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# Newborn swell shark pup hatched at Seacliff Visitor Center

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SANTA CRUZ - A newborn, vibrantly colored swell shark pup has been enjoying his first few days of life at the Seacliff State Beach Visitor Center.

The yellow, black-spotted pup, which is only 6 inches long, hatched on Friday after nearly 11 months in its egg purse. Like many newborns, he spent the first few days exhausted and resting, center volunteer Eric Richardson said.

"By the time he got out of his egg, he just came nose first onto the bottom of the aquarium," Richardson said. Richardson believes the shark is a male. He has observed the first growth of claspers - modified inner edges of a shark's pelvic fins used to position the female shark during the reproductive act.

"Right now, they are just tiny little nubs," Richardson said. "But I think I am seeing them."

The visitor center received the egg from Peter Macht, curator of the Long Marine Laboratory. The egg, the size of a small candy bar, looks like a drawstring purse: long, curly tendrils emanate from each end of the smooth brown pouch.

"They are like a quick acting vine that secure the egg to kelp in a couple of minutes," Richardson said. "The bottom of the ocean is a much scarier place to be than the kelp forest."

It will take the pup nearly a year to 18 months to grow to as long as a foot, Richardson said. Even when fully grown, swell sharks are only about 3 1/2 feet long, he said.

Between the age of 16 and 26 months, the pup will be transported to Aquarium of the Bay in San Francisco, a nonprofit nature marine center that is home to over 20,000 animals.

"It can't go back into the wild," Richardson said. "It would become lunch or dinner in a hurry."

In the meantime, Richardson will feed the pup a gourmet diet of shrimp, squid and small pieces of fish. After overfeeding their last shark pup, Richardson only feeds him three times a week, he said.

"Swell shark are opportunistic feeders," Richardson said. "They will eat anything they can, whenever they can."

This is the third swell shark that has hatched at the Seacliff visitor center. The previous two sharks, Riley and Charlie, were also relocated to the Aquarium of the Bay. In both cases, children found the shark eggs on Seacliff State Beach.

Parks staff and volunteers will meet today to discuss a name for the new pup. They hope to involve local schools in the decision.

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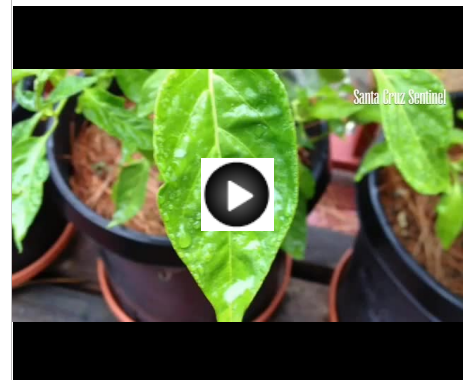
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