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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION  
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## No Jellyfish

### Still Need to Be Careful When Swimming

Jellyfish, also know locally as nettles, remain out of sight and out of mind for many delighting in the waters of the St. Mary's River. With so much rain, salinity remains low, around 9 ppt. This keeps jellyfish at bay, making the



waters all the more inviting to swimmers. Safety is not guaranteed, however, as vibrio remains a prevalent concern. Vibrio is a type of bacteria that can cause vibriosis. Symptoms of vibriosis include cramping, chills, fever, and/or skin infection. In some cases it can be fatal. Those eating raw seafood or entering the water with open cuts are most at risk of contracting vibriosis. Please remain safe and exercise caution in enjoying the waters and delicious yield of our river.



## Volunteer Needed to Build Oyster Cages

A cage-building volunteer day is scheduled for 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM this Friday, July 27. All eager helpers are encouraged to attend. The St. Mary's River



Watershed Association relies on oyster cages to accomplish key portions of our work. Cages are used to house baby oysters at the docks of participating hosts who steward these little guys through their first year of life. They are collected in late spring and transferred to the St.

Mary's River sanctuary. Every

year we do maintenance on old cages and make new ones. Last summer we made 600 new cages. The goal this summer is to make 350 cages. A couple of weeks ago we had a volunteer day to help build cages, which brought us to a total of 135 cages so far this summer. Thank you to everyone who contributed that day! Whether or not you were able to come that day or help out in past, we invite you to join us this Friday. Your efforts would be greatly appreciated.



#### OUR MISSION

To protect, improve, and promote the sustainability of the St. Mary's River Watershed through the collaborative efforts of economic, agricultural, environmental, social, cultural, and political stakeholders in the community.

We're on the web!  
[www.smrwa.org](http://www.smrwa.org)

#### Upcoming Events:

- MGO Cage Building - Need Volunteers  
Tentative - Friday July 13  
Tentative - Saturday July 14  
8:30 to 11:30 am  
Please [RSVP](#)  
For details (email or text 301-904-2387)
- [Governor's Cup](#)  
August 3-5  
We exhibit 11:00 to 5:00  
on Saturday  
SMCM waterfront

MGO Cage Fill & Distribution

Friday, August 24

SMCM waterfront



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