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# WATERSHED WATCH

ST. MARY'S RIVER WATERSHED ASSOCIATION

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St. Mary's City, MD 20686

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## New Reef Mound - Old Reef Builder Reef Ball Installation

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June 27—An old friend and former program director, Ken Gill, delighted us during his summer trip home to good ol' Southern Maryland. What better way to spend your time than to install twenty-one reef balls without major equipment or work vessel? Each large reef ball weighs about 350 pounds. To move these on and off trailers and vessels, dollies were used. Bladders were used to achieve wighlessness under water so the balls could be easily placed. With a little bit of elbow grease and determination, we built the 39th and 40th reef mounds. STEM engineering put into practice. (Ms. Offenbacher will be proud.)

Thank you to Ken and our crew for helping. Also, thank you to everyone who has supported our operation through the purchase of a reef ball! If you would

like to forever be part of our river with your name inscribed atop a reef ball—  
queries can be made to 301-904-2387 or to [meghan.m.webster@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.m.webster@gmail.com)



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Free Triploid Spat for Floats  
Members-only opportunity





To all current members with available oyster floats: through special circumstances, we have triploid oysters. These were struck in our nursery tank and are ready to grow out in your floats until they are large enough to be eaten.

Triploid oysters are genetically altered to have a third set of chromosomes and, therefore, are unable to reproduce. Since these will not contribute to a natural strike in our river, they do very little in our restoration efforts. We would love to share these oysters with you—free of charge and, when grown, available for consumption.

Please contact us with interest or inquiries at 301-904-2387 or [meghan.m.webster@gmail.com](mailto:meghan.m.webster@gmail.com)

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## WIN A PADDLE BOARD!!

\$2 a chance, 6 for \$10

Our Raffle is now open to participants!  
This year we are raffling off a 10' Stand Up Paddle Board.  
[Buy tickets here!](#) All proceeds go to SMRWA.



We're on the web!

[www.smrwa.org](http://www.smrwa.org)



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## Upcoming Events:

- [River Concert Series](#)  
Fridays—June 23, 30  
July 14, 21, & 22  
Starts at 7:00 pm  
St. Mary's College of Maryland



- Saturday, September 23  
11 am to 4 pm  
Historic St. Mary's City

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