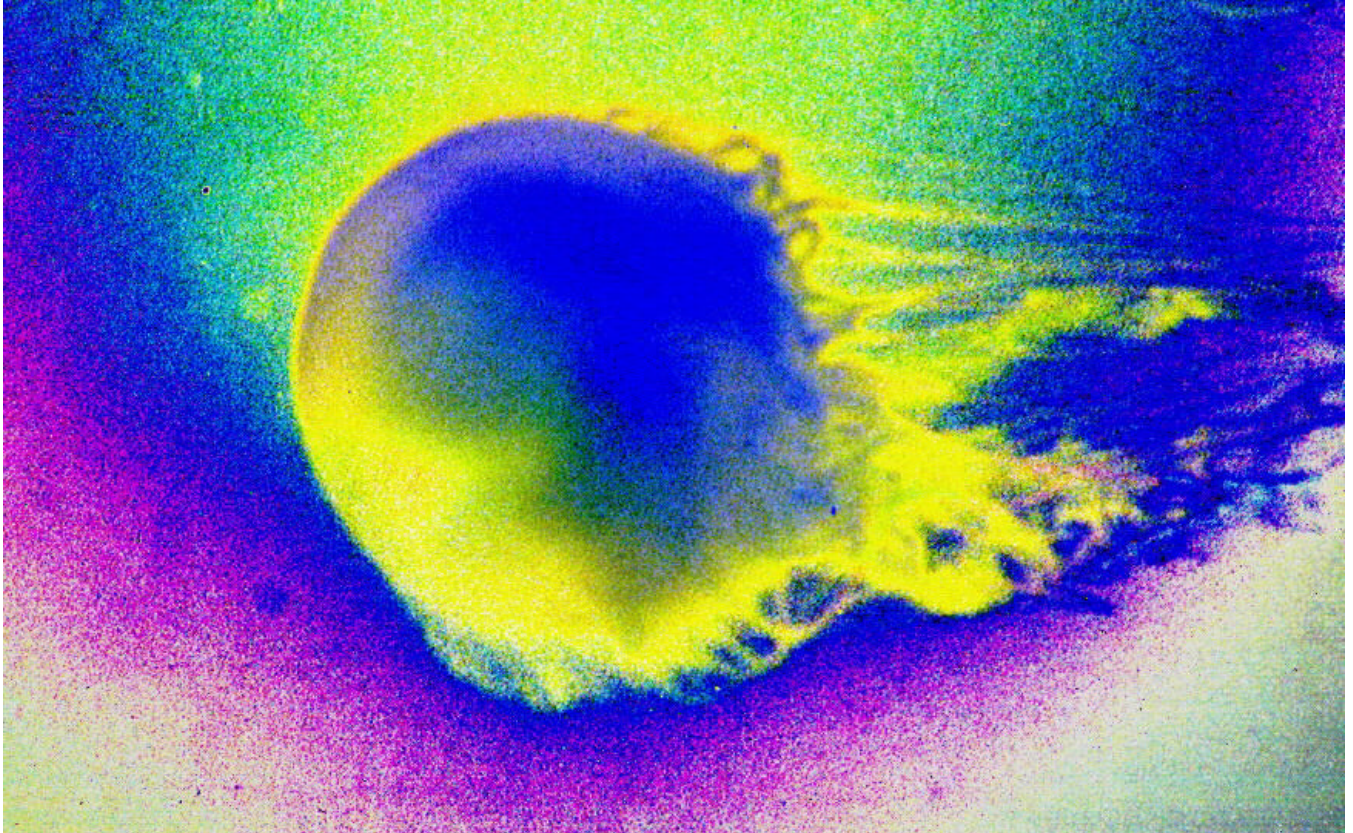
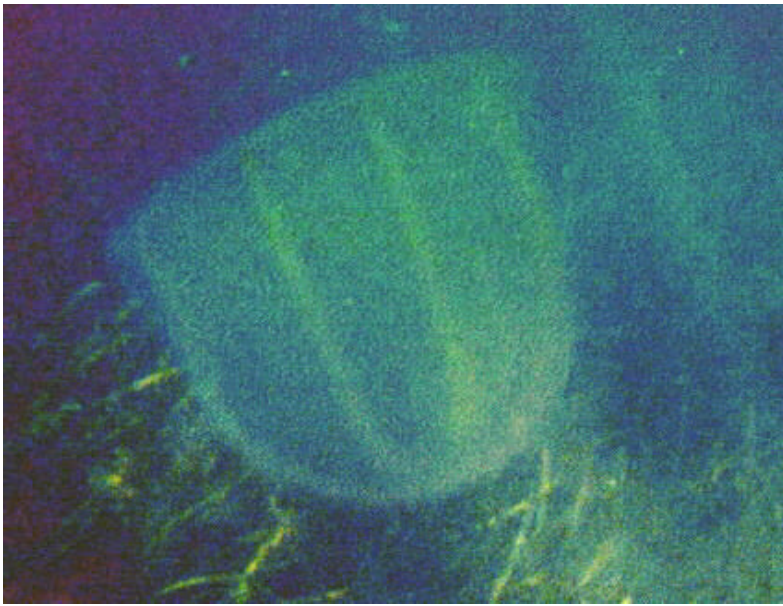


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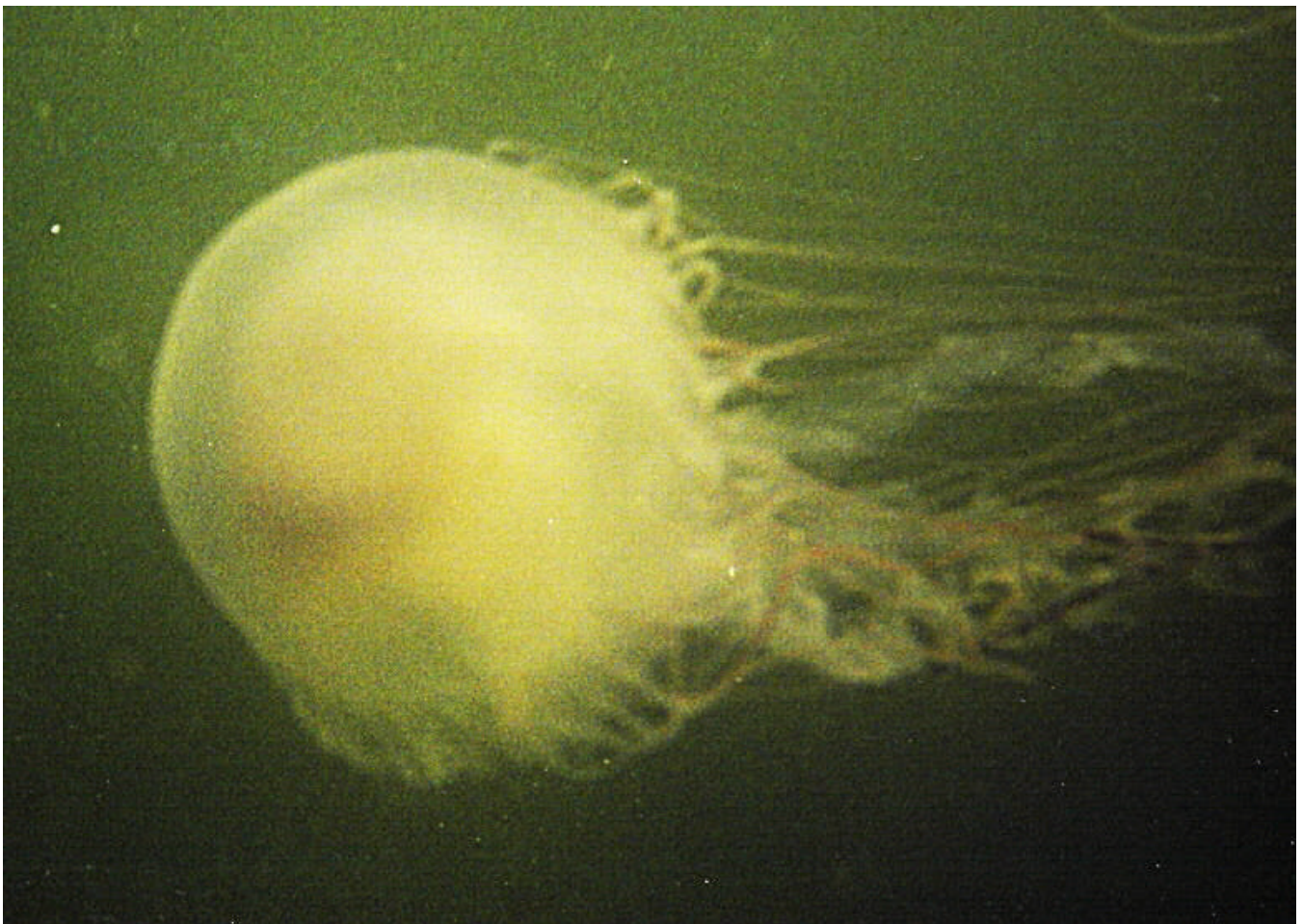
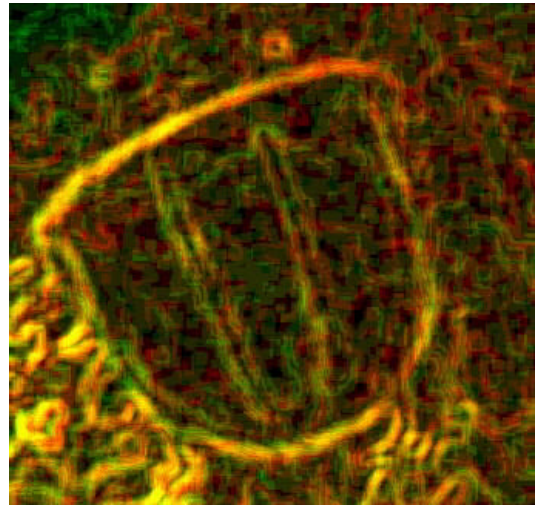


more swamp things

random things found in the waters around Chincoteague



jellies: comb jelly above and to starboard...sea nettle below, nettles sting but diveskin or other clothing is proof against them...comb jellies have "living light", they bioluminesce, and the cilia which propel them catch the sun in rainbows





mystery turtle encountered over and over in the eelgrass beds...finally identified as a diamonbacked terrapin, not a sea turtle but one of the webby footed "pond types" living in the salt water bay...many are larger







Previous three pages: shots in a few feet of water near Wildcat Marsh, cheesy throwaway water-proof camera by Kodak, maybe ten feet of vis. Eelgrass beds, the basis of life in the shallow bays, inhabited by: swift-footed and plumed worms, bent mysid shrimp, doubtful spider crabs, hairy cucumbers, snail fur, bushy wineglass hydroids, lion's mane and moon jellies, Florida flatworms, bushy buggula, solitary glass bubbles, greedy dove shells, dog whelks, veiled clams, burrfish, pipefish, and other weirdness. I still don't know what that blobby thing is at the top of page four.

