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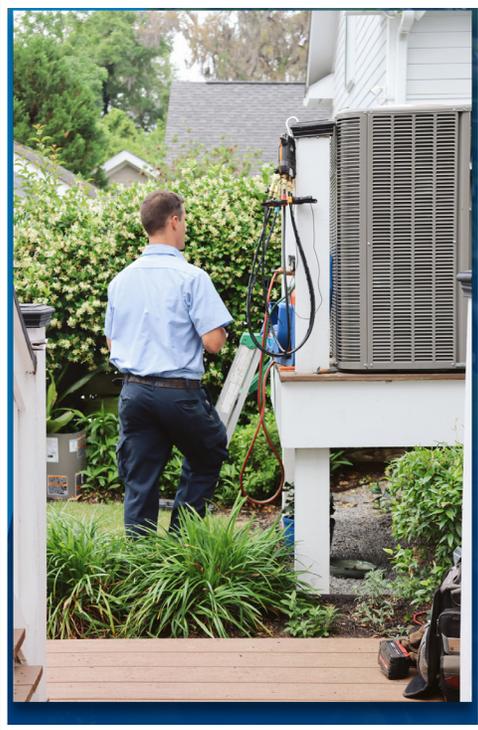
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So many of you generously contributed to the GoFundMe created by property owner Joe Pariano for the victims of the devastating fires last year. The funds were evenly distributed among the three affected families. The GoFund me raised a total of \$4860.00 which will be paid forward to local charities.

We were able to present two checks in January, and then met with the Shaver family in February. The Nussbaum's are contributing their funds to the Community Centre. Jayne Pate will make a donation to assist local children in honor of her late husband, Mike Pate. The Shaver's also plan to donate their funds to local charity.

We sincerely thank the Fripp Island Community not only for the generous monetary donations but also for the support and assistance during their time of need. Our community is so very special and jumped into action quickly to help our friends and neighbors in so many ways.

A very special thank you to Joe Pariano for organizing the GoFundMe.

Also a special thank you to all the groups, clubs and businesses who organized various fundraisers as well.



23rd Annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament at Fripp Island



Sponsorship opportunities are open for our 23rd Annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament being held **Saturday, March 14, 2026** at Fripp Island Resort's Ocean Creek Golf Course on Fripp Island, SC.

OUR MISSION

Frapp Island Sea Rescue was established in 1983. We are an all volunteer organization. Our service area includes Frapp Island, Hunting Island, Harbor Island, St. Helena Island, St. Philips Island, Capers Island and Pritchards Island. We work in partnership with a number of sea rescue organizations that include the U.S. Coast Guard, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Beaufort Water Search and Rescue and the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office. Frapp Island Sea Rescue is a registered South Carolina 501(c) charity (Public ID P7829).

OUR NEEDS

To provide rescue services, Frapp Island Sea Rescue maintains a fleet of vessels that include boats capable of operating both offshore and in the intracoastal waterway. Every year, our members participate in over 100 boating missions. Missions range from saving kayakers stranded in the marsh to saving boaters with medical emergencies offshore. All donations to Frapp Island Sea Rescue are used to maintain and upgrade our fleet (all of our members are unpaid volunteers). Your donations make it possible for us to continue our mission.

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23rd Annual St. Paddy's Golf Tournament at Fripp Island

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Fripp Audubon Club

Submitted by John Wellborn

The birding season is well underway and to close out February we have 2 events scheduled:

- February 24th - Outing - Bear Island National Wildlife Management Area and Donnelly Wildlife Management Area

Bear Island trip is a major wintering area for waterfowl as well as an important shorebird area during migration. It is an eBird hotspot with 287 species reported. It is also an important nesting area for Bald Eagles and a foraging area for wading birds. One of the trip highlights is to view the Tundra Swans at Mary's pond.

Donnelly Wildlife Management Area is a good companion to Bear Island WMA. It too is an eBird hotspot with 271 species reported. Donnelly has more upland hardwood forests, pine forests, and hardwood swamp forests which will provide the opportunity to view songbirds not expected at Bear Island.

Participants can choose to participate in both locations or attend Bear Island only. For registration information contact Pam Floyd @ p_b_floyd@hotmail.com.

- February 26th - Ten Eyck Lecture at the Fripp Island Community Center, - Laura Lee Rose, "Native Plants for Wildlife

Join retired Clemson Extension Horticulture Agent Laura Lee Rose for a look at some of the beautiful and useful native plants that you can use in your Lowcountry landscape. She will also give hints on choosing larval host plants for pollinators, and grasses, trees and shrubs to attract birds.

If you are new to birding or the area these events are a great way explore our incredible natural environment.

Happy Birding!

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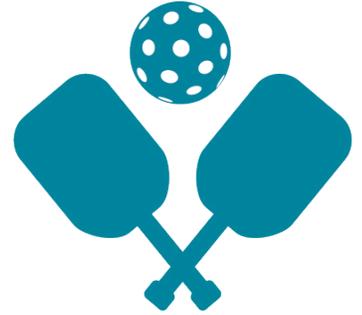
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2026 Trawler Schedule and Deadlines

Issue and Release Date	Article Deadline
Spring II (May 2026)	Due Date Thursday 4/23/26
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Fall (September 2026)	Due Date Thursday 8/27/26
Holiday (December 2026)	Due Date Wednesday 11/25/26

FRIPP ISLAND



PICKLEBALL ASSOCIATION

The Fripp Island Pickleball Association, or FIPA for short, has gotten off to a great start with 111 members! Weekly play on Mondays, 5-7pm, has been popular and provides a variety of games and formats suitable for all skill levels.

It's a great place to share your love for the sport with your neighbors as well as meet new people. Despite the cold weather, there has been a great turnout!

In addition to weekly play, FIPA sponsors and/or supports special events. The next event is a fundraiser for Dink for Pink on Sunday, March 8th, with all proceeds going to Pledge the Pink.

Registration is open to all. Contact Vanessa Penaherrera @ 704-807-0255 for details. Many more events are in the works, so stay tuned!

If you'd like to join in the fun, contact Jane Marquart at marquart54@gmail.com. All skill levels welcome. Hope to see you on the courts!



Voice, Violin, Piano: The Lindsay and Jason Duo

Margit Resch

Voice, Violin, Piano: The Lindsay and Jason Duo

Are you one of the lucky people who got to hear - and see - TAKE3 on Fripp Island in the fall of 2023; three musicians who dazzled both the ears and the eyes of the audience and received such enthusiastic ovations that they played two encores. Well, two of those fabulous musicians are coming back to Fripp on March 1: Lindsay Deutsch, founder of TAKE3, vocalist, violinist, raconteur and gymnast (of sorts), and Jason Stroll, pianist. The duo is adhering to Lindsay's idea of combining, as she put it, "classical music with music people actually like." A principle that she applied to the repertoire of TAKE3. Her duo, too, is cleverly fusing melodies by rock stars of yesteryear like Bach, Beethoven and Mozart with jazz tunes or with songs like Louis Armstrong's hit "What a Wonderful World," Willie Nelson's unforgettable "On the Road Again," Leonard Cohen's "Hallelujah," and even with popular hits of today.

Lindsay is an amazing performer in many ways. She sings beautifully, with heart-wrenching elocution. She is an expert on the violin, displaying genre-appropriate versatility, no matter whether it is a classical piece of music, jazz, rock and roll or bluegrass, and her athletic body movements are stunningly expressive. While doing her magic on the violin, she dances, leaps, struts and prances, grimaces, laughs, frowns and otherwise emotes, all in the service of illustrating the music. "She played like a column of fire - her head thrown back, her body an extension of the instrument." Thus one reviewer described her physical stage demeanor. You will also be mesmerized by her eloquent and humorous narration, when she is explaining the history or meaning of a musical piece or sharing an anecdote. Given her array of talents, it is

not surprising that Lindsay is a sought-after musician, that she has traveled all over the world as guest soloist with a number of famous American and Canadian orchestras, that she was selected for NPR's respected SymphonyCast Program. She even has movie credits, having played the violin soundtrack for "The Good Shepherd," starring Robert De Niro.

Lindsay made her solo orchestral debut at age 11, playing with the Clear Lake Symphony in Texas. In addition to forging a reputation as a violinist, she won (would you believe) a gold medal in the World Junior Olympic Racquetball Championships in 1997 and was selected to the 2000 U.S. Junior Olympic Racquetball Team. No wonder Lindsay is moving with such elegance and agility on stage. At age 15 she decided to pursue a musical career. While earning her degree from the Colburn School of Music in Los Angeles, where she studied with Robert Lipsett, she performed with major orchestras all over North America. She was just 20 years old when she received national attention. No, not for winning in racquetball, not for playing violin (not yet), but because her violin, a 1742 Sanctus Seraphin, valued at \$850,000 (on loan from the Mandell Collection of Southern California), had been stolen out of her car. Lindsay offered a \$10,000 reward, and the instrument was returned five days later. Currently, she plays on an 1845 Jean-Baptiste Vuillaume violin.

Pianist Jason Stroll's career is equally as impressive as Lindsay's. He knows how to key his way into your heart. A graduate of the Juilliard School and the Glenn Gould School of the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto, Jason enjoys a multifaceted reputation as concert soloist, recitalist, and chamber musician. He has also served for several years as educator and piano instructor at the Bronx Conservatory of Music. As soloist, he has played with many reputable symphony and chamber

orchestras, as well as with a multitude of ensembles, such as trios and quartets known for unique instrumentation and repertoires. He has participated in several prestigious summer music festivals, including the Miami Music Festival, the Pianofest in the Hamptons, the Aspen Music Festival, and in the Adamant Music School Concert Series.

Jason successfully participated in several international piano competitions and should be proud of having been named finalist in the 2013 American Paderewski Piano Competition. Jason consistently charms audiences all over the world with his creative renditions of both classical repertoires and various popular genres, and with an eclectic mixture of all of the above. Currently, Mr. Stoll is a piano instructor and lecturer at California State University, Northridge, and a freelance pianist, masterclass presenter and adjudicator throughout the Los Angeles area.

The Lindsay and Jason Duo will entertain us on Sunday, March 1, 5:00 pm in the Fripp Island Community Centre, 205 Tarpon Boulevard. But come and join us at 4:30, when a group of young musicians from a Beaufort school will play and sing their hearts out for us. Both shows are sponsored by Fripp Island Friends of Music and supported by the SC Arts Commission. Tickets at the door: adults \$30 (credit cards accepted), students free thanks to the Peg Gorham Memorial Fund. Stay after the performance for a complimentary reception, catered deliciously by Harold's Chef Services, and help us entertain Lindsay and Jason. For more information, go to www.frippfriendsofmusic.com. For FIFOM membership, concert reservations, or questions, contact Rebecca Climer (615) 594-1552.



FRIPP ISLAND ART GUILD

JOIN. INSPIRE. CREATE

by Barbara Gruden

By definition, an art guild is an organization of artists and craftspeople that supports its members through networking, skill-sharing, exhibitions, and advocacy. In its first year, the recently formed Fripp Island Art Guild has more than lived up to that description, hosting two large exhibitions, an oyster roast, several demonstration events, two workshops, and a beautiful and informative art talk by acclaimed Gullah artist, Sonja Griffen Evans.

Guild members practice a wonderful array of creative mediums. Painters of both oil and watercolor find the environment that surrounds Fripp to be irresistible subject matter. Others create shell art, jewelry, stationery, laser engravings, pottery and sculpture, written works, and fiber arts. While the Guild's collective energy is what makes it thrive, it is the individual artists—each with a distinct vision—who give it color and texture. A closer look into our members will reveal the remarkable talent taking root on Fripp. Many of our artists work in three dimensions with pieces that present a sense of form, weight, and touch.

From sculpture to functional pottery pieces, Venaye (Reece) McGlashan brings her imagination into the physical world. She is a South Carolina native, raised near Aiken. Her love of animals and science led to a 34-year career as a veterinarian, but art was always along for the ride. Over the years, Venaye explored many creative paths, from papermaking to drawing and printmaking, painting, woodcarving, and ceramics, with pottery eventually winning her heart. After overcoming both cancer and a broken back, she and her husband retired to a cottage on a tidal creek on St. Helena Island. With a small studio built just for her, a pottery wheel, and later a kiln, she dove deeper into stoneware pottery, glazes, and sculpture, including raku. Venaye loves the hands-on nature of clay and the endless possibilities it offers, often incorporating her life-long passion for animals, nature, and conservation into her work.



Another form of three-dimensional work within the Guild draws from Fripp's shoreline. Shell art transforms natural coastal elements into thoughtfully composed pieces. Barcaly Sharon says she's always had an artistic side, focusing on photography since her teen years and dreaming of showing her work. When she moved to Fripp Island in 2018 and saw the incredible local talent, she knew the competition would be tough. It was during Covid and her long beach walks collecting

shells that something sparked. After seeing oyster art in a boutique, she thought, “I can do that!” She made a few pieces for her home, and friends began encouraging her to sell them (she thought they were kidding). It wasn’t long before she opened an Etsy shop and began participating in local art shows. What began as a hobby soon grew into full-time work. To keep the joy in creating, Barclay has since adjusted her schedule and focuses on custom pieces and best sellers like her napkin holders and wine stoppers. Barclay feels blessed to be doing work that fills her heart here on Fripp Island and stands ready to help with custom, one-of-a-kind gifts.



Laser engraving adds yet another dimension featured within the Guild. Patti Orshell has long been drawn to the precision and creativity of this medium—a unique blend of technology and artistry that transforms everyday materials into personalized keepsakes. After months of research, she finally took the plunge in 2024. It didn’t take long for her to realize she had found something special. Her curiosity quickly grew into a passion. Patti continually explores new graphic designs to refine each project to achieve the perfect result. Her laser engraver allows her to create on a wide range of materials—wood, slate, leather, acrylic, glass, and metal—each offering its own character. Patti has retired here on Fripp, and her craft keeps her mind engaged and her creativity thriving.

She loves fashioning meaningful custom pieces that celebrate life’s moments. “There’s nothing better than knowing something I’ve made will bring a smile to someone’s face,” she says.



If these wonderful artists have stirred a creative spark, the Fripp Island Art Guild invites everyone to visit our website, frippislandartguild.org, to learn more about our programs, events, and exhibitions. New members are always welcome.

Come check out the fun on March 3 at 7:00 pm in the Community Center. Our regular monthly meeting will feature a creative writing workshop with Mary Jacobs and Robin Monroe.

“Fripp Boaters Aren’t Just Tourists... *They’re Your Customers!*”



Did You Know?

More than 13,000 boats are registered in Beaufort County — and the waters surrounding Fripp Island is one of their favorite destinations. Every rescue mission **Fripp Island Sea Rescue (FISR)** runs, keeps those visitors safe... and brings them back for more.

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911 ON THE WATER



2026 St Paddys Golf Tournament

March 14, 2026 Tee Time 9 AM

Golfer Registration Form

Golf registration is for a foursome only. **Registration is \$500 per foursome.**

All proceeds go to support the mission of Fripp Island Sea Rescue.

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Golf Captain E-mail Address: _____

Golf Captain Phone: _____

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- T=Test your understanding
 - Child should ask questions and speakers should ask the child questions to ensure he/she understands.
- E= Evaluate the message
 - Speaker should ask the child how they will use what they learned about listening.
- N= Neutralize your feelings
 - Speaker should not judge the listener.

You may wish to make a listening chart and display in an area to see or maybe even on the refrigerator!

Learning around the dinner table!

- The next time you have the opportunity to have dinner together, please play a listening game.
- Two people will be partners.
- The first person will talk to their partner for two minutes, while the other person listens without interrupting. (This is hard, because WE all love to talk.)
- Then you will change roles and other person will talk for two minutes.
- Please use a timer to make sure the conversation goes for two minutes.

After the game then ask the following questions:

1. What did you learn about the listener?
2. What did you learn about the speaker?
3. Do you think it is hard to really listener to others?

Some of your answers and discussion may be interesting!!

Please remember that 2026 is the year for reading and listening!

Happy Reading!

FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



LWGA Pro Appreciation Event

Fripp Women's Golf Association

Our 2026 season started off with some frigid weather for Fripp Islands Women's Golf Association (FIWGA). But it is finally warming up nicely. The winter golf season is always fun as it brings back many of our snowbirds we have not seen for months. It also is the start of many fun tournaments.

Our President, Michelle Proser has initiated a new Tournament called the "GREEN GATOR TOURNAMENT". Each month a Low Net winner playing on our Low Gross/ Low Net play day will be tagged as the TOP GATOR. There will be a final Top Gator Tournament in the fall for all of the Top Gators.

So far we have two "TOP GATORS" Barb Hess for January and Michelle Proser for February!

Also, your Fripp Island Resort Team was represented and managed to grab a win for FRIPP by securing the 1st Flight -

Low Net in the LWGA Pro Appreciation Event held at Belfair! A fun (but chilly) day of golf on a beautiful course. The Fripp winners were Michelle Proser, Kathy Lynch, Joanne Aldrich and our Ocean Point Pro, Joe Wohlscheid. February brought our Annual "Galentines" Tournament hosted by the Nine Hole Ladies. Always great fun, and a delicious luncheon at the Beach Club.

Valentine tournament Overall Winning Team:

Score:52 Hole deducted #15
Michelle Proser
Jan Bialas
Kathy Galen
Teresa MacPhee

Pink Ball Winning Team:

Score:59 Hole deducted #11
Jane Marquart
Betsy Watts
Karen Ruszkowski
Laura MacArthur

We held our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, February 17th at New Haven. Thanks to Sam Taylor for organizing a great meal for us with a Mexican/Mardi Gras theme. We announced our most improved player, Betsy Watts. We also honored our hole in one golfers, Betsy Watts and Joanne Aldrich. We also recognized Eagles and Birdies.

We have a busy schedule coming up over the next few months.

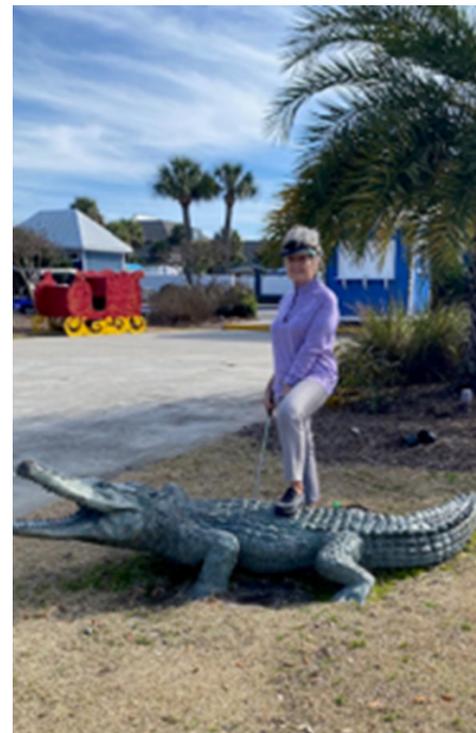
- Fripp Cup Member/Member 3/10 and 3/12
- Canadian Day/Guest Day St Patrick's Theme 3/17
- Battle of Sexes 3/24
- Memorial Tournament-Begins 4/2
- FIWGA Meeting 4/14
- Coastal Cup 4/21
- Member-Guest 4/30-5/2

This year we are doing a "St. Patrick's Day of Golf and Fun" at Ocean Point with a 9:00 start. It is open to both members and guests. So grab your clubs and your girlfriends—it's time to hit the greens! Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a little Irish luck, great golf, and plenty of fun. Wear your green and enjoy a spirited day of friendship and fairways!

Club fees will be charged for nonmembers. Sign up on ForeTees or at the Point. Lunch following at the Grill.

Everyone is looking forward to our Ladies Member/Guest tournament, April 30 to May 2nd. Our theme this year is Red, Wine and Brews. More detail to follow in the next few weeks.

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 Michelle Proser, President, 410-733-3336 or email mproserpe@gmail.com or either of the two Pro shops.



Barb Hess – Top Gator for January



Winners of Galentine Tournament



Most Improved Player Betsy Watts



Hole in One Awards

COMMUNITY CENTRE

Submitted by Rebecca Climer

A Report on 2025

2025 marked 45 years of the Fripp Island Community Centre and All Faiths Chapel being a place for gathering, celebrating, honoring and serving all property owners on this beautiful island. It was a year of both reflection and celebration as we lost some beloved, long-time Fripp residents and welcomed new friends and organizations.

These numbers are approximate but show just how important the Community Centre is to life on Fripp.

- 350 exercise classes, 216 Yoga Classes
- 52 Duplicate Bridge Games, 52 Mah Jongg Games
- 52 Chapel Services, 4 Memorials, 1 Wedding, 1 Baptismal, 1 Wedding Shower Dinner
- 5 Fripp Island Friends of Music Concerts
- 2 Art Shows
- 2 POA Town Halls
- 60 Bingo Games
- 8 Community Dinners
- 1 FIWC Cake Walk, 1 Fripp Island Yacht Club Oyster Roast
- Board and Membership Meetings for the Fripp Island Women's Club, ROMEO, Fripp Island Yacht Club, Friends of Bill, Fripp Island Friends of Music, the Audubon Club, Fripp Island Art Guild, Fripp Island Community Centre, Fripp Island Turtle Patrol.

In the first quarter of the year, the Board approved installation of new sound system

that, in addition to greatly improving the quality of sound in the All Faiths Chapel, allows for simultaneous broadcasting of Chapel events to Hammet Hall. The system was funded by the generous donations of the late Don Aldrich and his family in tribute to Hildy Aldrich. We are most grateful to Don and the Aldrich family for their support.

The sign that lets everyone know the upcoming events at the FICC was replaced. It is not only more attractive, but also easier for volunteers to keep the sign and information refreshed.

Thanks to the dedication of Flo Kamradt and Tara Carlson, our AED (Automated External Defibrillator) was updated, and a first aid kit was purchased and installed. Additional first aid supplies include suction devices to clear an airway and material to stop significant bleeding. Financially, the FICC ended the year soundly thanks to the generosity of FICC Members.

We began our 2026 Annual Fund with a boost through a fundraising concert by Dan McCormick that netted more than \$6,800. We have seen our annual operating increase year over year and have three major projects to fund in 2026 so you will see us planning more fundraising activities throughout the year. As a private, independent 501(c)3 organization, we are entirely dependent on our members for the maintenance and improvement of our facilities. Fortunately, we have members who are generous with both their time and finances and, for that, the FICC Board is most grateful.





**Fripp Island
Ladies
Nine Hole
Golf**



**Come join a fun group of ladies
Beginners are welcome**

Schedule:

**Tuesday: play your own game
Thursday: tournament play with a
Different game weekly**

**Often meet for lunch after play
Yearly luncheon
Prizes awarded
Alternate play on Ocean Creek
and Ocean Point course**

**Yearly dues: \$35
Can join anytime**

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Celebrate EASTER

9am

Sunday, April 5
Ocean Point Driving Range



ST. HELENA'S
— ANGLICAN —
CHURCH AT FRIPP ISLAND

ROMEIO

MEN'S LUNCH CLUB



Fripp Island ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club for fellowship
at a Casual, Catered Lunch with Noteworthy Special Guests

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. RSVPs using TeamReach! Select YES or NO for Attendance - Links below

For email addition or removal, please email: FrippROMEIO@gmail.com

TeamReach - Team Management Simplified

Please join the group, Fripp Island Romeo in TeamReach app on both Apple IOS and Google stores.

Download & install the free app, create login information, enter the group code: FrippROMEIO24 for Fripp Romeo in the code box at the top.

ROMEIO hosts a monthly Special Guests. 2026-2027 Guest Speaker Schedule

Mar 24	Lewis Tabb "History of Beaufort" - Little Talked About Facts
Apr 28	Russell Baxley CEO of Beaufort Memorial Hospital
May 26	Christian Gonzales Chief of Security, Fripp Island POA
Sept 22	TBD
Oct 27	TBD
Nov 24	TBD
Dec 15	TBD
Jan 19	TBD
Feb 23	TBD
Apr 20	TBD
May 18	TBD

Captain Ralph's

FISHING REPORT



COLD WEATHER HITS FRIPP ISLAND, WAS PUNXSUTAWNEY PHILL'S FORECAST CORRECT

By Captain Ralph Goodison

Winter is here and we all feel it and we had a little snow with the cold weather. Well an old ground hog some say is a 123 years old ??? I don't know about that Punxsutawney Phil is the only true pronounciator of weather to be found. I am not sure about that. And this year in the town of Punxsutawney, Phil forecast SIX (6) more weeks of winter weather. So if you believe in Santa Claus keep the snow shovels and the fur lined jock straps handy cause he may be correct.

Well I am not sure about Ground hogs but if



December 25 2014 we had a date to remember when Thousands of Starfish covered Fripp Island Beach. Winter Fishing on Fripp is Cold and cleaning fish can be cold but look at all the eating.

you plan a warm day you are bound to catch some fish and that is not BS, but Captain Ralph's Crystal Ball and reports.

FISHING FORECAST

INSHORE: Good Sheepshead, Blackbass and Spottail Bass: fish bridges around docks and deep holes

NEARSHORE: You don't have to go out far Tire/Fripp Reef, Drydock and 6HI,

Sheepshead Vermillion and Spottail Bass.

OFFSHORE GULF STREAM:
No Local report but Tuna and Wahoo are being caught
The Marina Store still has the great hot soups and sandwiches, fishing equipment and a well equipped store.

The Rent a Center located on Tarpon can take care of all your golf cart and equipment needs and golf cart repairs.

Winter is here but Spring is on the way and we have great fishing Captains, so book your fishing charters now.

Fishing is good now on a warmer day. Captain George is catching now, The ground hog and Captains Ralph's Crystal Ball can be wrong again and Fripp Fishing is GOOOD.

Remember...
Fripp Island Is Not Perfect But it's Darn Close



Can you help me eat my catch. Captain George said he would help me clean them. Sheepshead caught near the Fripp Bridge. Catching Spottail Bass are in and fun to catch but too big to keep. Sheepshead have big teeth to eat those barnacles on the docks and bridges. But they taste good for dinner.



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