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# A Group of Dolphins Helped Rescue a Girl Who Allegedly Tried to Drown Herself



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A group of bottlenose dolphins.  
(Photo: Oceana)

President and cofounder of the Ocean Conservation Society, Dr. Maddalena Bearzi, wrote a **book**

**(http://www.amazon.com/Dolphin-Confidential-Confessions-Field-**

**Biologist/dp/0226040151)** entitled “Dolphin Confidential: Confessions of a Field Biologist,” in which she tells the story of a group of dolphins rescuing a teenage girl from drowning.

Researchers from the society were studying the behavior of a group of bottlenose dolphins off the Los Angeles coast when one broke away to swim three miles toward a dark object. The rest of the dolphins quickly followed.

That dark object turned out to be the seemingly lifeless body of an 18-year-old girl. The *Daily Mail* described her as “pallid and fully clothed” with a suicide note in her pocket.

After the dolphins surrounded the girl, researchers pulled her from the water and to safety.

Doctors later told the scientists that she had severe hypothermia, but would survive.

Dr. Bearzi wrote, “If we hadn’t found her, if the dolphins hadn’t led us offshore when they did, to that specific place she would have died.”

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This isn't the first time dolphins have been **recorded (<http://www.ryot.org/man-survives-25-hours-lost-sea-help-dolphins/662885>)** as coming to the aid of a human. However, researchers remain baffled.

Some believe dolphins deliberately attempt to save humans, while others believe it's sheer curiosity on the dolphin's part.

Heavy research is still needed to learn more about such behavior from dolphins.

But Dr. Bearzi writes, "That day I witnessed coastal bottlenose dolphins suddenly leave their feeding activities and head offshore. And in doing so, they led us to save a dying girl, some three miles offshore. Coincidence?"

What do you think?



RYOT NOTE from Viola

*The Ocean Conservation Society*

*... Ocean Conservation Society, helps protect dolphins and their habitats, and you can do so too. Click the action box to learn how you can adopt a bottlenose dolphin and help build a better future for these magnificent creatures. And share this story to Become the News!*

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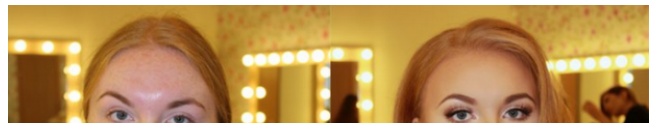
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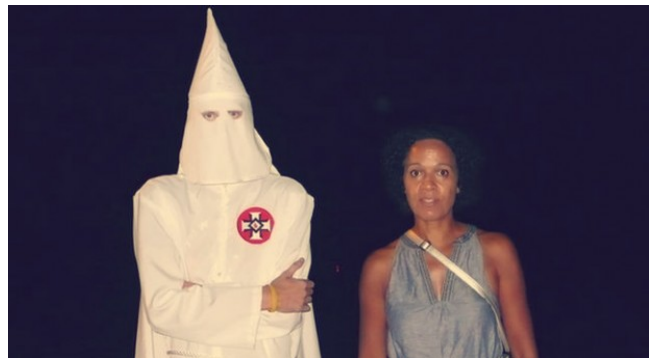
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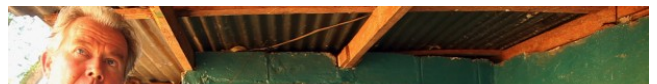
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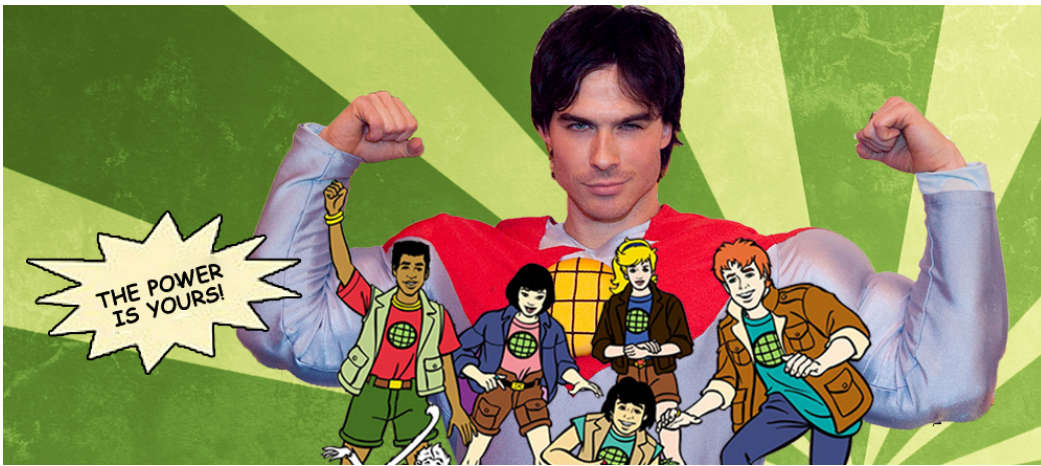


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