

The Trawler





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a letter from the editor

Let's discuss unique family traditions. At first, I typed weird family traditions, but I realized that not everyone's answer would be weird.

It's no surprise that mine is most definitely odd. If you have read any of my letters, you know that everything in my life has been unconventional.

When looking back through decades of family holiday photos, I find the same kind of picture each year—a picture of a picture being taken.

I'm not exactly sure how this odd tradition got started, but it was almost always linked to my dad and my uncle (pictured). They were the ones usually in the photo. In the photo here, you can see that the adult children carried on this important tradition.



Whatever unique, old, or new traditions you have, I hope you get to spend the holidays with your family and continue those magical moments that will become lifetime memories.

This may be the year to start a new one. I would love to hear about your traditions and bonus points for photos. Please send them to communications@frippislandliving.com.

I hope you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Stacie



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MEN'S LUNCH CLUB

Fripp Island ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club for fellowship
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Contributed by Bart Lehman

The assembly is at 11:30 a.m., and lunch is only \$15 (CASH ONLY), including a drink, served at Noon. Adult beverages are available for a \$2 donation (CASH ONLY). Transportation is available. Email users attending ...Reply back with how many attending (including friends) We now have 23 members using TeamReach! Select YES or NO for Attendance
Please contact Bart Lehman at 803-237-7754 at least 24 hours in advance to make arrangements.

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Add the date/time to your personal calendar selecting: + calendar (at bottom of screen)
Thanks, Bart, Eric, Will and Gary

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ROMEIO hosts a monthly Special Guests.

2024-2025 Guest Speaker Schedule

Dec 17	Will Grimsley Intro to the Revolutionary War in SC
Jan 21	Kevin Anton Miracle on the Hudson Experience
Feb 25	Zabo McCants Hunting Island State Park
Mar 25	Ms. Rebecca Goff UNOS (United Network for Organ Sharing)



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Christmas Eve at the Fripp Island All Faiths Chapel

December 24, 2024 5 to 6 PM



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Lessons and Carols*

We will have singing led by our choir, Violin and Trumpet special music, Advent Candle Lighting and everyone will go home feeling the Christmas Spirit.

PS: If you enjoy singing, the choir would love to have you join them. Help make it a truly heart warming experience. Contact Catherine Norris, Choir Director, at 480-580-1140. You don't have to be a professional, just be filled with the Christmas Spirit. Thanks

*Poinsettias can be ordered on the sign up sheet in the Chapel
foyer for \$8 each. Sign up as soon as possible.
They can be taken home after the service Christmas Eve.*



Unique Gift-Giving Around the World

Submitted by Stacie Thrush, Editor

The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas comes from the story of Christmas. It's a reminder of the presents given to Jesus by the Three Wise Men when he was born. Gift-giving is also a big tradition across the globe, no matter the religion, or customs.

In China gift-giving comes with specific rules and revolves around etiquette. You must present the gift with both hands and the color of the paper is significant - red means good luck, gold means good fortune and yellow extends happiness. While in Japan, they prefer pastel-colored paper as to be too ostentatious. Other countries like Singapore and Egypt, also have strict rules when it comes to presentation. While a gift must be refused before it can be accepted in countries like Taiwan.

If you love books, you may want to adopt Iceland's "Yule Book Flood" tradition. The country distributes a free national catalog of published books, and books are chosen as gifts that are given on Christmas Eve. Everyone spends the entire evening reading their new books at home.

Mexico shows respect to the host by bringing gifts for each child in the home. The gifts are immediately opened with lots of enthusiasm to express gratitude. In some South American countries, it would be rude to gift scissors or knives, as it could signify relationships being severed.

It's truly the thought that counts in Thailand. Thai people give thoughtful gifts, rather than expensive gifts so the recipient doesn't feel uncomfortable. Paper cannot be torn or ripped, but rather removed with care and set aside.

In Sweden, it's customary for guests to bring gifts to the host. The gifts are usually chocolates, flowers or cake, and often wine or liquor. Guests are also expect to give candy or toys to any children in the home. Sometimes Dalecarlian hand-carved horses are given to people of other cultures.

Many of us celebrate like the Germans with an Advent calendar. It serves as both a countdown to Christmas but daily treats like chocolate or toys are also given.



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Event sponsored by the
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COMMUNITY CENTRE

Submitted by Barb Anton

The Fripp Island Community Centre is a busy community base for many Frippers. The doors open early every day for various classes: Aerobics, Fitness, Move to the Groove Dance, Yoga, Chair Yoga, Mah Jongg, Bridge and Duplicate Bridge, and for community organizations: ROMEO, Community Dinners, Women's Club and for various Boards for community organizations.

In addition, we have a weekly Wednesday Afternoon Service (formerly Vespers) led by various clergy from local churches and synagogues. Members also rent the Centre for dinners, weddings,

and family celebrations. Of course, we have the wonderful library, full of gently used books for all to borrow. As you can see, the Centre is a busy place.

The Community Centre is a 501 C3 organization run primarily by volunteers who devote their time and energy to the enrichment of the Fripp community. The Bylaws state that the Community Center is a place to "further the religious, spiritual and cultural growth of Fripp Island."

The Center is in transition as Jan Manning, former President, and David Manning, long-term Treasurer, pack up to move to Tennessee to be close to family



and to nature! Any change is hard, but the Board of dedicated workers under the direction of President Barb Anton are continuing the work to provide a space for members to use and enjoy.

The Board encourages residents and/or property owners to use the Community Centre. We have a new full kitchen available to rent for private parties and celebrations. Recently, a group of residents and had a “Friendsgiving” celebration. What fun!

In addition, Frippers use the chapel for many activities: we had a wedding last year, and another group gathered weekly for a month’s devotion to say the Rosary. The Centre is also a Rain Hold for weddings and Church on the Beach, a meeting place for the weekly Wednesday afternoon service, and for all the Friends of Music concerts.

Community Dinners are highlights of many months: times to meet friends and have dinners catered by Harry of Harry’s Chef Services. Recently, community organizations have hosted the dinners in order to introduce their groups and activities to the community; when it was their turn, the Bridge players talked about the game and the Yoga participants opened diners’ eyes to the wonders of yoga.

One of the special services and options is the Columbarium, a reserved area near the Community Centre, a place for members or their families to remain on Fripp after they have passed away. Cremated remains are kept in this place of honor and remembrance forever.

December is the start of our annual giving. If you would like to donate towards this wonderful organization, please send your contribution to the Centre. Our goal for 2024 is \$60,000, a big undertaking, as the needs of Centre continue to grow just to maintain our building and to ensure our members are safe and happy. This year we will spend time upgrading the fire suppression system to maintain the safety of all those who use the Centre, and improving the chapel’s microphone system and the Hammett Hall system. All donations are tax deductible, and you will be able to see and experience the results of your financial contributions.

The Community Centre has a new website. If you are interested in learning more about the Centre, visit www.frippislandcommunitycentre.com
As always, if you have any questions or an idea for a new activity or celebrations, please feel free to contact Barb Anton at boreillyanton@outlook.com.

NORAD Tracks Santa

Long before websites and the official online Santa Tracker to follow Santa's progress, there was a telephone hotline created in 1955. A Sears & Roebuck ad was placed in a Colorado Springs newspaper telling kids they could call Santa directly day or night and gave his personal phone number. One small problem, the phone number had a typo and the phone number in the ad was actually a secret military hotline. Only a couple people knew this secret phone number which was being used during the Cold War, until the ad was published.

When the red phone rang for the first time, and the small voice on the other end asked if "this was Santa", Col. Shoup on the other end first thought it was a joke. He knew that if that phone were to ever ring, it would be military personnel on the other end and a very serious matter. It was only after speaking to the child's mother did he realize what had happened and the misprint in the newspaper.

With his quick thinking, he began speaking as Santa would and even putting other members of the military on the phone to help with the increasing phone calls. Those airmen had a glass board of the United States and would track incoming planes.

On Christmas Eve 1955, the airmen had drawn a sleigh and reindeer on the board over the North Pole. When the Colonel saw this, he called a local radio station to announce they had detected a unidentified flying object that resembled a sleigh. The radio stations began calling the Colonel for updates. This is the story as told by the family of Col. Harry Shoup, commander of the Continental Air Defense Command.

Officials at the North American Aerospace Defense (NORAD) Command have now been tracking Santa's deliveries for the last 66 years. The toll free hotline still exists, along with apps, websites and email. Visit the website here: <https://www.noradsanta.org/>

Source: <https://www.npr.org/2014/12/19/371647099/norads-santa-tracker-began-with-a-typo-and-a-good-sport>



Popular Toys in 1955

Army Men
Barbie
Frisbee
Hula Hoops
Mr. Potato Head
Play-Doh
Slinky
Twister
Yahtzee
Yo-Yo

Cost of Living in 1955

House: \$9,100
Average income: \$4,137
Ford car: \$1606-\$2944
Milk: \$.92
Gas: \$.23
Bread \$.18
Postage stamp: \$.03
Sirloin chops: \$.69 lb.
Pot Roast: \$.43 lb.
Eggs, doz.: \$.61
Coffee: \$.93 lb.
Milk, ½ gal. \$.43
Potatoes, 10 lb. bag: \$.53

Starkist Tuna, 6 ½ oz. can: \$.25 lb.
Oreo cookies, 11¾ .oz pkg: \$.39
Potato Salad, pint: \$.29
Cracker Jack, 24 pac: \$1.49
Apple cider, ½ gal.: \$.49
Gum Drops, 1½ lb. pkg: \$.29
Ivory Soap, 2 bars: \$.29
Mickey Mouse lunchbox: \$.88
Slinky: \$.88
Nylons, pair: \$1.00
Home permanent: \$1.50
Baseball Glove: \$9.95

Source: <https://fiftiesweb.com/pop/prices-1955/>

VETERANS LUNCHEON



Fripp Island Sea Rescue

Mary T. Jacobs, Communications Officer

As I reflect on 2024, I am thrilled that our FISR has had the opportunity to assist so many in need of safety on the beautiful low country waters of Fripp Island and its neighboring barrier islands. I met with Skipper Dan Cotter to review FISR activity over the past year, focusing on the number of rescue, service, and United States Coast Guard training missions. After a conversation with Dan, I learned that over the last year, FISR had completed approximately 92 missions. Of these, approximately 33 were rescue missions; 17 were service missions; and 42 were United States Coast Guard training missions. A rescue mission is one in which a call is received by FISR to respond to a boater, kayaker, or others on



the water in some level of distress. A service mission is when FISR is asked to monitor and aid an event on the water, such as the Beaufort River Swim, Hunting Island Pelican Plunge; respond to a request to transport firefighters to St. Phillip's Island; or to place buoys along the Story River to warn boaters to stay away from shallow mudflats. Sometimes, supporting a service mission may also result in a rescue mission as well. Training missions with the United States Coast Guard occur nearly every week with Air Station Savannah. FISR assists the USCG to improve its search and rescue capabilities and readiness. This training pays off as FISR assisted the Coast Guard with three search and rescue missions on or near Fripp Island this past year.

In addition to these missions, Dan noted that this past year has also brought significant operational enhancements. Because of the innovations of FISR volunteers, we have been able to improve response capabilities and improve volunteer experiences. These enhancements include:

- FISR adopted a new Crew Call policy to ease the time commitments of its Boat Captains and Boat Duty Crews.
- FISR turned over Base operations to Beaufort Water Search & Rescue (our partner agency) to improve response time.
- FISR placed a vessel (R2) on the canal to improve response time to missions in the Skull Inlet and Skull Creek areas.

Dan noted 2024 has been a year of significant equipment enhancement as well. Thanks to the efforts of FISR volunteers, equipment enhancements include:

1. FISR added two new vessels: a WaveRunner and a 12' RIB. The WaveRunner was used in several rescue missions this past year.
2. FISR is adding equipment to better winterize two vessels (R1 and R2) which will improve response capabilities to Missions in the winter months.
3. FISR added 800 Radios to each of its vessels to improve communications with Base on Missions.



As we plan for 2025, Dan shared the primary goals for FISR. These include:

- Continuing to Improve FISR'S Capabilities in Responding to Rescue Missions
- A Successful 22nd Annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament and Auction (March 15, 2025)
- Recruiting, Training & Utilizing New Volunteer Members
- Develop a Long-Term Strategic Plan to Insure FISR's Efforts Continue For the Fripp Island Community for the Future

In this season of gratitude, all of us at FISR express our thanks for the support we receive from the community. Without your support, FISR could not function. As we begin planning for the 22nd Annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament and Auction (March 15, 2025), we ask you to consider supporting the golf tournament and auction, or to simply make a contribution to help us continue operating. Look for more information after the New Year.

To volunteer or just learn more about FISR, visit us at www.fisearescue.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FrippIslandSeaRescue .



**Fripp Island
Sea Rescue**

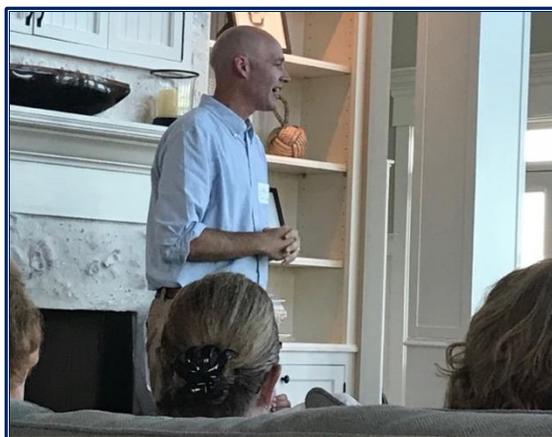


On August 28, 2017, a small group of Fripp Islanders gathered to explore starting a church. Rev. Todd Simonis opened the meeting by sharing his vision for this new ministry. “My hope is that we can share God’s love with everyone who lives on Fripp Island. I’d like us to be a blessing to every resident, whether they worship with us or not.

St. Helenas Church at Fripp Island’s CARE Team is the practical application of Todd’s vision. Over 30 members have come together under Chris Goodman’s leadership to support Fripp Islanders. This includes supplying meals, running errands or just stopping by to make sure everything is fine.



Chris Goodman, leader of St. Helena's Care Team.



Rev. Todd Simonis sharing his vision for a new church on Fripp Island.

When Chris’s husband, Martin, had a knee replacement, another opportunity was discovered. Our Medical Equipment Lending Locker provides health aids on loan as needed. Whatever you’re looking for ...crutches, a wheelchair, bedside commode, etc.... Just contact our care team for a prompt delivery.

CARE is an acronym for Connect, Ask, Respond, Encourage. Whether the CARE team is delivering homemade bread to shut-ins, sweet treats on Mother’s day or Easter baskets on Easter, the goal is to just be present and demonstrate compassion.

During the holidays, you may find yourself in need of some assistance. Please know that you are not alone. We sincerely hope you will contact Chris Goodman at 843-263-1932 (cell) or cbgoodman@email.com.

“Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ” Galatians 6:2



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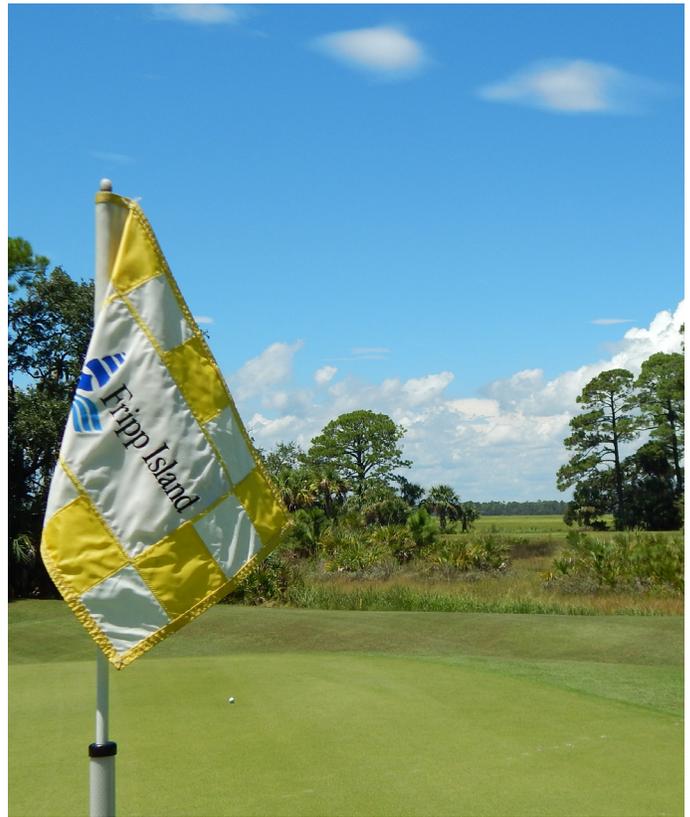
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CHILDREN'S CORNER

with Mary T. Jacobs

Quote of the Month: "Anyone who has ever been able to sustain good work has had at least one person, and often many more, who have believed in him or her. We just don't get to be competent human beings without a lot of different investments from others." -Life's Journey According to Mister Rogers

I am thrilled to be writing about Christmas and our traditions and also our blessings. Some of the traditions our family had and still have and here are the following:

1. We play a game called "Dirty Santa" and some call it the White Elephant game. We all laugh and have fun plus get a gift.
2. The morning of Christmas we always eat pigs in the blanket for breakfast, when it is our immediate family.
3. When we gather the week before Christmas at my sister in laws home, we eat barbeque on Saturday night and shrimp and grits the next morning for breakfast, along with tons of bacon plus homemade waffles. Of course, none of this is low calories...But it is delicious!
4. When the family opens gifts, we first distribute them to the family and we open one at a time, while everyone watches.
5. We may play board games, talk about Christmases in the past and of course watch Christmas movies.

These are just a few of the family traditions that we share.

Please name and discuss at least three traditions that you and your family do each year!

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Parents, please read these sweet Christmas poems to your children.

A Christmas Angel – Christmas Poems For Kids

Oh, I wish I was an angel on the tree

Oh, I wish I was an angel on the tree

I'd give every girl and boy

Lots of Christmas peace and joy

Oh, I wish I was an angel on the tree

By Denise Burke

Let Every Day Be Christmas

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,

for loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away

like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf.

The good you do for others is good you do yourself.

– Norman Westbrook

Christmas season comes back with even more excitement. Adults are busy making up their heads, looking forward to finishing the year-end work, or busy, taking care of the family while children eagerly awaited Santa's gifts.

Many people eagerly wait for Christmas, simply because of the bustling atmosphere, the green pine trees, & the reunion.

The sense of space before the holiday is revealed through many types of moods: happy, sad, excited, nervous, stressed, anxious, excited, relaxed, emotional, tired. A list of warm and lovely best Christmas poems for your kids & family will add more joy to this Christmas together with the whole family.



A Chubby Little Snowman – Christmas Poems for Kids

A chubby little snowman
Had a carrot nose.
Along came a bunny,
And what do you suppose?
That hungry little bunny
Looking for some lunch,
Grabbed that snowman's nose,
Nibble, nibble, crunch!
-Anonymous

Customs from other Places:

Please discuss with your children: And locate the Country.

- Ireland: A Christmas Day Swim (too cold for me)
- England: Nativity Plays in elementary, middle and high schools
- England: Midnight masses in churches

Parent's assignment:

1. Tell your children a special story about a special Christmas you had as a child.

Children's assignment:

2. Call a family member that you will not see this Christmas and wish them a Merry Christmas.
3. Please write thank you notes to people that gave you gifts.
4. Make a handmade gift for someone.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Added bonus: Ask your child to write one of the activities and send it to Stacie and perhaps we may publish one of your writings.

Happy Writing at Fripp Island and see you at the pizza truck!

Fripp Audubon Club

Submitted by John Wellborn

The 2024/25 season is well under way, and we are excited to continue with our broad range of member events, activities and volunteer opportunities.

For this season, we have announced 10 outings, 8 “Ten Eyck” lectures, and 5 “Audubon in the Schools” events. In addition, we continue to provide a conduit to other related sponsored projects. Check out our web site for a complete run down of our activities for this season. <https://frippaudubonclub.org>.

As Fripp Audubon board members and program volunteers, we are very proud of our efforts to enhance our members birding and naturalist experiences. While our organization is small, less than 200 members, new members are often surprised with the breadth and quality of our programs. Of course, to continue moving forward we need to attract new volunteers.

To that end, Fripp Audubon Club is now seeking volunteers for the Board of Directors for the 2025/26 season. Positions are:

- Vice President – fills in for president when needed, special projects,
- Treasurer – manage deposits and payments, financial reporting
- Secretary – take minutes at board meetings, 4/year.

Fripp residency is helpful but not required for the positions, Birding experience not required, just a desire to help.

If interested please contact Pam Floyd, p_b_floyd@hotmail.com or Mike Norman, mikeanorman@gmail.com.

A more immediate volunteer opportunity is the Christmas Bird Count. This year’s Christmas Bird Count is scheduled for December 19th. Teams are now being organized for both Fripp Island and Saint Helena. Team positions include:

- Captain – determines route
- Spotter – find/identify birds
- Recorder – records species and number of birds seen

A photographer is another position that is helpful, especially with hard to identify birds.

Volunteers at all levels of knowledge are appreciated. The more eyes the better so please join us on Thursday Dec. 19th. To sign-up or for more information contact Pam Floyd p_b_floyd@hotmail.com.

Also, Thursday evening on Dec. 19th will feature our 3rd “Ten Eyck Lecture” of the season at the Fripp Island Community Center. Our featured speaker is Beau Bauer of Nemours Wildlife Foundation. Fripp Audubon “Ten Eyck Lectures” are scheduled on the 4th Thursday of each month through May.

We hope to see you there. We look forward to seeing you.

[Get more details on our website here.](#)

Captain Ralph's

FISHING REPORT

GREAT FALL FISHING!

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison

INSHORE Nearshore and Offshore/Stream fishing has been excellent this fall and Winter fishing from early reports looking Good, Not only has more fisherman and boaters are finding Fripp Island is a great place to vacation but has great fishing and Boating. Nearly 2 million acres of protected wetlands loaded with wildlife and the Atlantic ocean at our front door, with fantastic fishing. The Marina staff, Fishing Captains, Top Notch Excursion Boat Fripper and a Marina Ships Store that Miss Nickie has a great Deli, Fishing equipment and 7-11 Food Services plus Boat and dock storage.

FISHING REPORT:

INSHORE FISHING: Get ready for good Redfish fishing, many too big to keep but fun to catch, Trout, Croaker and Blackbass, Blackdrum, Shark and some Flounder, are also being caught.

NEARSHORE FISHING: Tire/Fripp Reef, 6HI Good catches of Redfish, Blakbass, Black Drum, Trigger, Vermillion and a few Kings.

OFFSHORE/GULF Stream: YellowFinn Tuna are hot, some Wahoo and Kingfish are being caught.

Call the Marina for your boating, fishing and hungry needs. More people are discovering Fripp Island is a great place for a vacation.

(FRIPP ISLAND IS NOT PERFECT BUT DARN CLOSE)



Guys and Dolls had a great trip on Miss Lia 11. Black Drums on the Fripp Inlet. Too big to keep, but fun to catch. Botom (L-R) Yellow Finn Tuna are hot in the Gulf Stream. Fishing is good on Fripp. I am litle, but Mr. Trout I am gonna eat you.

25 NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS FOR 2025

1. *Read more books*
2. *Go someplace you've never been*
3. *"Unplug" at least once a week*
4. *Volunteer*
5. *Make time for yourself*
6. *Be more focused on each task*
7. *Call friends and family*
8. *Keep a diary or journal*
9. *Start a new hobby*
10. *Try a new restaurant*
11. *Send handwritten letters*
12. *Donate unwanted items*
13. *Join a club*
14. *DIY or artistic project*
15. *Try Yoga or Meditation*
16. *Clean out your inboxes*
17. *Try a new recipe every month*
18. *Hang some more family photos*
19. *Give yourself a new look*
20. *Listen to more music*
21. *Change your routine*
22. *Learn something new each day*
23. *Organize your kitchen/closet, etc.*
24. *Spend more time in nature*
25. *Learn a new language*

SUBMITTED BY: STACIE THRUSH, EDITOR

Resolutions don't necessarily mean changing an undesired trait or major accomplishment. Rather than something that feels like chore, how about things that feel more rewarding and attainable?

Here is a list of 25 Resolutions for 2025!

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Dataw Coastal Cup

FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION

Fripp Islands Women’s Golf Association (FIWGA) is off to a great start for our fall season. We began with The Club Championship on October 5 and 6th. And then went right into our Member / Member tournament the following week. After that, the ladies had a tournament with Dataw Island for the Coastal Cup on October 24. Which we were successful in winning one more time! This is always a great friendly rivalry and we have now held it for the last year. We also hosted the Ladies from Dataw, Riverton and Oldfield Clubs

for a fun day of Golf on our newly renovated Ocean Point Course.

And of course October always brings the Halloween tournament with the Fripp Island Yacht club. This event is open to everyone, but it is great fun and sold out as always.

November brought us a rather soggy FIWGA championship on November 5 and 7th. Last but not least we had the Annual Divine Nine Tournament to determine who the Queen of the course is for this year.

Our Fall Tournament Winners are below:

Member/Member – 1st Place Allison Baker & Travis Stewart

2nd place - Kathy Lynch and Sue Bielstein

FIWGA Championship Gross and Net Overall Champion – Michelle Proser

Flight 1 – Low Gross – Kathy Lynch

Low Net – Teresa Clinton

Flight 2 – Low Gross – Linda Ashby

Low Net – Betsy Watts

Flight 3 – Low Gross – Barb Hess

Low Net – Jan Bialas

Divine Nine Tournament

Champion (Queen)- Barb Kudwa

Runner – up (Princess) Betsy Watts

It has been a very busy fall so far, and things will quiet down a bit for Christmas after we have our last tournament of the year, The Jingle Bell scramble with the Nine hole ladies on December 10.

Also at our awards dinner on November 20, we elected a new board.

President, Allison Baker

Vice president, Michelle Proser

Treasurer, Kathy Lynch

Assistant treasurer, Betsy Watts

Secretary, Jan Bialas

Rules, Linda Ashby

Handicap chairman, Debbie St. John

Social chairman, Sandra Stuart

IT chairman, Jane Marquart

The Fripp Island WGA welcomes new members and hopes that anyone with an interest in playing will come out and join us. For further information, you may contact Allison Baker, President, 313-300-9060 or email taka43@comcast.net, or either of the two Pro shops.



FIWGA Champion – Michelle Proser



Member/Member Tournament

Article and photos submitted by Ann Lyman



Captain Ralph's Cooking Corner

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison



HOLIDAY FROGMORE STEW

We all love the holidays Turkey and Ham BUT how about something different “HOLIDAY FROGMORE STEW”

Here we go and Santa and your guests will love it.

Serving 10 -12 or cut in half ingredients for 5-6.
Cooking time 40 min.

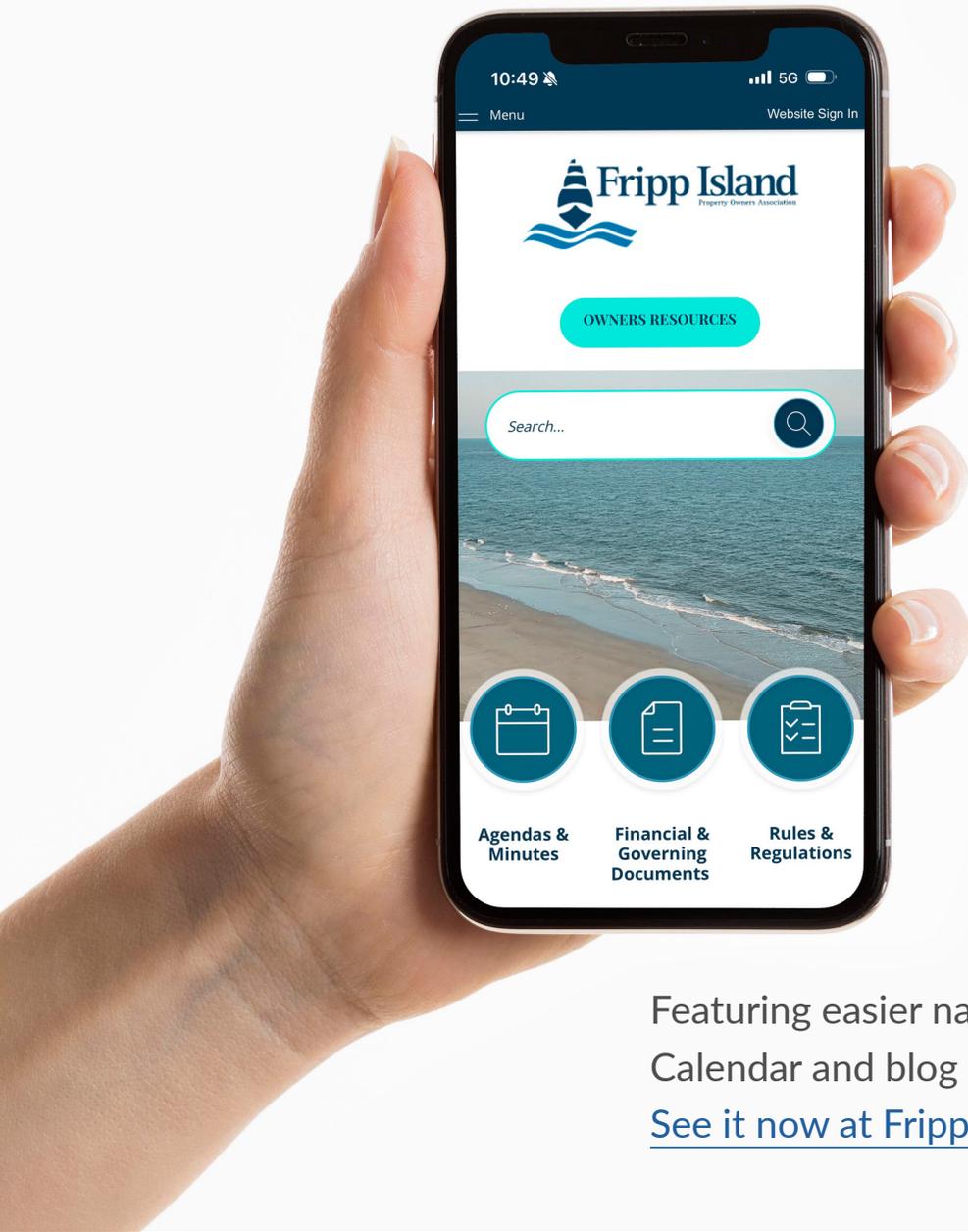
INGREDIENTS

- 4 Quarts of Water
- 10 ears of fresh or frozen corn cut in 1/3's
- 4 lbs small potatoes
- 1 onion diced
- 2-3 lbs, Kielbasa or Sausage cut into 2 inch pieces
- If you have left over Ham add to the Stew
- 5-6 lbs. large Shrimp unpeeled or peeled (less work)
- 1 bag of Shrimp Boil or Old Bay
- 2 Garlic cloves pealed and cut in half
- 4 Bay Leaves and Pepper to taste
- 1 Lbs. whole mushrooms optional
- 6 crabs optional

COOKING DIRECTIONS

1. Bring water to Boiling add Crab Boil/Season 2, Add Potatoes, Onion, Bay leaves, Garlic and cook for 5 min.
3. Add Kielbasa, mushrooms Cook for 5 min.
4. Add Corn and cook for 5 min.
5. Add Shrimp and if you have crabs and Ham cook for 2-4 min add pepper to taste squeeze lemon optional.(Shrimp Pink)
6. Drain add contents in a large bowl, garnish with Thanksgiving or Christmas decor, Refill the remaining stew to the bowl.
7. Remaining liquid makes great stock for Soup with leftovers.

ENJOY A HOLIDAY CHANGE (HOLIDAY FROGMORE STEW)



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New Year's Traditions

SUBMITTED BY: STACIE THRUSH, EDITOR

Growing up, I remember my mom having certain “rules” on New Years Day, like not doing laundry. I didn’t really understand the significance, but was happy to oblige. Another New Years superstition that I always heard, was that your first encounter on the new year will determine how you’ll spend the next year.

My husband introduced me to the tradition of eating Black Eyed Peas and Collard Greens on New Years Day. Which reflects money and prosperity, and it’s believed that wealth will come your way.

This made me wonder what other traditions are practiced at home and abroad on New Years Day in hopes of having good luck the rest of the year. And doing less chores on New Years Day!

In Latin America, it’s believed that carrying around an empty suitcase will conjure up a full year of adventure and travel.

Those noise makers aren’t just for fun, according to some traditions in the world, the sounds can ward off evil spirits. For the Chinese New Year, it’s customary to cheer, scream, set off fireworks and bang pots and pans. Also in China it’s believed the act of cleaning sweeps away negativity from your family and life.

On the flip side, some superstitions say to avoid cleaning and taking out the trash as it’s believed you are washing or throwing away your luck.

Putting cash in your wallet on New Years Eve just before midnight will usher in a year of prosperity.



In Denmark finding this on your doorstep is a good thing!

And never start the new year with bare cabinets, as that may signal a year of emptiness. In the Philippines opening doors and windows just before midnight will let out the old year and let in the new.

In Spain, locals will eat exactly 12 grapes for a year of good fortune, meanwhile in Greece they hang onions on their door to promote growth. I recommend not mixing up the two.

In Denmark, it’s traditional to throw china at your friends’ and neighbors’ which signifies leaving any aggression and ill-will behind. The more broken pieces you have, the more luck you will have.

Other traditions to bring luck include sprinkling salt on your doorstep in Turkey; baking “good luck” bread in Armenia; eating up to 12 meals in Estonia; and smashing pomegranates in Greece.

Source: <https://www.oprahdaily.com/life/g29774563/new-years-eve-superstitions/>
<https://bestlifeonline.com/global-new-years-eve-traditions/>



ANNUAL THANKSGIVING KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison

There was cold weather and occasional rain but it did not deter 88 kids from coming out to the Annual Thanksgiving Kids Fishing Tournament. Nothing can beat Mom, Dad or Grandmom or Dad spending time with the kids, having FUN with the kids. Get away from the TV, cell phones and seeing the kids having fun with other kids catching fish.

There was plenty to eat and Chef Dee Dolittle made sure there tummies were full.

Lewis Turner and Nickie Roper did a great job in making the tournament one of Fripp Island great events. They thanked the Fripp Co. for their financial support.

While all the Kids were winners The tournament had winners for the largest fish and here they are with their prizes. (Tournament winners pictures above).

TROUT

1st. Ella McGlaulin 2.54 lbs.
2nd. Graham Walsh 1.24 lbs.
3rd. Gamble Carsuel 1.08 lbs.
4th. Nora Wrona .98 lbs.

BLACK DRUM

1st. Rerd Hastings 6.30 lbs.
2nd. Issac Brouse 5.62 lbs.
3rd. Hannah Bryant 4.26 lbs.
4th. Riley Mclglaulin 2.99 lbs.

BASS

1st. Jackson Beclcham 4.87 lbs.
2nd. Gus May 4.17 lbs.
3rd. Charley Rodenberg 1.87 lbs.
4th. Bower Walker 1.74 lbs.

OTHER SPECIES

1st. Wahoo May 2.84 lbs.
2nd. Maddox Pennington 2.00 lbs.
3rd. Kinsley Wolf .93 lbs.
4th. Nathan Han .64 lbs.

The Marina Staff want to thank the parents for bringing the kids out to the tournament, Gold is buried in our children now and later life and we hope we have brought some joy to you and the kids this Thanksgiving. (Fripp Island Is Not Perfect But Darn Close).



Top to bottom, left to right: Connor Smith - a winner at the Thanksgiving Tournament. Happy Junior Fisherman at the Thanksgiving Kids Fishing Tournament. Happy brother and sister who cleans them. Kids wanted to keep fish in the net, not in their hands. Lilly catches fish during Kids Tournament and give to dad to cook. Happy and cute little ones with their catch. Chef Dee Doolittle and Marina Ships Store manager, Nickie Roper, gave out good food and many prizes at this years tournament. Happy sisters helped each other catch the fish. He was so proud of this catch.



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