



Narragansett Bay
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Atlantic Horseshoe Crab

Limulus polyphemus

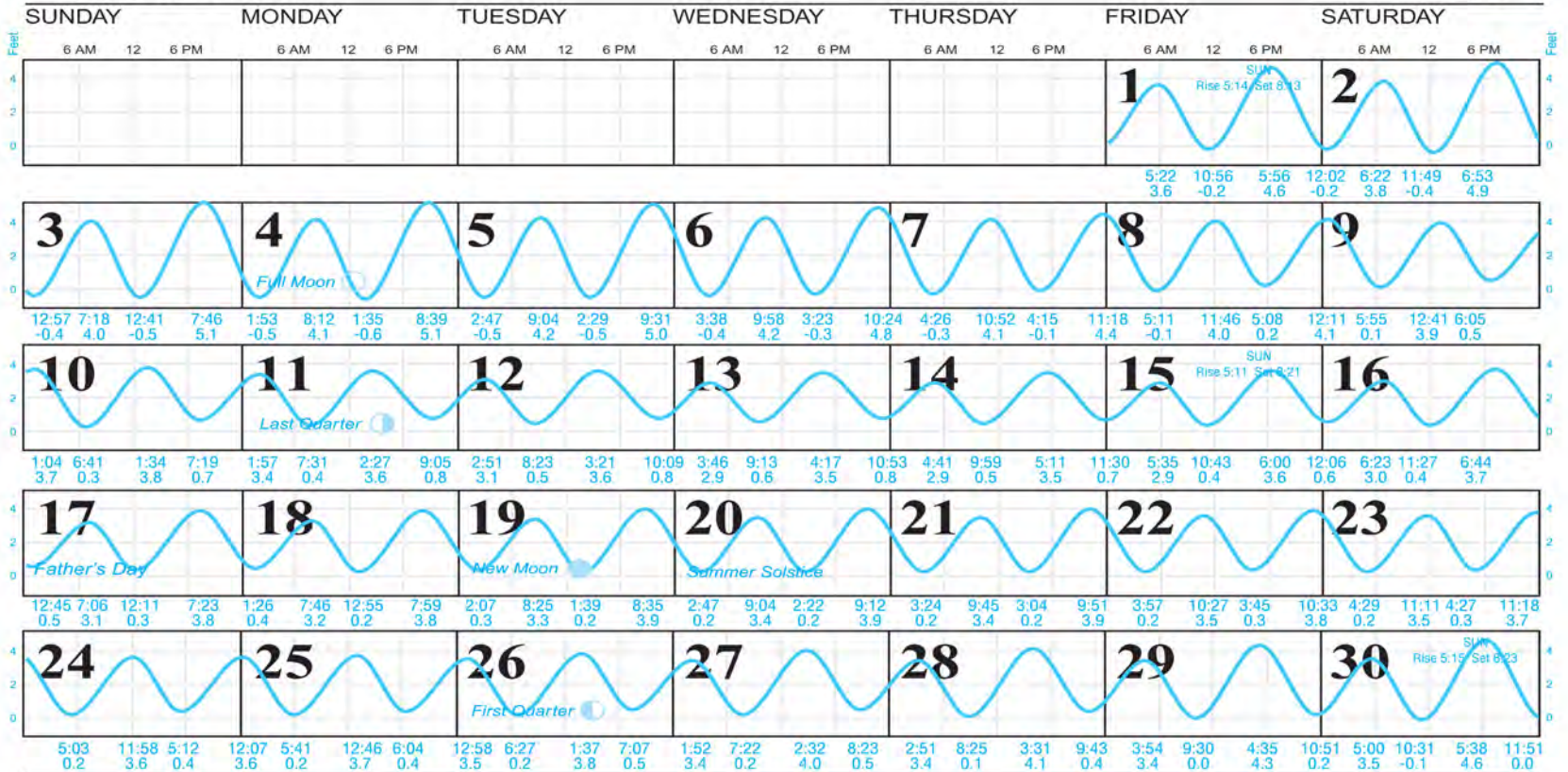
Considered to be living fossils, horseshoe crabs remain virtually unchanged since the time of their ancestors 360 million years ago. In the late spring, adults migrate from deeper waters to mate along the shores of the Bay, appearing on beaches in large clusters. They are harmless to humans, using their long tail only as a means to flip over and it contains no venom, contrary to popular belief. Horseshoe crab populations are experiencing major declines due to habitat destruction, pollution, and increased harvesting for bait and medicinal research.

Drawing by Skylar DeGraw

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