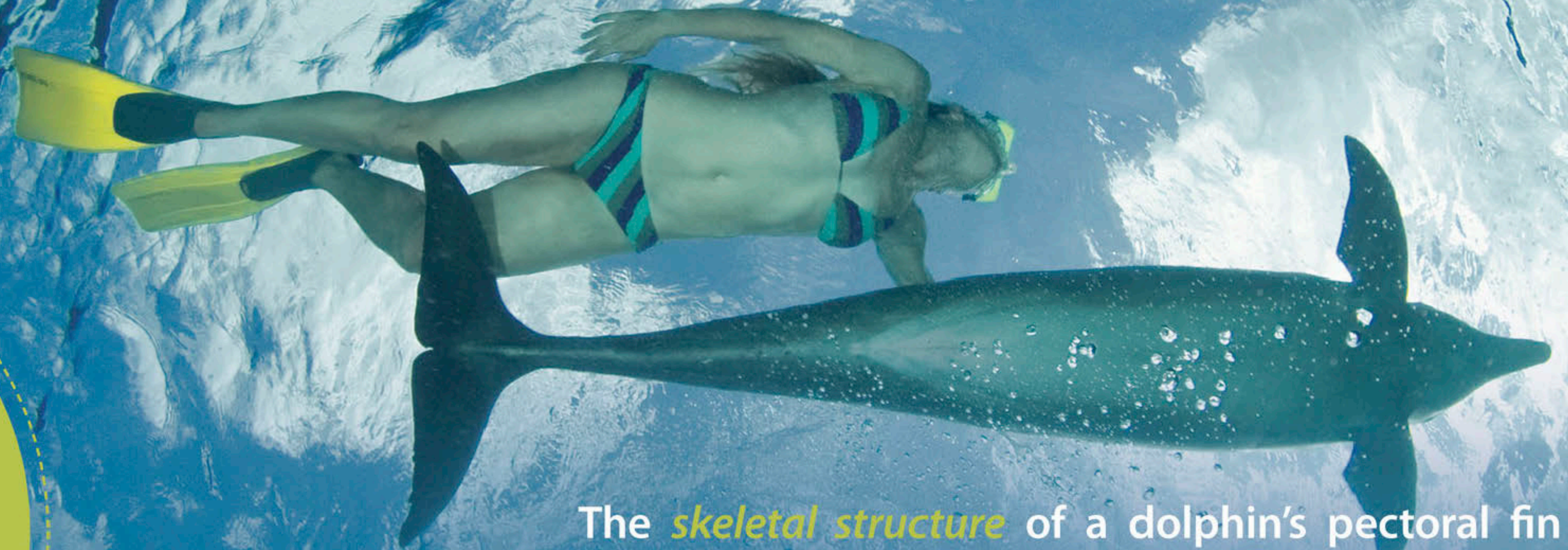


Closest Relatives

The *closest relatives* of dolphins on land are *hippopotamus*.



Almost like **Brothers**



The *skeletal structure* of a dolphin's pectoral fin looks very much *like the bones of a human hand* with all five fingers!

Dolphins are descendants of terrestrial mammals. The ancestors of the modern-day dolphins entered the water roughly 55 million years ago. Modern dolphin skeletons have two small, rod-shaped pelvic bones thought to be vestigial hind limbs.

Soul of Champions



At peak performance, dolphins produce *5-6 times the force of an Olympic swimmer*. This kind of power enables dolphins to perform the amazing acrobatic jumps and tail walks!



That's me!

Dolphins are self aware like chimpanzees and *can recognize themselves* on a mirror or on TV.



Treasures we Love

Dolphins will often hide objects.

They *pick a hiding place and deposit their "trinkets"* there. They jealously guard these caches where they store food, shells or small utensils.

Strong Ties of Friendship

Interaction with humans in the water is a stimulating activity for dolphins that live in managed environments.

It provides variety, excitement, and social bonding, which the dolphins thrive on. This means that swimming with dolphins at facilities where they are well cared for is actually good for them! The dolphins seem to be as fascinated with us as we are with them.



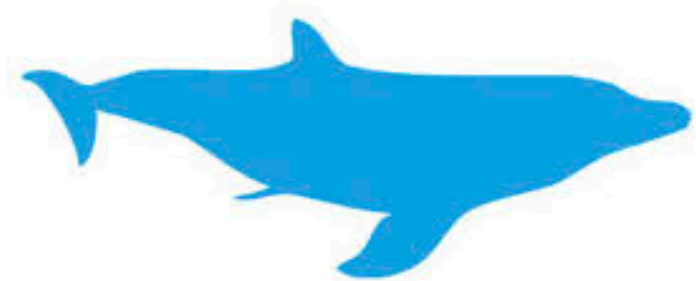
Let's Play

You can put a penny (copper coin) and a nickel *in two separate tennis balls* and throw them out and ask a trained *dolphin to bring you the copper* (or nickel) one and he can do it.



A full Stomach makes for a Happy Heart

Dolphins *ingest 11 - 13 kgs (24.2 - 28.6 lbs)* of fish a day, nearly a tenth of their body weight. For the average human, this would be equivalent to eating 7 kgs (15.4 lbs) of food a day.



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x16
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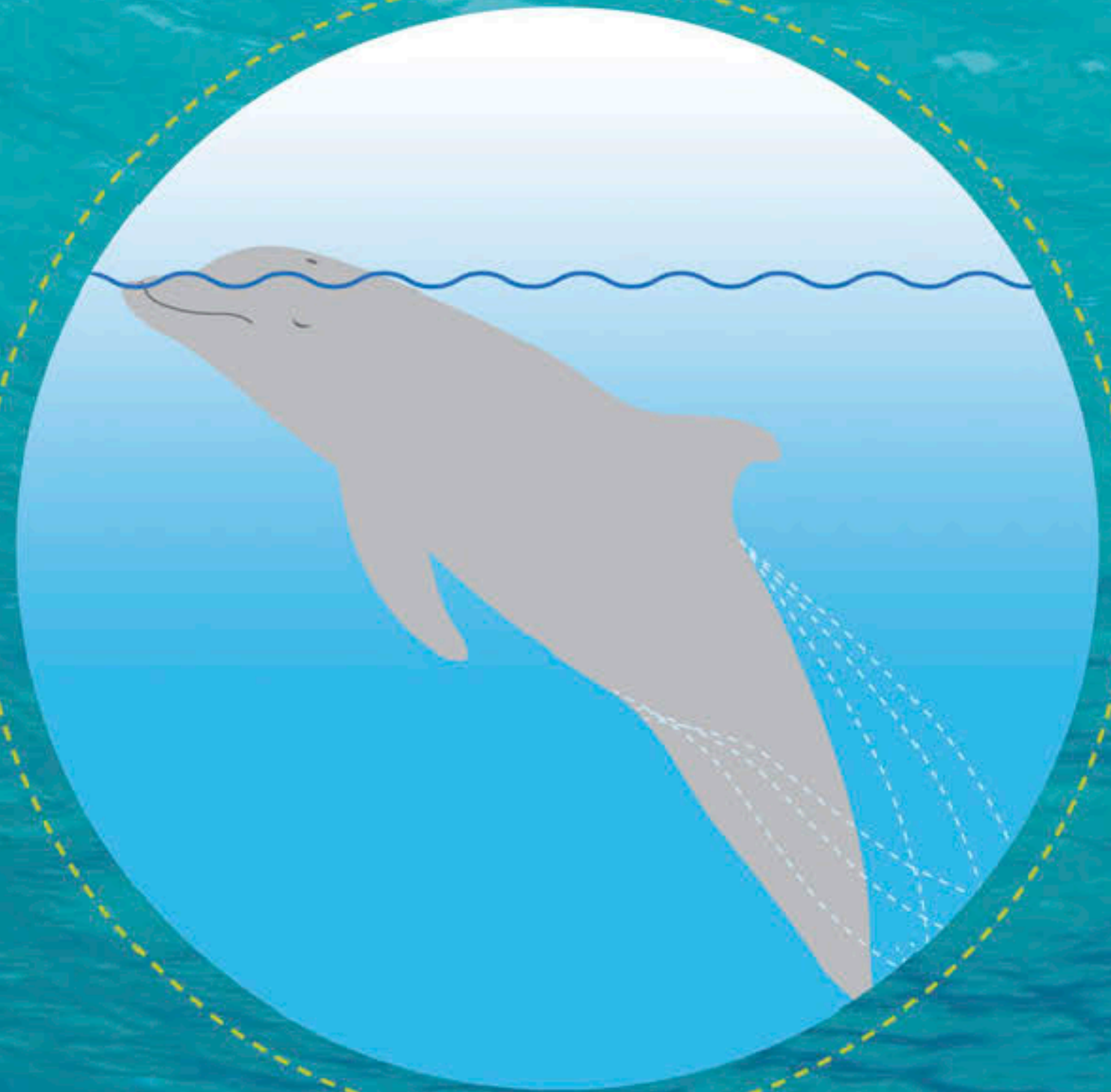
Speed of Sound



Their sonar reaches a range greater than 229 ft. *They reach speeds of up to 25 mph.*

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Always Alert



Dolphins can't sleep as we do, they rest *half of their brain* to keep breathing and stay alert.



Up, Down and Sideways



Dolphins' eyes are independent
and they can move them at will and
in different directions.

