

Important Oceanic Events

during the 1960s and 70s,
our centennial focus decades for
June and July.

- 1962 – Jacques Cousteau spends a week in the first underwater habitat, Diogenes.
- 1962 – First multi-beam sonar soundings for mapping the ocean floor.
- 1965 – First underwater robot recovers hydrogen bomb off the coast of Spain.
- 1970 – National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration established.
- 1972 – NOAA establishes the marine sanctuary system.
- 1974 – First deep sea submersible “Alvin” explores the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.
- 1979 – Deepest dive-suit dive by Sylvia Earl near Hawaii at 1,250 feet.



Snorkeling

- 50 Go swimming.
- 50 Go fishing.
- 50 Read by a body of water.
- 50 Find evidence of hydrothermal activity near you.
- 50 Go to a fish viewing area like Big Springs or Warm River and count how many you see.
- 50 Watch a documentary about a sea creature.
- 50 Sit for an hour by a body of water and note how many and what types of animals visit it.
- 100 Read a book set on or near a beach, swamp, or other watery area.



Scuba-diving

- 50 Watch a live undersea webcam.
- 50 Do a daily check for a week on something tracked on the NOAA site.
- 50 Spend an hour exploring maps of both land and sea.
- 50 Explore one of the U.S.'s marine sanctuaries. Virtually will do if you can't get there physically.
- 50 Eat something that lived in water.
- 50 Watch a film about undersea exploration
- 100 Read a book set in Spain or Hawaii.



Submersible Craft

- 50 Visit an aquarium.
- 50 Assist in a nature-based citizen scientist program. Many can be accessed through Sci-starter or Zooniverse.
- 100 Read a book about a marine animal.
- 100 Read a book set on the ocean.
- 100 Read a book set under the ocean.
- 100 Read a book by Jacques Cousteau or other oceanographer.
- 100 Read a book about a new possibility in your life such as a new hobby, new relationship, etc.