

Tribute to Jack Taylor (1932-2010); SBEP Also Acknowledges Former CAC Members and Local Conservationists Chaney, Hegener and Morrill

Our community lost a great friend and respected environmentalist with the passing of Jack Taylor on September 21. Jack led the SBEP Kayak Wise Tour Program for many years and served on the CAC. He inspired numerous people with his knowledge and passion for Sarasota Bay and wildlife in every form. A well attended Celebration of Life service was held in his honor at Mote Marine Laboratory on October 29.



Jack was born October 29, 1932 in Philadelphia. He earned a Ph.D. in Marine Biology from the University of Florida. In addition to contributing his expertise to SBEP's kayak program, Jack was also active with several conservation groups. Donations may be made in his memory to the Charlotte Harbor Environmental Center in Englewood. Jack Taylor was a thoughtful and gentle man who will be missed by many people in our community.

Three other respected members of the CAC passed away this year. Don Chaney was a dedicated conservationist who supported many eco-initiatives including the Sierra Club's Red Tide Campaign. Charles Hegener was a lifelong outdoor enthusiast who was dedicated to preserving Florida's natural environment and promoting the expansion of neighborhood parks. John Morrill was a longtime biology professor at New College of Florida. He led the school's environmental studies program during the mid 1970's and was named professor emeritus after his retirement in 2000. The SBEP is grateful for the distinguished service and dedication of these exceptional individuals.

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