



Horseshoe Crabs in the Reserve



Each spring, full and new moons bring hundreds of horseshoe crabs to spawn in Narragansett Bay. Their eggs ensure another generation of crabs and fuel shorebirds migrating thousands of miles from South America to the Arctic Circle where they nest.

Because Prudence and Patience Islands are important spawning areas, the law states these crabs cannot be taken for any purpose within 100 feet of the islands.

If you see someone illegally harvesting horseshoe crabs please call the Environmental Police dispatch at **(401) 222-3070** for a police response 24hrs a day.



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Research Reserve**
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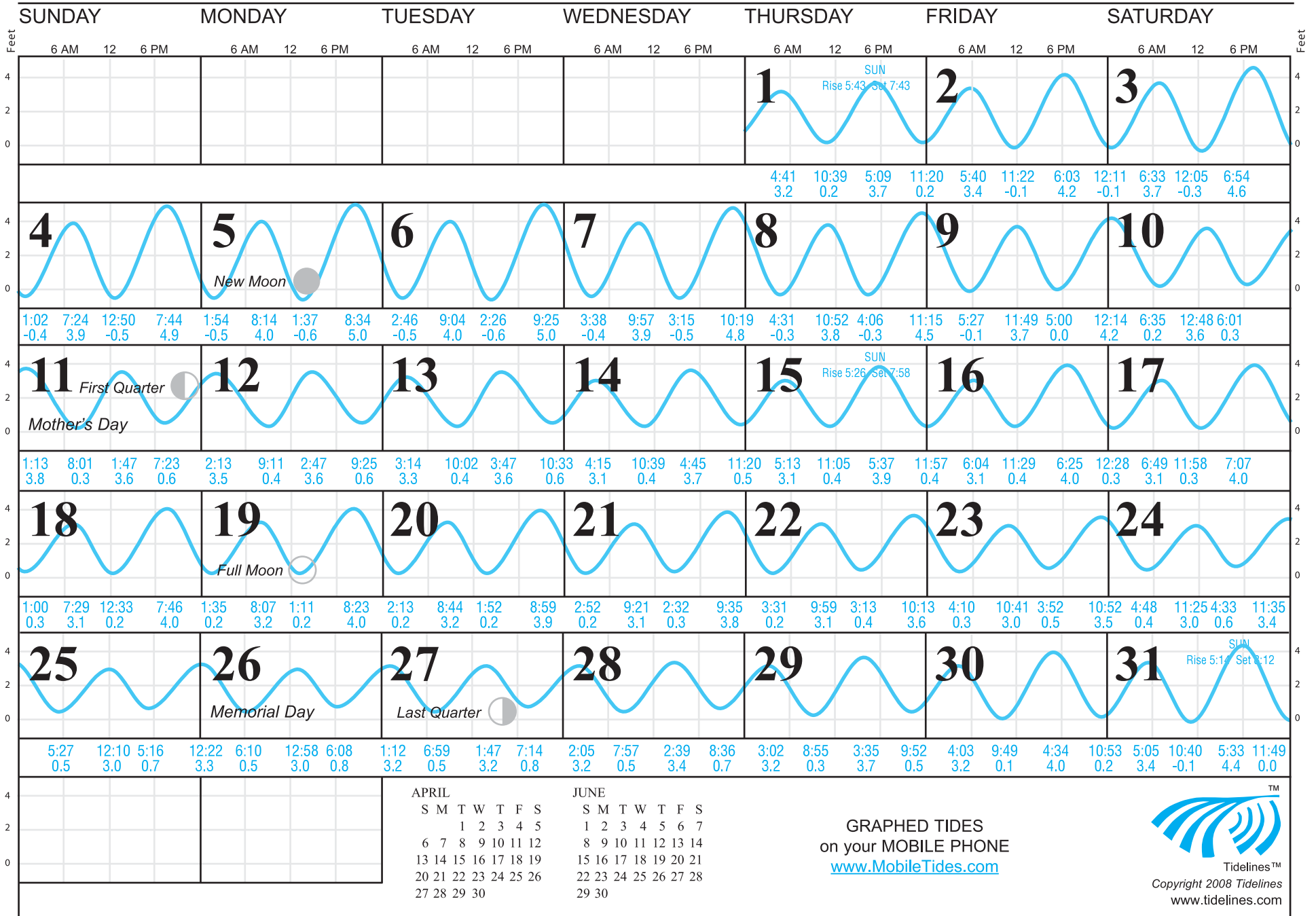
A horseshoe crab heads back to sea

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Horseshoe crabs coming up to spawn

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