

Why I'm here:
Boat Strike/Partial Paralysis of hind

Patient : **Captain**
Species : Green Sea Turtle
Latin Name: *Chelonia mydas*
Age : Juvenile
Gender : Female
Weight : 3.4 kg/7.48 lbs
Found : Mayport Naval Base
Arrived : October 15, 2010
Rescued by : Florida Fish &
Wildlife Conservation Commission



Exam Findings:

Propeller wounds to caudal carapace and plastron

Floating

Minimal use of hind flippers, deep pain present and some movement to hind flippers

Diagnostic Results:

Blood work: Mildly anemic

X-ray and CT scan: Vertebral fracture with spinal cord compression



TREATMENT FOR: Captain

Cisapride: Gut motility
Iron

Amikacin: Antibiotic

Metronidazole: Antibiotic

Metacam: Pain relief

Weight therapy to assist with diving

Wound VAC, Honey, and Bone Cement

PRESCRIBED: *DR. NORTON, DVM*

Update:

Time and weight therapy seemed to aid Captain in her recovery, as she made significant improvements in the last year. We released her at Fernandina Beach, FL on October 21, 2013. Unfortunately, she was found floating in a lagoon near St. Augustine on November 15, 2013. We are currently evaluating Captain's long-term care options.

Current Weight:

888 LBS

