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In Memoriam

Sinkey Boone (1937–2010)

Sinkey Boone was born in Darien, Georgia, into a shrimp fishing family. He was a welder, a net-maker, and a generous purveyor of folk wisdom. He is credited with the invention of the turtle excluder device (TED), which has saved the lives of thousands of sea turtles. He liked to call the TED a “trawling efficiency device” because it helped reduce unwanted catch of many species, and he thought it would help make shrimpers more accepting of its use. Sinkey worked hard to promote TED use worldwide and to bring together fishermen and conservationists; he opened his home and his heart to environmentalists, shrimpers, and the public. Sinkey’s contribution to the oceans was monumental, and his passing is a loss for the Earth.

Thelma Richardson (1943–2011)

Thelma Richardson began working on the Little Cumberland Island loggerhead patrol in 1966, a week after marrying Jim Richardson, and helped create the Georgia Sea Turtle Cooperative in 1970. From 1980 until the late 1990s, she worked tirelessly behind the scenes to “make things happen” at the Annual Sea Turtle Symposia in a variety of roles. She would be in her “computer room” from first light to midnight helping hundreds of students with their abstracts, and doing myriad other labors of love. These were good years for Thelma, surrounded by friends from around the world on a common mission for research and conservation of sea turtles. She never regretted her sea turtle odyssey that became such a defining part of her life.