

Dear Sponsor,

Partnering with the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network is a powerful statement about you or your company's commitment to supporting local conservation efforts that make the Lowcountry an amazing place to live and work. At the Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network (LMMN), we believe science is very important. We also believe awareness can create change. LMMN's 5th annual citizen scientist event, **Dolphin Count**, will bring education and science together for a fun, all ages, interactive event to raise awareness about Charleston's resident population of bottlenose dolphins. Over the last two years, we hosted over 1,000 participants, 40 volunteers and recorded over 250 dolphin sightings!

Did you know approximately 350 dolphins call Charleston home year-round? That is unique because it gives us an opportunity to monitor them to understand their threats and needed protection. These animals have found a safe place to eat, socialize, and rear young and *they deserve to live in a quiet, clean, environment.*

On April 23, **Dolphin Count** will bring together marine mammal experts, enthusiastic volunteers and interested community members to:

- LEARN more about Charleston's true "locals", their behaviors, and home ranges.
- RAISE awareness about ways our community can view dolphins responsibly.
- ENGAGE the community on the threats these animals face and ways each of us can help.
- COLLECT valuable data using citizen scientists.
- INSPIRE the next generation of marine stewards.
- ENCOURAGE each participant to take action for more local protections such as plastic bans, protecting Capt Sam's Inlet and fighting seismic drilling.

Your cash sponsorship will allow us to make this event bigger and better including things like providing supplies for this free event, going digital, educational materials for participants, adding speakers, events, and activities for our smallest echolocators. In return, we will promote your business/organization as being a dolphin supporter! We'll let our supporters know, they should support YOU! We would also encourage your company to join us for this event as a great way to learn and give back.

Why is Dolphin Count important?

1. Each year dolphins face threats in Charleston's waters such as crab pot entanglements, harassment, entanglement and ingestion of marine debris, seismic drilling, and habitat destruction.
2. Citizen scientists can help us collect valuable data needed to help monitor this population.
3. Dolphins are federally protected, yet, each year dolphins are harmed by humans.
4. Dolphin Count is the only marine mammal community event!

Sincerely,
Lauren Rust, Executive Director
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*Your sponsorship will not only help raise awareness about dolphins in Charleston
but provide advertisement for your company to our like-minded supporters.*

Please fill out the form below and either send back electronically or by mail to the address below:

Company or Donor Name: _____

Contact Person: _____

Company or Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Type of Sponsorship: Individual Small Business Corporate

Whale Sponsor- \$750+

- **Name a local dolphin**
- Personal tour with our ED, Lauren Rust, to Capt Sam's Inlet to learn about strand feeding dolphins
- 1 dolphin adoption, a "Locals" t-shirt, and a LMMN stainless steel cup
- "Sponsored by" on all communications including social media, e-newsletters and advertising
- Logo placement on website
- Social media package including 5 social media mentions

Dolphin Sponsor- \$500+

- 1 dolphin adoption and a LMMN stainless steel cup
- Your name or company named as one of the event's sponsors on all communications including social media, e-newsletters and advertising
- Logo placement on website
- Social media package including 3 social media mentions

Calf Sponsor- \$250+

- 1 LMMN stainless steel cup
- Your name or company named as one of the event's sponsors on all communications including social media, e-newsletters and advertising
- Logo placement on website
- Social media package including 2 social media mentions

Media Sponsor

- Promote, advertise and mention the event in your media format (paper, magazine, social media or radio)
- Your name or company named as one of the event's sponsors on all communications including social media, e-newsletters and advertising
- Logo placement on website
- Social media package including 2 social media mentions
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Form of Payment: Check Credit Card

Please make checks payable to: Lowcountry Marine Mammal Network or call to place a credit card donation. 843.991.6953

Donation Amount: \$ _____

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