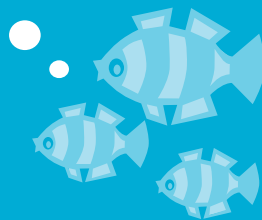
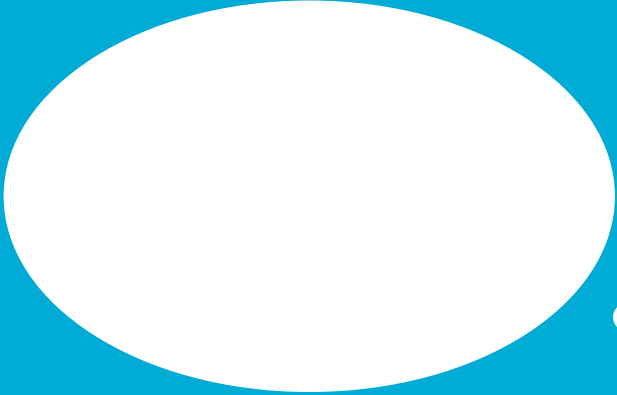


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**2001-2002 STUDENT
 CONTEST RULES**

ENTRY DEADLINE
December 21, 2001
**STUDENT & TEACHER
 PRIZES!**



OCEAN PALS News!
 Official Poster Contest Rules & Guidelines...

To encourage young people to become aware of and share their concerns for the marine environment through poster art. Their messages will be brought to the widest possible audience to create a stronger commitment to protect the very environment on which all life on this planet depends.

CONTEST GOALS

How can they be stopped? What can you do?
 Where have they invaded? How do they spread?
 Why the concern? What do they look like?
 be plants, animals and other organisms.
 alien to the ecosystem. These invasive species can
 Illustrated by invasive exotic species which are

"Aliens In Our Waters"

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POSTER CONTEST!

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Teacher's Note!

Ocean Pals News Flash! At Risk! All coastal marine life as destructive seaweed (*Caulerpa taxifolia*) threatens kelp forests and their related fish, marine mammals and sea birds. Tiny invaders in America's rivers, lakes and streams are disrupting our marine ecosystems. Alien Jellyfish, the Terminators, are clogging fishing nets and decimating shrimp larvae and fish eggs.

Alert! One of the newest invasive species to hit U.S. waters, the Fishhook Flea is thriving in Lake Ontario and the Finger lakes. Marching on and on and on, Green Crabs have successfully established residency on the east coast and now in California. Hydrilla, another aquatic weed has clogged lakes and rivers as far west as California and Washington. Hitching a ride, are the Zebra Mussels, a tiny animal with the power to shut down entire electric utilities by clogging water intake pipes. Turn over almost any rock uncovered by low tide in northeast and you will probably uncover a small purplish-black alien, the Pacific Crab. Several human activities contribute to the long distance accidental transport of aquatic organisms. However, not all alien invaders are from far away lands, the Flathead Catfish, native to our land, now inhabits 18 states where it was previously unknown. It lives for 20 years, weighs 50 pounds and feeds mostly on other fish.

Awareness is Urgent! The rate of invaders has been rapidly increasing. To learn more about them and what we can do to prevent further invasion, check this web site- www.invasivespecies.gov.

Your students can put their findings into a poster to show the world how we can act NOW to recognize and stop these Aliens in our waters.

**OCEAN PALS 2001-2002 APPLICATION FORM
 (Attach to Poster)**

Artist's Title for Poster _____
 Student/Artist _____
 Student's Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 Student's Home Phone _____
 Student's Social Security No. _____ - _____ - _____
 Teacher _____ Grade _____
 School _____
 School Address _____
 City/State/Zip _____
 School Phone Number _____
(SS# Must be provided to claim Savings Bond Prize)

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE SIGNED BY THE STUDENT AND TEACHER OR PARENT:
 I have read and agree to all rules of the Ocean Pals Poster Contest and agree that my poster entry becomes the property of Beneath The Sea/Ocean Pals and its sponsors and may be displayed, published, donated or used in any way deemed appropriate to meet the goals of Ocean Pals. I certify that this poster is my original work as witnessed below by my teacher or parent.

ARTIST'S SIGNATURE _____ TEACHER OR PARENT'S SIGNATURE _____
 DATE: _____ DATE: _____



OCEAN PALS NEWS

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FUNDING for this project is made possible through Beneath the Sea and grants from the Cayman Islands Dept. of Tourism, Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center and the Scuba Network.

TEACHER'S PRIZES: The teacher of each of the First Place National Winners will receive a 4 day/3night vacation (land only) courtesy of Treasure Island Resort in the Cayman Islands. The Caymans are a trio of isles nestled in the western Caribbean naturally beautiful, sparkling clean and impeccably safe. The Cayman Islands are a United Kingdom Overseas Territory with one of the highest standards of living in the Caribbean- appealing to everyone seeking an enchanted and relaxing escape- from families to the sophisticated world traveler...(Subject to availability. Some restrictions may apply).

ENTRY DEADLINE: DECEMBER 21, 2001

All school and local entries must be submitted to their regions postmarked no later than December 21, 2001. National winners will be notified by February 28, 2002. Details will be announced at the Ocean Pals National Awards Ceremony on Sunday, March 24, 2002 at the Beneath The Sea Expo. There will be special programs for children, parents and teachers.

GENERAL CONTEST RULES:

1. All posters submitted to Ocean Pals will become the property of Beneath The Sea Inc. and its sponsors. All rights for reproduction in all media including print, film, and/or video are assigned to the organizers and their sponsors to use as deemed appropriate to further the goals of the contest.
2. Posters cannot be returned.
3. Some rules may be modified, with the permission of the regional sponsor, if required to conform with local school system's rules.
4. One artist per poster.
5. Poster content must represent the artist's own perception of the theme.
6. Although everyone is encouraged to enter, last years First Place students and teachers are not eligible to win prizes in any category this year. All Grand Prize Winners of previous year are welcome to enter but are not eligible to win a grand prize again for a period of two (2) years from the date of entry e.g. winner in the year 2001 is not eligible to win until the year 2004. Winning first (1) place teacher/parent (home schooled) are not eligible to win for a period of one (1) year.
7. All Regional and National winners will be notified of their selection in writing.
8. An affidavit of eligibility may be requested from the teacher/parent of any award winner.

I. ELIGIBILITY

A. DIVISIONS: Open To All Students

Within Four Contest Divisions:

1. KINDERGARTEN through SECOND GRADE
2. THIRD through FIFTH GRADE
3. SIXTH through EIGHTH GRADE
4. NINTH through TWELFTH GRADE

B. Local & school contests: Only the top three finalists within each division, within each school will be accepted into the regional contest.

C. Blank Certificates of appreciation will be sent upon request to teachers entered in the contest. Submit the request with a stamped, self-addressed 10x12 envelope to your region address. Certificates will be sent in April/May after the National Awards have been made.

II. POSTER SPECIFICATIONS:

NOTE: Any posters received which do not meet the following specifications may be disqualified.

A. Presentation:

1. Horizontal or Vertical
2. ONE INCH BORDERS must be used within the specified area (for reproduction purposes).
3. Theme must be evident in a written slogan, or phrase. NO spelling errors.
4. Posters may be in color or black & white.
5. NO paste-ons, stenciling, or tracing.
6. Posters must be done freehand by the student.
7. No firm or rigid backing. Do not mount any posters.
8. Air brushed and computer generated graphics are acceptable, but will be judged in a separate special

class. A special Ocean Pals plaque will be awarded the winner.

B. Paper:

1. Size: Must be the standard poster board size of 18" x 24"
2. Single sheet, unruled and unlined only (poster paper preferred)

C. Art Materials:

1. Pens, pencils, colored pencils, markers or crayons
2. Watercolors
3. Acrylic paints
4. NO charcoal, oil paints, pastels, chalk, glitter or sand

III. JUDGING: REGIONAL - NATIONAL:

A panel of independent judges recognized for their work in marine art, marine environment, or art education will be assembled to view and select winners. All decisions are final. The National Judging will take place at the New York Aquarium for Wildlife Conservation on January 26, 2002.

IV. REGIONAL AWARDS BY DIVISION:

Only the top three finalists from each Division within each Region will be advanced to the National Contest. Medals have been specially cast for this contest by Robert L. Straight, famed jeweler, of Houston, Texas.

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| 1st Place student: | Medal plus \$100 U.S. Savings Bond |
| 2nd Place student: | Medal plus \$75 U.S. Savings Bond |
| 3rd Place student: | Medal plus \$50 U.S. Savings Bond |
| Honorable Mention: | Medal plus a selected prize |

V. NATIONAL AWARDS BY DIVISION:

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| 1st Place student: | Entry into the Grand Prize Drawing or a \$200 Savings Bond |
| 2nd Place student: | Medal plus \$100 U.S. Savings Bond |
| 3rd Place student: | Medal plus \$75 U.S. Savings Bond |
| Honorable Mention: | Medal plus a \$25 Check |

At the option of the judges, posters not placing but drawing their attention may be awarded the Certificate of Special Merit.

FOR NATIONAL WINNERS: The First-Place National Winners will be eligible for one (1) of the four (4) grand prizes. The following packages will be awarded by a drawing to be held at the New York Aquarium immediately following the judging. Some restrictions may apply. Non-transferable.

Package 1: Cayman Islands- 8 days/7 nights vacation courtesy of Villas of the Galleon, a luxury condominium located on Grand Cayman's famous 7 mile beach. (Resort stay for up to 4 people and airfare for 2 from Miami on Cayman Airways).

Package 2: 8 days, 7 nights in Curacao for a family of four, courtesy of Lions Dive Hotel & Marina with airfare for two adults from Miami/Curacao on ALM Antillean Airlines. Subject to black-out dates.

Package 3: \$200 U.S. Savings Bond

Package 4: \$200 U.S. Savings Bond

Thanks to our Associate Sponsors - Curacao Tourist Board, Princess Beach Hotel and Casino, Mares/Dacor, Mike Ball Expeditions and Verizon.

VI. REGIONAL INFO AND MAILING ADDRESSES:

A. SOUTHEASTERN: Florida

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B. WEST: Mountain States, West Coast, Hawaii, Alaska

USOA Attn: Carol Rose
P.O. Box 628 Daly City, CA 94015
email: croseusoa@aol.com

C. EAST, MIDWEST, AND SOUTH - Remaining States

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1. Regional entries must be received at one of the above addresses on or before December 21, 2001.
2. The application printed here, must be completed and firmly attached to the back of each poster.
3. Posters must be mailed FLAT.
4. No officers, directors or staff of any of the Regional or National contests are eligible for contest prizes.



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