

Under Dock Mini Reefs

Our campaign to promote the use of under dock mini reefs to improve local water quality needs to be completed by the end of this year in order to take advantage of a tax and installation free offer by Ocean Habitats, Inc.. Many of you living on the bay side of Manasota Key have expressed an interest in purchasing a mini reef for your dock or to donate money towards the purchase of a unit (location to be determined). The SMSKA will be purchasing a mini reef as an association.

“People just love them as they attract sea life and fish and improve the clarity of the water in our bay area”.

Mini reefs are designed to filter up to 30,000 gallons of seawater every day helping to replace the important role that mangroves once played in the ecology of Lemon Bay. Mangrove roots absorb excess nutrients in runoff from the shoreline before they can enter the waterway and provide both food and shelter for a variety of sea life from crabs and shrimp to snook and juvenile tarpon. With close to 90% of our native mangroves gone from development, mini reefs occupy underutilized space under docks and provide habitat for water filtering sea life that reduce algal growth and improve water clarity in a twelve to fifteen-foot radius around the unit. Without the habitat provided by the mini reef, most of the sea life in the nearby waterway is unable to attach and survive on our shoreline. Instead it eventually dies and decays on the bottom providing still more nutrients to sustain unwanted algal blooms.

Mini reefs, designed and manufactured by Ocean Habitats, Inc, (<https://oceanhabitatsinc.com/>) are made with a durable polypropylene frame and shelves. The dimensions of the units are 24”X24” X 36” deep and fit easily under any dock with floating tie downs to keep them in place. Like a bait bucket, they do not require a permit and need very little maintenance.

There are now over 4,000 mini reefs installed all over Florida from Jacksonville to The Keys.

Ordering a mini reef through SMSKA allows you to take advantage of the Ocean Habitat’s Non-Profit Discount at \$297 per unit. This price is tax free

and includes free installation. The SMSKA discount saves you 33% off the regular retail price with tax and the \$125 installation charge.

THIS OFFER IS ONLY GOOD THROUGH THE END OF THIS YEAR, December 31st.

To take advantage of the SMSKA discount at \$297 per unit or to donate towards a mini reef please contact: VICKI AMAN (931) 842-0345 or TRICIA HAMANN (941) 999-4895.

We have attached an easy order form for your convenience.

[SMSKA Order form for mini reef C.pdf](#)