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## Bylaws Vote to begin Week of December 17<sup>th</sup>

*John Marsh, FIPOA General Manager*

Electronic ballots for the new FIPOA bylaws revision will be distributed the week of December 17<sup>th</sup>, and all votes must be received by January 17<sup>th</sup> to be counted. If you do not receive your ballot via email, please contact Betsy Gray at <mailto:contact@frippislandliving.com>.

In June, the Board of Directors established a task force to review the current bylaws and make recommendations for improvements that the FIPOA Membership will be asked to vote on. The task force members are Kevin Anton (chair), Dennis Kautz, Dan McCormick, Don Peel, and John Marsh.

The task force built on their own experiences, reviewed bylaws from several area HOAs, and solicited input from the current Board and the community. Additionally, the task force hosted two town hall meetings. The town hall meetings provided an excellent forum for a dialog about the proposed changes and comments received during the town halls helped form the final draft of the by-laws.

The changes that are being proposed are aimed at improving accountability, removing ambiguity and eliminating complexity. Highlights of the changes you will be voting on are:

- A revised definition of **Residency** tied to income tax returns, voter registration, and driver's license
- Introduce a **Code of Conduct For Board Members** that sets out behaviors that the FIPOA Members believes their Board should and should not engage in and establishes consequences for not adhering to those behaviors. The feedback we received from you was that the code was not clear or measurable enough. We have corrected that in this final revision.
- Change the voting from one vote per Member to **one vote per property**. A Member will have one vote for each paid assessment. We changed the wording based on your input that as long as **all** of the owner's properties are in good standing they will be able to vote.
- Under the new bylaw changes, a **vacant board position** will be filled via an election of the membership, versus the current process of filling the open position from the runners up from the previous election.
- To encourage **candidates** to come forward and run for the Board, they will no longer be vetted by a Nominating committee. It will set "member in good standing" and providing proof of their primary residency as the only criteria to be on the ballot. To further create an environment to bring new people to the Board, a full two term **Term Limit** is proposed.

The following documents have been posted on the POA website to assist the members review of the proposed changes:

1. [Clean Copy Of FIPOA Bylaws Task Force Draft December 2018](#)
2. [Revision Marked FIPOA Bylaws Task Force Draft December 2018](#)
3. [Bylaw Task Force Meeting Town Hall 11.28.18 Q&A](#)
4. [Town Hall Meeting Slide Show](#)
5. [Bylaw Task Force Email Archives](#)
3. [Rationale for Changes](#)
4. [Bylaw Task Force Meeting Town Hall 11.24.18 Q&A](#)

**Again, ballots will be distributed on December 17<sup>th</sup>  
and voting will close on January 17<sup>th</sup>**

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# FIPOA

## Splinters from the Board

During the November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Board of Directors approved the 2019 FIPOA Budget, [Click Here](#).

To see minutes of all Board meetings, [Click Here](#).



IN MEMORIAM

**Elaine Remeck**

**Jim Powers**

**Maureen Murphy**

## Fripp Island New Owners October 16 – December 10, 2018

*Kenneth & Barbara Anton – Stratford, CT*

*Eric & Robin Bitting – Rock Hill, SC*

*Randal Mashburn & Mary Jo Cagle – Oak Ridge, NC*

*Bruce Leroy & Susan Clingenpeel – Bristol WI*

*Mark & Joyce Grabarczyk – Greenville SC*

*Robert & Jacqueline Heglin – Durham NC*

*Clayton & Holly Morgan – Wilmington OH*

*William & Kimberly Pittman – Greenville SC*

*Lisa Pulliam – Monroe GA*

*Kenneth Riggs – North Augusta SC*

*John & Brenda Marshall & John & Susan Royster – Knoxville TN*

*Lon Seidlitz – Elkridge MD*

*Christopher Tilton – Ridgeland SC*



**WELCOME**

**New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website  
will help with the transition. [CLICK HERE](#)**

## Moving to Fripp Island?

[frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/  
owner-information/moving-to-fripp/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/moving-to-fripp/)

## THE TRAWLER

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*Letters must be 250 words or less.*

Deadline for the next TRAWLER is  
January 15<sup>th</sup>

### FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

January 12, 2019 – 9:00 AM at the  
FIPOA Administrative Office

February 8, 2019 – 9:00 AM at the  
FIPOA Administrative Office

*(This schedule is subject to change.)*

All meetings are open.

### Board of Directors 2018 – 2019

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*with “add me to the minutes list” in the subject*

*Or write FIPOA, 225 Tarpon Blvd,*

*Fripp Island, SC 29920 with your name and email  
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*subscribe to this service.*

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# ISLAND SERVICES



## CHIEF'S CORNER

FI Security Chief Glenn Tabasko

Have a safe holiday season.  
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or e-mail us at [Security@FrippIslandLiving.com](mailto:Security@FrippIslandLiving.com).



Visit the FIPOA Website  
[www.frippislandliving.com](http://www.frippislandliving.com)

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## Bon Voyage 2018

Join us for some  
Frippin' Family Fun

~Oyster Roast~  
~Live Music~  
~Cornhole~  
~Face Painting~  
~BYOB~

When: December 31st  
2 to 5:30pm

Where: Springtide Market & Deli

Who: All Are Welcome

### Help Us Celebrate 2018!

Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door  
Sold at: POA Office, Mangos, Fripp Ship,  
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## Replacement PSD Water Line for New Harbor River Bridge

*PSD Commissioners Rich Combes & Dan McCormick*

Potable water for Fripp Island has always been supplied by the Public Service District (PSD), charged by enabling legislation with “providing a public system of water supply for drinking and fire-fighting purposes.” As Page Miller details in her *Fripp Island: A History*, the PSD financed the original water system in 1965 with bond funding of \$250,000 to pay for a new water line and a 75,000-gallon elevated storage tank. At that time, water was pumped 12 miles from a 130-foot deep well on St. Helena Island to the original storage tank located in the center of the island. With rapid development of Fripp in the mid-70s, water supply problems, including declining well water quality and inadequate supply and pressure, led the PSD to negotiate buying all potable water from the Beaufort/Jasper Water & Sewer Authority ([www.bjwsa.org](http://www.bjwsa.org)). Since 1979, water has been supplied by the BJWSA via a water line owned and maintained by the PSD. The PSD water line begins on St. Helena Island near the Harbor River and is routed under the riverbed; underground through Harbor and Hunting Islands; and attached to the Johnson Creek and Fripp Inlet bridges. The line also carries all water for Harbor Island and Hunting Island. Currently, about 6.5 million gallons of water per year are delivered through the PSD water line. 80% of this water is delivered to Fripp Island, 15% to Harbor Island, and 5% to Hunting Island. In 2009, there was a temporary outage of Fripp’s water supply when a non-Fripp contractor accidentally drilled into the PSD water line buried in the Harbor River bottom. After emergency measures, that included running a fire hose from the Fripp Fire Dept. to keep water flowing to the Island, a new water line was installed under the Harbor River and normal water supply was restored.

In 2015, the South Carolina Dept. of Transportation (SCDOT) announced plans to replace the existing 80-year old

US 21 drawbridge over the Harbor River. Construction of the new bridge, which is now scheduled for completion in 2021, requires that the PSD move the existing water line. A new water line must be installed and in service before construction on the new bridge begins in 2019. Accordingly, the PSD Commission hired the Mt. Pleasant-based office of JMT Engineers ([www.jmt.com](http://www.jmt.com)) to design a new water line for crossing the Harbor River and replacing a portion of the existing line. Based on the JMT construction estimate of \$3.2 million, the PSD held a referendum in August 2017 for voter approval of bond funding for the new water line. Voters approved the bond referendum for the PSD to borrow up to \$5.5 million, to 1) install a new water line (up to \$3.2 million), and 2) repair hurricane damage of the PSD-owned rock revetment along Porpoise Drive (up to \$2.3 million). With funding secured, the PSD hired JMT to obtain required permits and solicit bids for construction of the new water line. JMT’s design for the project involved a directional drilling under the Harbor River; construction of a total of 7,200 feet of new 10” diameter PVC water pipe; and completion scheduled by January 1, 2019. The successful bidder was Quality Enterprises ([www.qualityenterprisesusa.com](http://www.qualityenterprisesusa.com)), with a bid of \$2.7 million, and QE began site preparation on either side of the Harbor River in July 2018.

QE has installed a directional drilling rig on the St. Helena Island side of the Harbor River, and a water pipe construction site on the Harbor Island side of the river. You probably ran into QE’s project traffic control on either side of the drawbridge and saw a growing length of blue PVC water pipe being assembled on Harbor Island along the left side of US 21. 40 foot-long sections of the 10” diameter pipe were being thermally welded together to form the pipe that was pulled under the riverbed via the pipe tunnel being drilled from the St. Helena Island riverbank. After crossing the Harbor River bridge, the directional drilling rig was installed to drill a 4,000 ft. long tunnel under the riverbank, then under the riverbed, and out the opposite riverbank. When the tunnel was complete and considered stable, the new PVC pipe on Harbor Island was pulled through the tunnel to the St. Helena Island riverbank on November 20. Once the new pipe is tested, the river crossing of the new water line will be complete. This section of the line will then be connected to the existing PSD water line on both St. Helena Island and Harbor Island to complete the new line construction.

We have received questions about the directional drilling system used by QE to install the new line under the Harbor River; it’s a fascinating technology that includes the following elements:

1. An environmentally-sound drilling fluid is created onsite by mixing 4-micron silica brought to the job as pallets of 50 lb. bags with fresh water – see Figure 1. The silica is mined in



Figure 1 – Drilling Fluid Station on St. Helena Island

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# ISLAND SERVICES CONT.

## Water Line for New Bridge (cont.)

Wyoming at an extinct volcano site and the drilling fluid recipe is carefully followed during the drilling operation. This fluid is pumped at high pressure through the hollow middle of the drill shaft and becomes a high velocity jet at the drill head. This fluid jet is critical to drilling through the soil under the riverbed, as it removes soil in front of the metal drill head, which is spinning at high speeds. Once it escapes the drill, the fluid liquifies the removed soil and flows the mixture back along the outside of the drill shaft. This backflow is collected at the drill rig and the removed soil is screened from the mixture and collected in large hoppers. Here's a video of this collection of the removed soil – [www.facebook.com/AmericanAugers/videos/1297621956922865/](https://www.facebook.com/AmericanAugers/videos/1297621956922865/) These hoppers are trucked offsite for disposal of the removed soil. The very fine silica and water fluid is then recycled and used again in the drilling operation. As the drilling fluid is fed into the drill, jetted from the drill head, and used for removing soil in the cavity, the very fine silica also binds with the soil being drilled to stabilize the sides of the cavity. With the fluid and pressures involved, the cavity being drilled to accommodate the new water pipe must be stable, with little risk of collapse. The silica is critical for this task. The PSD and JMT have maintained an environmentally-sound system for installing the new water line.

2. The metal drill consists of a series of 30 ft. hollow, thick-walled steel shafts and a steel drill head, and uses a wireline sensor to give the control room exact position and soil resistance feedback – see Figure 2. As the drill is advanced, drilling stops to insert additional 30-ft. long shaft sections until the drill shaft emerges on the opposite riverbank. increments. The control room uses a predetermined profile of the riverbed to guide the drill with continuous control for following the intended route. Once the drill head emerges on the Harbor Island riverbank, a larger diameter reamer replaces the drill head and is pulled back through the drilled cavity to enlarge, compact, and stabilize the sides of the cavity. The

reamer can make multiple passes to reach a final cavity size that is 25% larger than the circumference of the PVC pipe to be pulled through. The last drilling step is to run a swab with drilling fluid through the cavity to reduce the friction of pulling the PVC pipe. The finished length of the drilled tunnel is 4,000 feet.



Figure 2 – Drill and Control Room on St. Helena Island

The PVC pipe under the Harbor River has now been installed in the drilled tunnel, completing the most difficult and critical portion of the new water line construction. The Fripp Island PSD appreciates and thanks all Island residents and visitors for understanding and tolerating periodic delays and traffic stoppages at the Harbor River work site. This project should keep our water supply safe and serviceable for decades to come.

The PSD plans to give an update in the next *Trawler* issue, with final cost and construction details.

Questions? Contact Rich @ 843-476-3448, or Dan @ 843-263-8425.

The FIPOA has been working diligently to encourage all Fripp groups to add their open events onto our Island-wide calendar. [frippislandliving.com/owners/meetingscalendar/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/meetingscalendar/)  
This is your one-stop place to see what's happening when you are on the island.

FIPOA is always looking for volunteers! All committees need you; Finance, Grounds, etc. If you have an interest in contributing to your POA, please call 843-838-4155. Or go to: [frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/)

## Naturally Fripp Community Wildlife Habitat Celebrates the Fripp Woodstork

*Photos and text by Dale Norton*

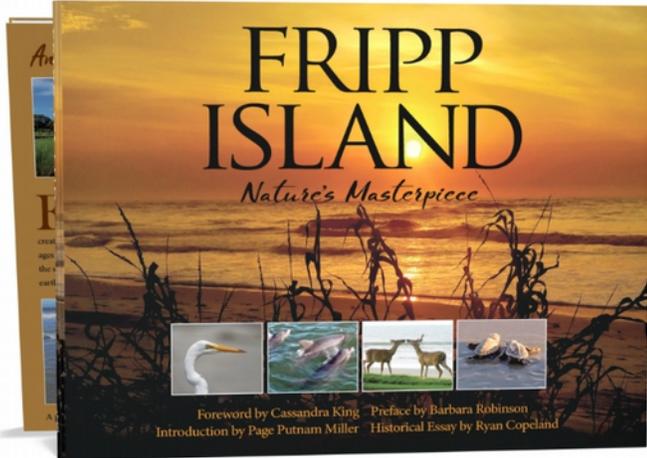
When Sharon and I first came to Fripp more than a decade ago, we came because we loved the ocean, but it didn't take us long to discover that there was a lot more to Fripp than a huge warm, inviting ocean. There were deer roaming all over and of course, there were alligator sightings that captured our attention for long periods of time. More importantly, however, from our perch above Deer Lake we saw birds, large birds, lots of birds that we had never noticed (or paid attention to). Watching egrets, herons, osprey, and an occasional ibis has become a new and exciting pastime. Three years ago, we spotted a bird we had not seen before— the woodstork— joining the egrets and herons on the lake. We soon discovered that wood storks, once listed as endangered and rarely seen in this part of the Lowcountry, were making a comeback. Last month, we watched as six or seven woodstorks gathered along the lake, feeding on fish. They've grabbed our attention not only because of their size (they can reach 3 feet tall), but also because they are spectacular when seen in flight. Bird watching might not have been what originally attracted us to Fripp, but it has definitely been what has provided us with a source of endless joy.



## NATURE CONT.

### Fripp Island: Nature's Masterpiece

*Forward by Cassandra King, Preface by Barbara Robinson,  
Introduction by Page Putnam Miller, and Historical Essay by Ryan Copeland*



There is simply no better gift for the holidays. Fripp Island is one of those rare places where great natural beauty is combined with a lifestyle that's relaxing and exciting. Low Country creatures and golf courses co-exist in harmony that speaks to the soul. Kids of all ages play, observing the ebb and flow of life lived by the tides and the surrounding sea. Generations of families savor the unspoiled shores and the ever-abundant wildlife throughout the island.

*Fripp Island: Nature's Masterpiece* is not a coffee table book. It's an experience that begs to be opened with a new page displayed every day. From our beloved deer, to the loggerhead turtles, each page tells a special story. The book is filled with stunning photography and eye witness accounts from an up

close and personal local perspective. Sit back, enjoy, and become a Fripper all over again!

Fripp Island Audubon Club wishes to express its gratitude to Barbara Robinson, creator of this gem, and to all who purchase a copy this beautiful book. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of each book (\$1.00) goes to furthering the mission of Fripp Island Audubon.

*Available for purchase at Mangos.*

## LIFESTYLES

### FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE

**October 31, 2013**

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

<b>SOLD as of October 31<sup>st</sup>:</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Homesites	18	19
Condos	18	17
Homes	70	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>115</b>

<b>AVERAGE SOLD PRICE</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Homesites	\$127,994	\$103,813
Condos	\$168,811	\$215,729
Homes	\$488,986	\$477,493
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$ 219	\$ 216
Homes avg. days on market	390	319

**UNDER CONTRACT as of October 31<sup>st</sup>:**

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>
Homesites	1	4
Condos	0	1
Homes	8	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>13</b>

**NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on October 31<sup>st</sup>:**

Homesites	113
Condos	43
Homes	120

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*If your property is listed with another Realtor, this is not a solicitation.*

## Seas and Greetings What a Success!

The Fripp Island POA's Community Involvement Committee's first **A Christmas Tour of Homes** was a huge success!

127 Fripp Island Owners and Guests toured six featured homes!

We would like to thank all of the volunteers that assisted with the tour, from our Jolly Tour Guides to the Gracious Greeters.



87 Ocean Creek Boulevard



A Huge Fripp Island "Thank You!" to the six couples who open their homes to Fripp Island neighbors for a Holiday Extravaganza:

- Lon & Pam Abell
- Kevin & Becky Freimuth
- Rob & Kimberly Imbus
- Phil & Laura Miller
- Tom & Deb Rubinstein
- Jerry & Sherry Sievert

118 Sandpiper Run



# LIFESTYLES CONT.



Pam Abell  
615 Dolphin Annex



# LIFESTYLES CONT.

705 Rock Beauty Road



# LIFESTYLES CONT.

530 Rookery Lane



A Christmas Tour of Homes

## Fripp Island Resort

### Pledge the Pink

In case you missed it, we hosted **Pledge the Pink's** first 10-mile day of a three-day 30-mile walk/run. 1500 participants, or FlockStars as they're called, descended onto our island for the event last month. To them, this is one of the most important weekends of their lives. So many of the participants have been touched by breast cancer in some way or another. This is their weekend to get together and celebrate.

In all the chaos of the day and celebrations it would be easy to miss that collectively they have raised over 250,000 dollars in one year for the cause. That money also stays in the local community and is especially helpful with providing mammograms or screenings.

We would like to thank everyone who came out and volunteered for the event. We truly could not have done it without everyone's support and the participants noticed it. Just about everyone we talked to had great things to say about Fripp and were truly overwhelmed with the support from the community.



**We are excited to host Pledge the Pink again next year, October 24–27, 2019!**

# ISLAND SPORTS



## Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

The group was able to play nine of eleven Wednesdays in September, October, and early November, only losing out one Wednesday to rain and one to the threat of a Hurricane which fortunately never happened. For the most part, the weather has remained quite nice through the period.

On November 7, the Men's group hosted the Ladies Nine Hole group in a scramble tournament followed by lunch at Peg Legs. The first place team consisted of Dan Bialas, Jim Click, Louise Flynn and Linda Sigafoos. Coming in second place was the team of Sandra Stuart, Deb Tucker and Mike Virostek.

Games during this period included Points for Par, Two Low Net, Team Stableford, Powerball, One Low Net, One Low Gross and Bear Creek. Closest to the pin winners were Dan Bialas— twice, and Joe Sullivan, Jim Fraser, Jim Click, Dennis Perone, and Don Brink.

Weekly winners were Steve Schnobrich and Ed Smith— three times, and Howard Harmon, Jim Click, Mike Jahn, Duffy Howard, and Jim McElwain— twice. Finding the winner's circle once during this time period was Perminder Bindra, John Dunphy, Jim Parks, Jim Fraser, Bob Nulton, Michael Beach, Charles Middleton, Don Dashiell, Frank Davis, Don Brink, Mike Wilt, Rick Stein, Johnny Jones and Joe Sullivan.

In December, the group will play at Ocean Point Golf Course beginning at 9:00 AM, and in January, they will play at Ocean Creek. There are approximately 46 members of the group currently. The annual dues are only \$10 per year.

The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at <http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>.



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# BOATING & FISHING

## WINTER FISHING LOOKING GOOD *OWEN PERRY INSHORE TOURNAMENT*

### *& THE ANNUAL THANKSGIVING KIDS' FISHING TOURNAMENT*

*Captain Ralph Goodison*

Considering all the crazy weather we had this fall, the fishing was great. Fisherman had great catches inshore of Redfish, Trout, Black Drum, Shark, and Whiting, with Flounder being fair. Near shore



**Flounder ends up for dinner**

**Fishing Tournament.** I believe it was the worst weather since the start of the Kids' Tournament. King Tides and 20 knot winds greeted the 63 kids who braved the tournament. The weather was tough, but the kids proved tougher, with good catches of fish. 15 winners brought home trophies and fishing rods. Lewis Turner, Marina Director



**Captain George and his crew on "Little Leah" off Fripp in a recent fishing trip**

was a good year for Spanish, Blackbass, but slower for Bluefish. Offshore this fall was good with a limited Cobia season; Red Snapper, Vermillion, Trigger, and Blackbass were good as well with only fair catches of Grouper. However, it was a very good year for Kingfish and Wahoo, but Dolphin had a slower year. Blackfin Tuna had a late showing. The Crab season was short for soft shell crabs, but the hard shell season was much improved over last year.

The **Annual Owen Perry Inshore Tournament** this fall raised a great catch of dollars for Camp Rainbow for Children and brought in good catches of Redfish, Trout, and Spanish.

Black Friday was a real tough day for our kids at the **Annual Thanksgiving Kids'**

thanked the volunteers who helped with the tournament and the sponsors. A big thank you goes to the Fripp Island Yacht Club who helped and sponsored the Kids' Tournament.

The scheduled tournaments for 2019 include the Memorial Fishing Tournament, The Labor Day Kingfish Tournament, The Owen Perry Inshore Tournament, and the Annual Thanksgiving Kids' Tournament.

Enjoy some of the best— fishing, boating, pristine waters, flora and fauna around— at our own Fripp Island.

Enjoy!



**You don't have to go far to catch Redfish**



**Female fisher catches fish on "Little Leah"**

# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

*Michael Beach*

October 16 to December 13, 2018

## November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Annual Meeting & Pot Luck



Great food was prepared by Harold's Catering who prepared the prime rib entrée and Yacht Club members who brought sides, salads, and deserts. New Board Members were presented by the nominating committee and approved by vote of the members. The new board takes office on January 26<sup>th</sup> at the Commodore's Ball.

*Photographs by Kelly Taylor*



## November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Children's Fishing Tournament

The annual Day-After-Thanksgiving Children's Fishing Tournament was a big success this year. This annual event is presented by the Fripp Resort Marina and sponsored by FIYC. Ernie Taylor gathered volunteers again this year to do the cooking, weigh in the catch and keep everything on track. Prizes and trophies were awarded. Check out some of the catch in the following pictures.

*Photos by Pete Vreeland*



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# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

## Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)



### December 5<sup>th</sup>, Holiday Lunch

A complete, all you can eat, seafood buffet was enjoyed again this year at The Tavern at Royal Pines on Lady's Island. Members enjoyed the meal and brought toys that were collected by the Salvation Army for area children. *Photos by Michael Beach*



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# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

## Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

### December 7<sup>th</sup>, Christmas Boat Parade

DJ music and dancing, free food, happy hour drink pricing at Peg Legs– what more could you want. Oh, yeah– Yacht Club boats decked out in Christmas Lights parading by the dock amidst cheering spectators. Quite the night!

Photos by Sherry Sievert & Michael Beach



### [On the Horizon – final event of the year](#)

**Saturday, January 26, 2019: Commodore's Ball** at the Beach Club. Join the Orient Express as it departs for a fun filled evening from the Beach Club– but watch out, murder is afoot. Sign up soon as we will likely be sold out again this year. Amazing food, dance band and all your friends!

### **Become a Member!**

[www.frippislandyachtclub.com](http://www.frippislandyachtclub.com)

Schedule of events, Membership application, are available on our web site.

**Get Involved!** Members can volunteer, sign-up for upcoming events, help plan events, take photographs, or fill leadership positions.

*For FIYC questions contact any of the Board Members listed on the first page of our website.*

*Let one of them know if you have questions or ideas about our Yacht Club activities, or how you would like to help.*

# SEA RESCUE



## Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report

### Rescue Mission Activity

*Michael Beach – FISR Communications Officer*

There was one Rescue Mission since October 16. Coast Guard Training Missions are held with their helicopter crews one or twice each month in Fripp Inlet.

November 23: At 11:48 AM, Dispatch paged Brooke Pearson on Base Duty to report a boat with one or two people on board had capsized off Harbor Island. Danny Atkinson and Charlie McCoy were dispatched to the Marina. Pearson was at Hunting Island and proceeded to Harbor Island. By noon, the boat team had decided that with 35 knot winds, gusting to 40, it was too rough to launch R1. Dispatch had already contacted USCG for helo assist. Fripp Fire sent two jet skis out to search and CG helo arrived shortly thereafter. Pearson coordinated from the beach on Harbor Island with other emergency personnel. Dick Work joined the boat team on the Marina. At about 12:30 PM, Captain Josh Horton with Fripp Fire requested assistance for one of the jet ski operators near the Harbor River Bridge. R1 was launched to assist, but shortly after leaving the Marina lost steering due to a mechanical failure and had to abort the mission. By 12:45, notice was received that the sole crew member from the capsized shrimp boat was rescued from the water near Beach Access number 3. By 1:00 PM, Atkinson and Work launched again – this time in R2 – to assist the Fripp Fire jet ski operator. However, by 1:10, Fripp Fire contacted R2 to advise the mission was complete and R2 was back at the dock by 1:20 PM.

### New Member Training

Four new members joined Fripp Island Sea Rescue during December. New member orientation and training is underway for Bill Moore; John Flahive; Harold Waller and Rich Hartmann.

### Helo Training

Training with the USCG takes place once or twice per month in the Fripp Inlet at dusk. Boats and drones should stay well clear of FISR boats and USCG helicopters during training operations.

Additional FISR information and pictures are on our web site  
[www.fisearescue.org](http://www.fisearescue.org).



**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY,  
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