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Snap Chatter

Snapping shrimp usually look something like tiny lobsters, with one front claw much larger than the other. They use their supersized appendage to make a <u>characteristic snapping sound</u>, which may help them defend territory, stun their prey, or attract mates. In captivity, the smaller claw of some shrimp will grow into a second large snapping claw, as seen here. The shrimp normally live in dense aggregations in coastal areas such as coral reefs, and their snapping can dominate underwater soundscapes. WHOI postdoctoral scholar <u>Ashlee</u> <u>Lillis</u> is studying how the shrimp's snapping behavior varies with location, time of day, water temperature, and other factors, such as whether other shrimp are nearby. (Photo by Tom Kleindinst, <u>Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution</u>)

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Corals: Ocean Storytellers

Many people think of coral as hard, rock-like formations that attract abundant, diverse marine life. In fact, corals are themselves tiny marine animals called polyps that live together in large colonies. <u>This video</u> explains why they matter.

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EVENTS, EXPEDITIONS & END NOTES

Events Calendar

View the schedule for seminars, forums, lectures and more.

Peanut Butter Club

Friday, January 12, 2018, 12:00 p.m.

Presents the video "Black Out" on Friday, January 12, at noon, in Redfield Auditorium, 45 Water St., Woods Hole. First responders, journalists, shop owners, those inside the pressure-packed control center of Con Edison on West End Avenue, and other New Yorkers tell what happened when the lights went out on July 13, 1977. Sponsored by the Information Office. Coffee, tea, and cookies served. Donations accepted.

Introducing...Ocean Science Cafés

Wednesday, January 31, 2018, 6:30 p.m.

On the last Wednesday of the month January through March, come and chat with WHOI scientists at local restaurants about interesting topics in ocean science. Join us for the first in the series on Wednesday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. at Quicks Hole Tavern in Woods Hole. The topic this month: **Seals and Sharks and Humans (Oh My!)—a community-science approach to understanding the role of seals in Cape Cod waters**. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. so you can socialize with friends, neighbors, and other people who are

curious about the ocean. Please RSVP to Joanne Tromp at jtromp@whoi.edu or 508-289-2252.

February Summer Student Fellowship; Semester at WHOI Application Deadlines

Undergraduates: Ever dream of learning ocean science in Woods Hole? WHOI is accepting applications for two great programs that can kick-start your ocean science career path. The deadline for the <u>Summer Student Fellowship</u> program is February 15 and the <u>Semester at WHOI</u> program application deadline is April 1.

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