

A mother carefully and arduously covers her nest with sand to protect her eggs from predators

Sea turtle nesting season in Florida is one of nature's greatest spectacles. Nesting season runs roughly between March 1 to October 31. Every year thousands of sea turtle mothers trek their way ashore and meticulously dig into the sand, laying their eggs before returning to the sea. Incubating for about two months, the sea turtle eggs hatch, and tens of thousands make their way towards the ocean. Hatchlings must get to the ocean quickly or risk becoming dehydrated and exhausted, making them easy prey for predators. If you take a

stroll on the beach in the evening in the right conditions, sometimes you can even spot more than one in a single night. The hatchlings who make it to adulthood have accomplished quite the feat as experts say only one of a thousand will survive over the long-term.

Sea turtle nesting season is truly awe-inspiring!

One of the best places to witness this beautiful sight up close is Hutchinson Island. Here, you can find loggerhead sea turtles as well as green and leatherback species.

Locally, the Florida Oceanographic Society hosts turtle walks on certain evenings during turtle breeding season offering an ideal opportunity for you to spot nesting loggerhead sea turtles in a safe and legal manner. Each turtle walk begins with an educational presentation followed by beach observation.

## "Jessica's Choice"

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As a real estate agent who is married to a home builder/developer, Jessica LeMaster is intimately familiar with the country clubs in Martin County, Florida. So why did she and her husband Jeremy choose to build a 7,000-square-foot home at Sailfish Point?

"Nothing compares when you want the beach and boating," says Jessica. "Also, the security, privacy and exclusive resort-style amenities are second to none, which is a huge advantage over other clubs. It's really a one-of-a-kind community."

While the LeMasters are avid boaters who savor the club's proximity to sandbars and snorkeling, she notes that if tennis and golf are your games, you can do those in grand style, too, at the Jack Nicklaus signature golf course or at the Sailfish Point Tennis Center, which even holds trendy pickleball events. As the mother of three homeschooled girls, ages six, four and two, Jessica says they spend much of their time at the beach or pool side.

"In the morning, the girls and I often grab the complimentary pastries, which are made on-site," she says. "They even have gluten-free options. When we go to the beach, we don't have to bring a thing but a change of clothes. Towels, umbrellas, and beach chairs are all right on hand, and the Clubbouse will even deliver lunch right to the beach."

One of the most unexpectedly delightful aspects of Sailfish Point is that there was no need for the LeMasters to wait until their house was finished to start meeting friends.

"When we first became members, our new-member welcoming committee bosted a s'mores and rosé on-the-beach welcome bash," recalls Jessica. "They were so thoughtful to gift us with the sweetest Sailfish Point swag bag filled with goodies, and it was an excellent way for us to start meeting other members."

Once the LeMasters' new home is completed, they'll spend even more time at Sailfish Point.

"Regardless, of what the future holds, we'll do life at Sailfish Point," stresses Jessica. "We already do."







