

**Update by Dr. Archer Larned, Coastal Bird Habitat Conservation Coordinator**  
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Well, we passed 150 nests! To be exact, we now have 153 nests! There were only 4 new nests last week, compared with 15 from the previous week, so things are definitely slowing down. Lots of fledgling terns are flying around the raft now and there is a noticeable decline in the number of terns on the raft during the day. One of our banded fledglings was even spotted at the Ocean City Inlet on Friday.



A “life-raft” and ramp have been added to the platform and are being used by adults and chicks.

We saw fledglings walking up the ramp, so it seems like it is a welcome addition to the raft.



