

SHARK WEEK: FIN FRIENDS TO FOLLOW YEAR ROUND

Username: @mcmsharksxx

Why you should follow them: Melissa Marquez is the founder of TFUI and always posts #finfacts about sharks and their relatives.

Username: @hdooley13

Why you should follow them: Helen Dooley is an immunologist and studies immune evolution – something not really talked about!

Username: @sea_science_sam

Why you should follow them: As a PhD Candidate at the University of California-Irvine Samantha Leigh investigates the digestive physiology, ecology, and evolution of sharks and fishes. How cool is that?!

Username: @RileyPollom

Why you should follow them: Riley Pollom is the programme officer of the IUCN Specialist Group.

Username: @SSharkDiving

Why you should follow them: Want to know how to sustainably dive with sharks? Here's a great twitter account to follow and learn from!

Username: @LaurenBWeekes

Why you should follow them: Lauren is a zoologist dedicated to shark conservation and research.

Username: @selacophile_dad

Why you should follow them: Martin is a PhD student at UNC Institute of Marine Sciences who studies coastal shark ecology.

Username: @FearingAnnmarie

Why you should follow them: Want to learn about a particularly cool #diverseshak, the sawfish? As a MSC student at University of Southern Mississippi, Annmarie Fearing is currently on the search to find sawfish saws throughout the USA. HOW COOL!

Username: @jessaddwater

Why you should follow them: Jess Cramp is National Geographic Explorer, shark researcher, and marine conservationist trying to find healthy balance between sharks, fish and people.

Username: @ChrisOCEARCH

Why you should follow them: As a lead in the OCEARCH expeditions, Chris's tweets are always #sharktastic.

Username: @madforsharks

Why you should follow them: Madeline S Cashion is a graduate student who is studying Mediterranean shark fishing.

Username: @Camila13Caceres

Why you should follow them: Camila Caceres is a shark and fisheries PhD candidate in the Heithaus Lab at FIU.

Username: @AndyCornishHK

Why you should follow them: Andy Cornish is a WWF leader of the Shark and Ray Initiative.

Username: @Manta_Rob

Why you should follow them: Rob Perryman is a PhD candidate at Macquarie University who studies manta rays in Raja Ampat, Indonesia. Such a cool study subject!

Username: @clareprebble

Why you should follow them: Clare Prebble is a whale shark researcher with Marine Megafauna and a PhD student of the University of Southampton UK.

Username: @Samsim121

Why you should follow them: Samantha Simpson is a PhD student (The Marine Biological Association of the UK) researching skate spatial ecology.

Username: @mmustelus

Why you should follow them: Charlene da Silva is a shark resources researcher at the Department of Agriculture, Forestry, and Fisheries in South Africa.

Username: @SebaKraft

Why you should follow them: Sebastian Kraft is a marine biologist who primarily studies sharks but sometimes does cetacean stuff.

Username: @lwbean

Why you should follow them: Lily Williams just release TFUI founder Melissa's favourite book for the summer: "If sharks disappeared." The message is on point and brought to life by beautiful illustrations.

Username: @AlecBMMoore

Why you should follow them: Alec Moore studies the biodiversity, fisheries, and conservation of sharks and rays. Alex is in the IUCN Shark Specialist Group.

Username: @MeagAShark

Why you should follow them: Meaghen McCord is a shark scientist and founder of the South African Shark Conservancy. Meaghen is also a member of the IUCN Shark Specialist Group an Shark Advisory Group.

Username: @PotgieterKristy

Why you should follow them: Kristy Potgieter is a James Cook University marine biology honours student who looks at the stress physiology of sharks.

Username: @ThatsFancasstic

Why you should follow them: Cassandra Ruck is focused on conservation genetics and genomics of sharks.

Username: @Drsharkbrain

Why you should follow them: Chris Mull is a PhD candidate studying shark neuroecology, life history, and toxicology. WOAHH.

Username: @garethjfraser

Why you should follow them: Gareth Fraser is a dental zoologist and shark researcher.

Username: @ANP5150

Why you should follow them: Andrew is a biology professor and studies sharks and rays.

Username: @eastonrwhite

Why you should follow them: Easton White is a scientist interested in ecology, evolution, and sharks!

Username: @CharlotteBirky

Why you should follow them: Charlotte Birkmanis is a PhD Candidate who studies marine ecology and focuses on sharks and fish.

Username: @MadieCooper_

Why you should follow them: Madie Cooper is a self-proclaimed flatshark fanatic and is also a conservation geneticist. She's a PhD candidate at James Cook University and is working on sawfish and eDNA.

Username: @Inkdee

Why you should follow them: Lindsay Davidson is a PhD candidate working towards putting sharks and rays on the map by finding countries that could be prioritized for their conservation.

Username: @LeursGuido

Why you should follow them: Guido Leurs is a marine ecologist with a deep fascination for sharks and rays.

Username: @ColPercyFawcett

Why you should follow them: Emma-Louise Nicholls is a shark expert and palaeontologist. She's Deputy Keeper of Natural History at the Horniman Museum, in south London.

Username: @WhitenackLab

Why you should follow them: Biology professor at Allegheny College. Biomechanics, evolution, and paleobiology of sharks, etc.

Username: @SharkScience

Why you should follow them: Shark Science is the official feed of Cape Canaveral Scientific Marine Biological and Ecological Research. This includes stressors and health impacts on sharks, other fishes, and the ocean as a whole.

Username: @JoBarker89

Why you should follow them: Joanna Barker is a marine biologist at ZSL focusing on angel shark conservation.

Username: @FlammangLab

Why you should follow them: Their bio reads, "Fishes, lasers, robots... functional morphology, comparative biomechanics, fluid dynamics, bio-inspired robots, cool fish stuff." Enough said.

Username: @QueenofMantas

Why you should follow them: She's a manta ray researcher and is the founder and principal scientist of the Marine Megafauna Foundation.

Username: @danielfernan7

Why you should follow them: Daniel Fernando is a marine biologist studying elasmobranchs, policy advisor, and is the Manta Trust Associate Director.

Username: @EmilyKateLester

Why you should follow them: Emily Lester is a PhD student studying reef sharks and predator/prey interactions.

Username: @kakobarria

Why you should follow them: Claudio Barría is an ichthyologist with some pretty cool pictures.

Username: @AgnesLePort

Why you should follow them: Agnès Le Port is a molecular ecologist & elasmobranch enthusiast. She tweets about shark and ray facts, marine research, conservation initiatives, etc.

Username: @Bouyoucos

Why you should follow them: Ian Bouyoucos is a graduate student at James Cook University studying juvenile sharks and the ecological energetics of climate change.

Username: @urchinhunter

Why you should follow them: Jane Williamson is a marine ecologist and fisheries biologist who studies everything from sea urchins to sharks.

Username: @oceanMah

Why you should follow them: Marjorie Fernandes PhD student who explores the spatial ecology and assemblage structure of pelagic fish and sharks in two marine protected areas.

Username: @robstermobster

Why you should follow them: Robbie Roemer is a graduate student at University of Miami focusing on shark research.

Username: @helecad

Why you should follow them: Helen Cadwallader is studying the movement behaviour and heavy metal accumulation in stingrays.

Username: @ExpatScientist

Why you should follow them: Michelle Jewell studies animal behavior and predator-prey systems.

Username: @MotherOfRays

Why you should follow them: Joni PiniFitzsimmons is all about the stingrays and director of Elamso clothing. She posts about the #StingrayDiaries, too!

Username: @GillsClub

Why you should follow them: Want to learn all about the women that study sharks and their relatives? Follow the Gills Club!

Username: @VickySharky

Why you should follow them: Vicky Vásquez will soon be a familiar face- she'll be on the 2017 "Alien Sharks" episode! She's a graduate student with the Pacific Shark Research Center.

Username: @UrbanEdgeSharks

Why you should follow them: Dr. Alison Kock is a marine biologist working on top predators, marine protected areas, behavioural ecology ecological monitoring, and human-wildlife conflict mitigation.

Username: @Africas_Sawfish

Why you should follow them: This twitter account helps search for endangered sawfishes throughout Africa and beyond.

Username: @klara_bjorg

Why you should follow them: Klara Jakobsdottir is a fishery biologist at MRI Iceland with a focus on the deep-sea. Just check out her twitter cover photo- a chimaera!

Username: @MantaCare

Why you should follow them: La Raie Manta is in Spanish and all about marine biodiversity.

Username: @sharktivity

Why you should follow them: Sharktivity is an app that “provides info on Atlantic White Shark sightings, detections, movements & research.”

Username: @ProfSharkBrain

Why you should follow them: Kara Yopak is known as “Professor Shark Brain.” Pictures included. Go follow, NOW.

Username: @fiskeforbrains

Why you should follow them: Lachlan Fetterplace is a marine ecology PhD candidate who helps run @fish_thinkers.

Username: @SharkSammi

Why you should follow them: Sammy Andrzejaczek is a PhD student who is investigating the drivers of vertical movements in sharks.

Username: @Evfet

Why you should follow them: Evelyn Fetterplace is researched shark deterrent technologies.

Username: @martins_apb

Why you should follow them: Ana Martins is a Latina PhD candidate at James Cook University who looks at juvenile shark and stingray ecology.

Username: @MattyJRees

Why you should follow them: Matt Rees is a marine ecology/conservation PhD candidate.

Username: @MarAlliance

Why you should follow them: "MarAlliance explores, enables and inspires positive change for threatened marine wildlife, their critical habitats and dependent human communities."

Username: @lukedavid301

Why you should follow them: Luke Warwick is the director of the @pewenvironment global shark campaign.

Username: @RyanLaMaVe

Why you should follow them: Ryan Murray is a "marine conservationist focused on elasmobranch distribution and ecology in the Philippines, with the help of cameras, gadgets and a lot of citizen scientists."

Username: @AdrianGleiss

Why you should follow them: Adrian Gleiss studies the physiological and behavioural ecology of animals- from sharks to jellyfish!

Username: @JewellResearch

Why you should follow them: Oliver Jewell is a "marine scientist, spatial ecologist, & shark researcher. PhD Candidate at Murdoch University."

Username: @CARohner

Why you should follow them: Chris Rohner is a Marine Megafauna ecologist who studies whale sharks and other big fishes.

Username: @ProjectManta

Why you should follow them: "Project Manta is a multidisciplinary study of manta rays, established in 2007 at the University of QLD, Australia."

Username: @LydieCouturier

Why you should follow them: Lydie Couturier is a marine scientist who does research on the population ecology, trophic ecology, conservation of sharks and their relatives – like the mobula rays (and manta rays).

Username: @gonzo_araujo

Why you should follow them: Gonzalo Araujo is executive director for the Lamave Project.

Username: @Brian_Skerry

Why you should follow them: Brian Skerry takes breathtaking photos of sharks and their relatives. Check them out!

Username: @manzamex

Why you should follow them: Karen Fuentes is the founder of Mexican Caribbean Manta Ray Project, Conservation Education and Research.

Username: @ASharksWorld

Why you should follow them: Jay Adam has a pretty cool shark feed.

Username: @WhySharksMatter

Why you should follow them: David Shiffman is basically a marine biology celebrity. Great content, give him a follow!