

# Sea Scout Help Needed

*Want to rescue some bird chicks and do a good deed for the environment?*



**We are asking for any scouts who want to help save some baby terns. They literally are falling into the water near the Queen Mary and need to be rescued.**

## **Read the article below.**

Rescue efforts expanded this week as weeks-old elegant tern chicks continued falling into the water in Long Beach Harbor from an anchored nesting site — and biologists are working on possible long-term solutions to help the birds climb back to safety on their own in the future. Until then... they need volunteers to help rescue them.

There are an estimated 3,000 to 4,000 elegant terns populating two barges anchored approximately 300 feet apart in the harbor near the Queen Mary, according to officials at the International Bird Rescue facility in San Pedro, the lead agency in rescue efforts that began last week.

“We think possibly that these are the birds that left Bolsa Chica, we may never know and it’s not something that’s provable,” said Tim Daly, a spokesman for California Fish and Wildlife. “But the timing (and age of the chicks) leads us to believe it’s possible.”

As of Wednesday afternoon, 291 young birds had been taken to the center in San Pedro for rehabilitation and treatment. Birds continue falling from the barges, leading biologists to anticipate the issue will be ongoing for several more days.

See full article in the link below

<https://www.presstelegram.com/2021/07/13/elegant-tern-rescue-continues-in-long-beach-harbor/>

## **So what can you do?**

We are looking to put together some volunteer crews in the upcoming days to take a RIB or similar size boat to work to help. This is all coordinated with the Los Cerritos Wetlands (Malolos Charter Org) and the Wildlife Management Office. If you have any interest in working towards this good cause let Mr. Guerra know. This could also be part of an environmental merit badge or can work towards rank advancement.

Depending on who wants to help out, we can reach back out to the Los Cerritos Wetlands to see how and when we can help. This is going to be ongoing for a few weeks. So let me know if you are interested.

Thanks

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