

Plastic Six-Pack Rings A Danger

A man pops the top of his favorite beverage, leans back in his boat, and waits for a fish to tickle his line.



McCoy says. "The sea turtles ingest the bags but they can't digest them," he says. "The turtles frequently die."

Fish that become entangled in litter may also die because the litter interferes with feeding, restricts swimming, damages skin and scales, or inhibits growth.

Leon Abbas, recreation specialist for UNC Sea Grant, says much of the

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He tosses the pop-top overboard.

A small fish, attracted to the light-reflective top as it drifts downward, attempts to swim through the top. The ring won't slide over the fish's fins. The fish is encircled with a pop-top that may mean its death.

Littering coastal waters can be more than just unattractive; it can kill and maim wildlife. Plastic six-pack rings, monofilament fishing line and plastic bags are particularly hazardous to wildlife.

Plastic rings and monofilament line can easily become wrapped around the heads, necks and feet of waterfowl and aquatic birds, disturbing their flight, swimming and feeding abilities, often with fatal results.

Ed McCoy, a fisheries consultant for the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries, says plastic bags thrown overboard can kill sea turtles. The bags often float along the surface looking much like jellyfish, a favorite food for some species of sea turtles,

litter tossed overboard - monofilament line, six-pack rings, drink containers - is plastic and is not biodegradable. It's not going to disintegrate in the water," Abbas says. "It has a life of its own that can go on for years and years. I don't think most litterers give a thought to that at all."

Though spokesmen for the N.C. Division of Marine Fisheries and the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission say there is a litter problem in North Carolina, no one has any hard data on wildlife losses. But there is a statute on the books in North Carolina to prevent littering in navigable waters. Violators can be fined up to \$500 and - or be imprisoned up to six months. Division of Marine Fisheries enforcement officers will ticket violators if they see them throwing trash overboard, McCoy says.

What can we do to prevent litter problems? Don't throw trash into the water. Keep a litter container with a lid on your boat and use it, Abbas says. When at the beach, pier or marina, use trash containers provided there, or take your trash with you and discard it at home. If you see litter floating on the water, help the birds and fish. Pick it up.

Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Stanley A. Spencer of Creswell, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week training cycle, trainees studied general military subjects designed to prepare them for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic occupational fields.

Prayer Breakfast

A Creswell Prayer Breakfast will be held at Miss Donnie's Restaurant in Creswell, N.C. on July 3 beginning at 9 A.M. Rev. Preston Kayton of Edenton, a minister of the Christian Church, will be the guest speaker. Louise A. Wheeler of Edenton will be the chairperson. For reservations, call Louise A. Wheeler at 482-3189 or in Creswell phone Ione Craddock at 797-4464. The public is invited to attend.

Schroeder Hits 2 Home Runs

Rob Schroeder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schroeder hit not one but two grand slam home runs for his American Legion little League team on Friday 6-25.

4-H News

Hertford Road 4-H met on June 23. Highlights of the meeting included a session on cross-stitching presented by Mrs. Edith Walker and Mrs. Bettie Bemby. The session proved to be very interesting and informative.

Many thanks go to Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Bemby for taking time out of their busy schedule to work with the 4-Hers.

Medal Received

Senior Airman Cheryl L. Free, son of Rev. and Mrs. Virgil L. Free of Tyner, N.C., has been decorated with the U.S. Air Force Commendation Medal at RAF Upper Heyford, England.

The Air Force Commendation Medal is awarded to those individuals who demonstrate outstanding achievement or meritorious service in the performance of their duties on behalf of the Air Force. Free, a chapel management specialist, is a 1977 graduate of West Montgomery Senior High School, Mount Gilead, N.C.



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FRISKIES	.59H
CUT GRN BEAN	.59E
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CREAM PIE	.75E
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TAX	1.04H
TOTAL	32.14

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- 11-oz. Morton Chicken T.V. Dinner Lettuce
- 32-oz. Kraft Mayonnaise
- 20-oz. Store Brand Sliced Pineapple
- 8-oz. Morton Pot Pie
- 48-oz. Wesson Oil
- 22-oz. Palmolive Dish Detergent
- 1-lb. Store Brand Margarine
- 12-oz. Armour Treet
- 1-lb. Maxwell House Coffee
- 3-oz. Jello Gelatin
- 2-lb. Carrots
- Celery
- 6 1/2-oz. Friskies Cat Food
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- 1-lb. Store Brand Bacon
- 14-oz. Morton Cream Pie
- 10-oz. Maxwell House Instant Coffee
- 49-oz. Tide Detergent

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TOTAL
\$32.14

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TOTAL
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NON-FOOD	.87 0
GROCRY	.99 L
NON-FOOD	2.29 0
NON-FOOD	1.27 0
GROCRY	.89 L
GROCRY	1.25 L
GROCRY	1.10 L
PERTSHBL	1.45 L
PRODUCE	.85 L
GROCRY	.89 L
GROCRY	1.67 L
PERTSHBL	1.45 L
183/1.29	
GROCRY	2.36 L
NON-FOOD	1.92 0
PERTSHBL	.34 L
183/1.00	
GROCRY	1.09 L
GROCRY	2.39 L
PRODUCE	.30 L
PRODUCE	.79 L
NON-FOOD	.69 L
GROCRY	.33 0
184/1.00	
MEAT	.25 L
PERTSHBL	2.09 L
GROCRY	1.13 L
NON-FOOD	3.99 L
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TOTAL	1.37
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