

Celebrate Our Water Heritage

Join us for Oral History Slide Shows. Enjoy beautiful photos while hearing colorful, poignant, and humorous interviews of people who love being on the water and work to protect it.

6-8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 27
Sarasota Garden Club
1131 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota

Juan Rodriguez shares his passion for the art of building world famous surfboards and recalls a lifetime of surfing on the Florida coast. Interview by student Kaitlyn Bock.

Randy Wells of Mote Marine Laboratory provides an inside look of Sarasota's longstanding dolphin research and details of the local dolphin population. Interview by student Jenica Leahy.

Pat Murphy discusses the history and current activities of the Sarasota Sailing Squadron. Interview by student Willis Scheuler.

Allan Horton shares family stories such as the building of the original sunshine skyway as well as his experiences covering news events through the years as a local reporter. Interview by student Puneet Sandhu.

George Luzier has spent decades practicing the almost extinct art of wooden ship building. Join him as he shares the tools of the trade while providing an inside look at this piece of Sarasota's heritage, his workshop. Interview by Casey Schelhorn.

John Rivers provides a glimpse into the efforts to integrate Sarasota's beaches and his experiences working in the local civil rights movement. Interview by student Kortney Lapeyrolerie.

Refreshments will be provided. Meet and mingle with the interview subjects, the students and your fellow water heritage fans.

Special thanks to the Sarasota Garden Club for allowing us to use this historic facility.

