medallions are also available).
- Buy a set of the "Professor Clark the Science Shark" second grade reader books (\$35 for three) and teach your kids, grandkids, nieces and nephews marine environmentalism while you read their new favorite books together.

Andrew is "Clark" the shark's connection to the human world as they partner to improve our marine habitat. Kids love the books and you'll love the interest in reading and learning that the books stimulate. The foundation shirts and books 1-3 of 8 are available at Jupiter Dive Center 561-745-7807 and Treasure Coast Carpets 561-575-5158 or through our website, <http://andrewredharrisfoundation.org>

Volunteer: We have a talented and diverse volunteer group that is donating their time and efforts to help us reach our ambitious goals. If you have skills or connections that could help, come join us!

Andrew "Red" Harris Foundation is an approved 501C3 charity, donations are tax deductible.

* As found at <http://floridakeys.noaa.gov/artificialreefs/effects.html>

** As found at <http://www.tallahassee.com/story/news/local/2014/06/08/new-artificial-reefs-placed-franklin-wakulla-coast/10191743/>