

A historical black and white photograph of a group of men, likely sponge divers, standing on a boat. They are wearing various types of hats and work clothes. The boat is on the water, and the background shows a hazy, possibly coastal or harbor setting. The image is faded and serves as a background for the text.

Please join us

**IN A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
OF HOPE DAY IN TARPON SPRINGS!**

SATURDAY, JUNE 18, 5:00 P.M.
SPONGE DOCKS CENTRAL PLAZA (DIVER STATUE)

**ON JUNE 18, 1905, THE FIRST HELMETED SPONGE DIVERS SET SAIL
ABOARD THE ÉLPIS, OR HOPE, WITH THE HOPE THAT THE SPONGE
INDUSTRY WOULD BETTER THEIR LIVES. HOPE DAY RECOGNIZES
JUNE 18 AS A DAY OF HOPE AND RENEWAL, HONORS THE PIONEERS
AND FOUNDERS OF THE CITY, AND COMMEMORATES THE
IMPORTANCE OF THE TRADITIONS THAT DEFINE TARPON SPRINGS.**

Light refreshments provided