

SOME OF MY Best Shots



I took these pictures of a hatchling loggerhead sea turtle in Atlantic Beach Florida, near Naval Station Mayport the day after a tropical storm passed through the area. I was part of a group of marine biologists waiting for the weather to clear so that we could support an upcoming shock trial. (Note: The Navy has been relying on ship shock trials for many decades to ensure that newly designed ships can withstand the rigors of war. Ship shock trials involve the detonation of explosive charges near the ship, along with a detailed analysis and evaluation of the effects of that detonation on the ship.)

The storm's heavy swell pushed the newly hatched sea turtle onto the beach where it was drying up while tangled in a huge amount of marine debris. The sea turtle looked lethargic. We carefully untan-

gled the sea turtle and placed it at the water's edge. After a couple of minutes, we were glad to see the sea turtle swimming away.

The photos were taken with a Sony Cyber-shot camera with a 35 mm lens, 1/80 exposure, F-stop of 2.8, and ISO-100.

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