

Christina Trapani grew up in Rhode Island and moved to Virginia Beach in 1995 after graduating from Western Carolina University with a bachelor's degree in business management and marketing. She quickly discovered the diverse marine wildlife in Virginia and began volunteering on dolphin and whale watching boats, eventually becoming involved in marine mammal and sea turtle rescue and research with the Virginia Aquarium. In 2008, after years of witnessing the effects of plastic pollution on the animals she worked with and the environment, Christina started Eco Maniac Company, an eco-friendly retail business with a mission to "do something" about the increasing presence of plastics littering waterways and beaches. Eco Maniac Company offers alternatives to single-use plastics and other eco-friendly products and can be found at local Farmers markets and other events.