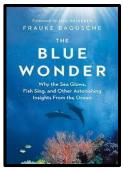
SOUNDSIDE LEARNING THIS WEEK ON CORE SOUND



JOIN US!

- ➤ March 1: Soundside Science & Story Time for ages 3-5, 10 AM
- ➤ March 2: Parlor Talk @ 806, 2 PM: Geoffrey Adair, "Davis Ridge's Palmer Davis"
- April 1: 7th Annual Core Sound Run @ 9 AM

Sound Reading Material For You



The Blue Wonder: Why the Sea Glows, Fish Sing, and Other Astonishing Insights from the Ocean

By Frauke Bagusche

Humans know more about the moon's surface than we do about the ocean. There is so much to be discovered, under the sea. With the heart of a poet and the mind of a scientist, Frauke Bagusche re-awakens our love for the sea and ignites a desire to protect this vital habitat. In The Blue Wonder, Bagusche, a marine biologist and diver herself, brings readers on a fascinating and beautiful deep-sea dive into the ocean. Drawing on scientific discoveries and her own research, she uses photographs and playful prose to teach about the unknown.

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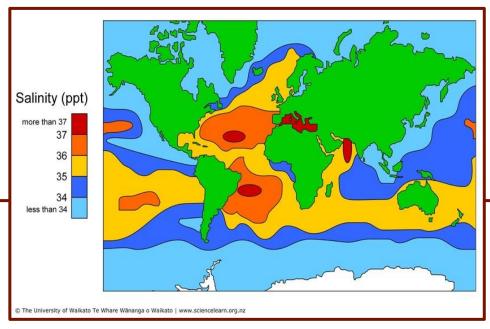
Why So Salty?

If you've ever had the privilege of swimming at the Cape, you have tasted the ocean's saltiness and most likely noticed dry, salty patches on your skin afterwards. Did you know that our Atlantic Ocean contains a higher concentration of salt than the Pacific? This is due to much of the Atlantic Ocean's water being evaporated by our constant winds, leaving a heavier concentration of salt.

Since it covers almost 20% of the Earth's surface, the Atlantic Ocean gathers the most salt from all other oceans. Also, rivers that empty into the ocean contribute to its levels of salt. The outflow of these rivers drains the landscape and makes the ocean saltier throughout the year.

The ocean's weight is attributed to the salt it contains. Within a cubic mile of the ocean, there are about 120 million tons of salt present. To get a better idea of what that means, there is about 35 grams of salt in one liter of ocean water which is close to two teaspoons of salt for every cup of water! Unsurprisingly, the Atlantic Ocean is considered the saltiest ocean in the world.

The bottom of the ocean is saltier than the top because cold water is known to have a higher density than warmer water. The temperature of the water decreases with more depth. Salt is heavy, which makes it gradually descend to the bottom of the ocean rather than float on top.



Growing Up Here

By Jennifer Taylor

I grew up in Sea Level, NC. I was nine years younger than my brother. All the girls that lived near me were older as well. So, I had to either play by myself or with the boys; I decided early on that I wanted to have fun with friends ... hence me being a "Tom Boy."

I would ride bikes, scooters, three-wheelers and four-wheelers, dirt bikes and motorcycles. I would go hunting, fishing, clamming, and anything else. I worked in Monroe Taylor's fish house shoveling ice in the fish boxes at age fourteen. Summers were spent to the Banks, that is Core Banks, clamming and fishing.

This was way before cell phones, computers, and video games. We stayed outdoors unless it was bad weather. I would leave home in the morning and not return until supper time. My parents never worried if someone would kidnap me or anything like that. That happened far away in bigger cities. And we never locked our doors, didn't worry about anyone stealing or breaking into our house. There again it took place in bigger cities. Life seemed easy back then, I guess because we were young. Or it simply was.



Home

Home is where the heart is At least that's what I've always heard But I've never been good at listening To just the spoken word.

I understand the sentiment
For home encompasses those we love
Still years of life have proven
That home is in our blood

For me, home is a beautiful mixture
Of salty winds and strands of shore
For me, home is the mud of marshlands
And gulls crying wanting more

For me, home is an empowering feeling That runs deeper than a word Home is a serenity and peacefulness That is seen and felt and heard.

