

performed before the molds can be filled. Don't know that I have seen too many officials, whether elected or appointed, out doing what Jean Kinzalow was doing. This lady was not kissing babies or shaking hands, she was working her bottom off on a project she said that she really and truly believes in. Jean not only did the manual labor that is required, but she was one of the people on Captain Ryan Moore's crew boat that went offshore to the site where the reef balls were employed.

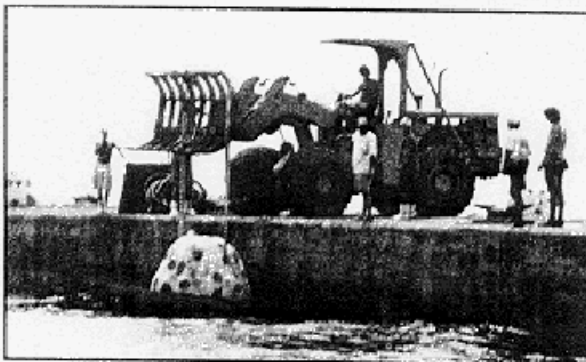
A major part of the Reef Ball project is the actual construction of the balls. Rinker Concrete's Lako Buena Vista Plant was instrumental in the manufacture of the first load of Reef Balls and Rinker Concrete in Port Canaveral has graciously worked with us in the mixing and pouring of the concrete and let us use a portion of their lot for working on and storing the Reef Balls.

Lee Meyers, an instructor at Space Coast Marine Institute in Cocoa, and several of his students have been working on readying the molds, pouring and then breaking out the completed balls. Their involvement has been a great help to Larry and the overall project.

More and more people are filling the ranks of those who want to be involved in this project. The Brevard County Solid Waste Dept. is transporting the finished balls to the barge site for a late July deployment. There are Boy Scout troops ready to get involved, as well as many individuals. If you are not at the present time participating in this project, we urge you to help in any way that you can. Monetary donations are always needed to cover the cost of the materials. And time is needed too. Just give a couple of hours, or half a day, or a day and it will go a long way in building what will turn out to be the *finest artificial reef project on the east coast of Florida.*

This reef site will last more than 500 years. Come on, be a part of history, join in, lets do something more than running our mouths about improving fishing and the environment. This is a solid project that can and will put teeth into the words that we so often see in the print media -- *Get Involved!*

*P.S. - Diver's surveyed the site of the first Reef Ball drop on July 1, less than two months after deployment, and found lots of growth (Corgi pods, algae, and several species of juvenile fish). We refrain from publishing the exact site numbers at this time to allow for more substantial growth.*



*Up - Over - and Down They Go! Then diver and project coordinator Larry Beggs goes in to check out the landing*

Photos by Capt. John Crooke

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