



Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

It's been a long time since Fripp has seen snow. On January 3, residents enjoyed the rare occurrence!



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Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors held two meetings since the last publication of *The Trawler*. The meetings took place on December 9th and January 13th.

To see the General Manager's report and full minutes of all FIPOA meetings, please go to: frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/



Christine Thibodeaux Holm



WELCOME

New Owners on Fripp

11/1/17 to 12/31/17

Barbara Robinson – Beaufort, SC

Walter & Kathryn Johnson – Blythewood, SC

Roy Imbus – Mt. Pleasant, SC

New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website has information that will help with the transition.

frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/

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FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

February 10, 2018 – 9:00 AM at the
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(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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address. We would like to have EVERY owner

subscribe to this service.

Email addresses will be kept confidential.

Attention Non-Residents



**FIPOA WANTS YOU!
NEEDS**

Three non-resident Director positions will be filled in the March 2018 election.

At least two of these will be new to the Board of Directors.

For over 80% of you, this is THE year to put your best foot forward!

What better way for you to contribute! We await your talents and leadership skills moving into the 2020s.

We've endured two hurricanes together; we have come a long way, but there is still much work to be done.

The Shoreline Committee is in the middle of a large access reconstruction project. The Roads Committee is improving our drainage, along with finding better materials and methods to economically maintain our roads.

These are just a few examples of where your help is welcome. Won't you join the team?

To obtain a nominee form or have any of your questions answered, please contact the Nominating Committee at fipoanominee@gmail.com.

Completed forms must be submitted by **February 1st**.

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ISLAND SERVICES



CHIEF'S CORNER

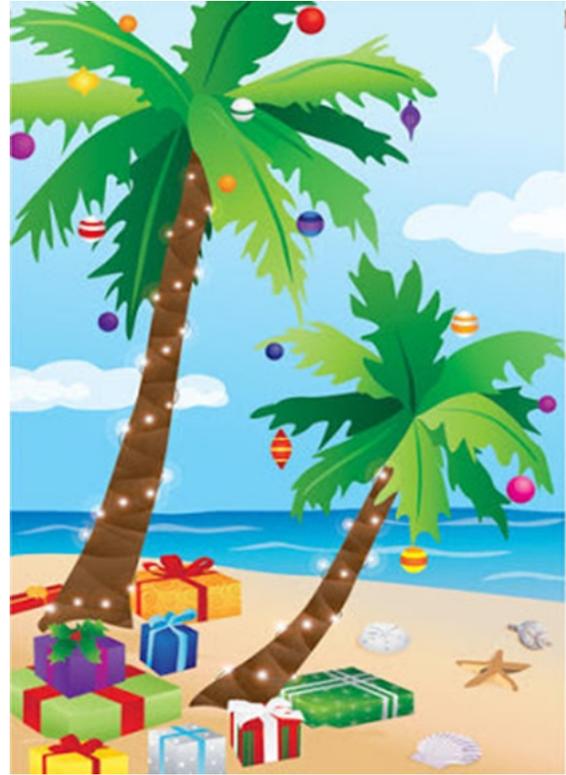
Mike Senecal, Chief of Security

It has been a busy year for the Security department. Implementing the ABDi owner/guest pass system, new training requirements for our Security Officers, and let's not forget Irma— we have had challenges. But, with the community's support, we have come out better able to serve.

Now that we have had a year to work with the new gate system, I am pleased with the ease of use. When QR codes are used by the homeowners to issue their guests a pass, the system is much faster than the previous way we had issued passes. As the summer season progressed, more homeowners and property managers were using the QR code part of the system to authorize guests, this greatly improves the efficiency of the operations at the gate. I will say this is not an end to all the delays at the gate during the summer season, especially on Saturdays, but as QR codes are used more often, it will alleviate some of the back up.

As the weather gets colder, I would like to remind everyone to please have someone on call to manage your property when you are gone. Security will be happy to place your residence on house watch; however we cannot access the house if there is a problem. In past winters, we have had numerous problems with burst pipes. If you need Security to look in on your house, even if you did not place you house on house watch, do not hesitate to call us at 843-838-2334.

As always, if you would like to speak with me concerning ways to improve the services and quality of life for the owners and guests please do not hesitate to call or e-mail me at security@frippislandliving.com.



To Fripp Island Security THANK YOU!

Each and every one of you has touched the lives of Frippers and visitors over the past year, often in very meaningful ways – the importance of which we may never know!

Day in and day out, 24/7, you are the face of Fripp, but many Frippers don't meet you until something terrible happens.

In those difficult times, your professionalism, your ability to combine the requirements of your job with understanding and compassion makes us all proud. We also are well aware of your personal commitment to excellence. We know that every day you go well beyond what folks think Fripp Security does. Thank you for doing so much so well.

As the face of Fripp at the gate or patrolling, your wave or nod can set the day's tone for Frippers and visitors. Your simple gesture means different things to different people. People look to you even when there are no hurricanes blowing or floodwaters flowing— the personal, private storms in people's daily lives may be just as unsettling to them. People welcome and respond to your signal. It acknowledges our close-knit Fripp community and for many, reassures us that everything's OK on our tiny, remote barrier island— and in our lives.

The Christmas Fund is solid affirmation that Fripp property owners really, truly appreciate what you do! We are delighted to be able to say Merry Christmas with this gift from everyone on Fripp.

Bob & Linda Freeman

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LIFESTYLE

More Let it Snow



Until next time, thanks for the memories.

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LIFESTYLE CONT.

F.I.C.C. Thanksgiving

Martin Goodman

We served a Thanksgiving meal to over 100 people at the Fripp Island Community Centre, plus gave food to the fire department and some of the security staff. The event was great, and many have expressed their gratitude for having the lunch and for the fellowship they enjoyed.



We also delivered meals to those on the Island who could not travel to attend.

There was such an outpouring of covered dishes and wonderful desserts made by the best cooks on Fripp. Tables of food were full of wonderful items. The group who volunteered before,

during, and after the lunch is much appreciated. From planning, to preparing meals, to working the day of the event and clean up, everyone worked hard, and we had a great time.



Thanks also to those who delivered meals to the Frippers who could not join us. We also want to thank the Board of the FICC for allowing us to hold the lunch event at the Community Center and providing the paper products and silverware.

The celebration was wonderful and reached so many residents and guests. We look forward to holding the event again next year.

Fripp Island Real Estate Update through December 31, 2017

Real estate sales on Fripp Island increased by 35% during 2017 when compared to sales during 2016.

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through December 31st each year.

SALES	2016	2017	AVERAGE SALES PRICE	2016	2017	
Homesites	12	22	Homesites	\$ 70,833	\$117,586	
Condos	16	19	Condos	\$196,000	\$167,426	
Homes	60	78	Homes	\$448,094	\$504,942	
Total	74	106	Currently UNDER CONTRACT			
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$ 214	\$ 222	Homesites	2	Homes	3
			Condos	1		

According to Beaufort County MLS on December 31, 2017:

There were 269 properties for sale on Fripp Island, consisting of 38 condos, 109 homesites and 122 single-family homes.

For real estate assistance, please contact: Charles Patty, Sales Agent/Broker

Fripp Island Real Estate Company

Telephone: 843-597-1170

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

LIFESTYLE CONT.

Cinnamon Pecan Roasted Butternut Squash

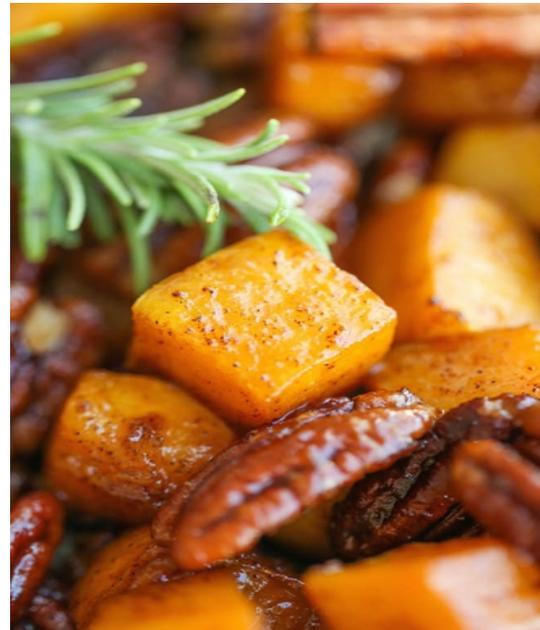
Donna Cosola

This recipe is simple and sweet. You can serve it with anything and everything.

1 lg. butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut in 1" chunks	
2 Tbs. olive oil	½ tsp. ground cinnamon
2 Tbs. maple syrup	¼ tsp. ground nutmeg
2 Tbs. brown sugar, packed	1 cup pecan halves
	2 sprigs rosemary

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Lightly oil or spray baking sheet. Place butternut squash in a single layer on baking sheet. Add olive oil, maple syrup, brown sugar, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Gently toss to combine.

Place in oven and bake 25-30 minutes, turning once, until tender. Add pecans during last 10 minutes. Garnish with rosemary sprigs. Serves 4.



ISLAND SPORTS



Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

In November and December, the group was able to play on seven out of nine scheduled Wednesdays, with cancellations due to rain and cold on December 13 and 27.

Games for this time period were Two Low Net, Team Stableford, Bear Creek, Powerball and One Low Net, One Low Gross.

Individual winners included Howard Harmon— three times; Mike Wilt, Steve St. John and Dan Bialas— twice; and Dick Briggs, Jim Click, Ed Smith, Steve Schnobrich, Mike Virostek, John Dunphy, Dave Moore, Roy Ruzkowski, Joe Sullivan, Bob Kurjian, Jim Fraser and Mike Jahn— once each.

Closest to the pin winners were Howard Harmon— three times, and Joe Sullivan, Dave Moore and Dave Martin once each.

The men hosted the Nine Hole Ladies group on November 15th, followed by lunch at Savannah's. First place went to the team of Ann Lyman, Jan Bialas, Duffy Howard, and Mike Wilt.

In January, the group will play at Ocean Creek golf course beginning at 9:30 AM. There are approximately 45 members of the group currently. Dues are only \$10 per year and are due now. 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: web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/.

ISLAND CLUBS

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

November 1 to December 31, 2017

Recent Events

Saturday, November 4— Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting of FIYC Members was held at the Community Centre. A fabulous Prime Rib was prepared by Harold's Catering and Members all brought side dishes and dessert. Dinner and beverages were provided at no charge to those attending. Voting was conducted during the short business meeting to select incoming Officers for 2018, along with a summary of 2017 events and activities.

Photos by Ann O'Melia.



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ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

YACHT CLUB *cont.*

Friday, December 1– FIYC Annual Boat Parade: The annual Boat Parade was a joint production by Fripp Island Yacht Club and Fripp Resort. Eight decorated boats, plus two from Sea Rescue, paraded past the docks at Fripp Island Marina as darkness fell. The weather was perfect, and the attendance was excellent. Complimentary food was served at Peg Legs– the bar was open, followed by music and dancing, plus a golf cart decorating contest. Thanks to Fleet Captain Danny Atkinson for a terrific evening.

Photos by Kelly Taylor and Michael Beach.



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YACHT CLUB *cont.*



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ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

YACHT CLUB *cont.*



Thursday, December 7– Christmas Luncheon: An all-you-can-eat Seafood Buffet was served at the Tavern in Royal Pines, at Ladies Island Golf Course. Santa arrived on time to make sure everyone was having a great time and that Toys for Tots were ready for pick up. *Photos by Michael Beach.*



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ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

YACHT CLUB *cont.*



Coming Events

Commodore's Ball on January 20, 2018. Our one formal event for the year, will be held at the Beach Club. This year's theme was revealed at the Christmas Luncheon— a Prohibition-era event at the "Beach Club Speakeasy." Target The Band will entertain for our listening and dancing pleasure.

Become a Member!

Schedule of Events, membership application, and sign-up information for upcoming events are all available on our website: www.frippislandyachtclub.com

For FIYC questions, email Michael Beach at admin@frippislandyachtclub.com or call 843-838-5629.

Contact information for each Board Member is on the first page of our web site. Let one of them know how you would like to help or if you have any questions or ideas about our Yacht Club activities.

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BOATING & FISHING

GOOD FISHING YEAR & MARINA BOUNCES BACK

Captain Ralph Goodison

2017 was a real challenge again for Fripp Island and our marina. Hurricane Irma was not a Matthew, but it caused considerable damage to our island. The Marina had over one foot of water destroying the north dock, and considerable damage to Excursions and the garage area. Just having to move 300 golf carts off island cost over \$30,000, and this was not covered by insurance.

We all have felt the effects of Mother Nature, and so has the Fripp Company. I want to thank Lewis Turner and the Marina staff for a great job in getting the marina back in business after Irma.



FISHING TOURNAMENT CATCHES LOTS OF KIDS AND FISH

The Annual Fripp Island Thanksgiving Kids Fishing Tournament not only caught 109 kids, but also record fish catches. The Black Friday tournament started with cool weather, but the boys and girls, aged three to fifteen years old, warmed up fast, with great catches of fish. The kids were also treated to plenty of prizes and food.

The winners:

Sam Graham– 4.95 lbs. Red Drum
Linda Lupold– 2.10 lbs. Trout
Forrest Sutcliff– 3.20 lbs. Flounder
Leah Tangalos– 11.65 lbs. Black Drum
David DiBenito (Other Category)– 3.10 lbs. Sheepshead

There were additional prizes. It was a great day for our future fishermen.

Lewis Turner, Marina Director, thanked the Fripp Island Yacht Club for their staffing and financial support, and Sea Island Marine, J & R Ice Cream, and Fripp Island Men's Golf Association for their financial support.



FISHING REPORT

Fishing this year has been good.

INSHORE: had good catches of Redfish, Trout, Shark and Whiting.

NEAR SHORE: Blackbass, & Spanish,

OFFSHORE: Dolphin, Kingfish, & Wahoo were also good.

Flounder, Spadefish, & Cobia restrictions were off.

Blue & Stone Crabs were hard to find this year.

Fripper had another banner year, and **Excursions** had plenty of toys to rent and make vacations enjoyable.

As I am writing this article, 2018 is just around the corner and, as Pat Conroy would say, "Fripp Island is not perfect, but almost perfect." We can say we live in a Great Place!

Thank You, Lord.

SEA RESCUE

Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report

Michael Beach, FISR Communications Officer



Rescue Mission Activity

There have been 3 Rescue Missions since November 1.

November 8: At 7:50 PM, 911 Dispatch paged Michael Beach at Sea Rescue Base to advise that a boat was taking on water near Russ Point. Robbie White was on Boat duty and contacted David Manning to meet him at the dock to launch R1. As they got underway, Michael proceeded by road to Russ Point. Fire, EMS and Beaufort Sheriff's departments also responded. A Sea Eagle Seafood employee who made the 911 call advised that two men in a small boat were harvesting oysters in Permit Area 105. Michael contacted Matt Oliver (SC DNR) who advised that Area 105 extended from Russ Point to the Harbor River Bridge. Robbie and David proceeded northeast from Russ Point using search light. At about 8:00 PM, Matt at DNR advised that the owner of Sea Eagle had reached the captain of the boat by cell phone and learned that they and the boat were ok, but lost in the dark, likely near Amen Corner. At about 8:45 PM, Sea Eagle advised that their men were proceeding to Butches Landing, and they left Russ Point with the trailer to meet them. At 9:00 PM, the search was called off and emergency crews departed. Rescue 1 was back at the dock by 9:45 PM. The following day, Sea Rescue contacted Sea Eagle and discovered that the boat and crew had made it safely to Ward's Landing.

December 15: At 9:04 PM, Dispatch contacted Dave Tindall at Sea Rescue Base to advise a water emergency at 637 New Haven Court. There was a sailboat taking on water. Michael Beach was on Boat duty and prepared to respond. Fripp Island Fire Department responded to the New Haven location and USCG was alerted. At 9:06 PM, Dispatch corrected the location of the 37' sailboat with two persons on board to be 20 miles east of New Haven, in the Atlantic. The boat was taking on water due to a leak in a through-hull fitting. Both Fripp Island Sea Rescue and Beaufort Water Search and Rescue were standing by. At night, that far offshore, a rescue would require a Coast Guard vessel or helicopter. At 9:25 PM, Dispatch advised that the boat was continuing to make progress north and had now passed out of Beaufort territory to Edisto, and Beaufort county responders could stand down.

December 21: At 2:45 PM, Barry Stean at Sea Rescue Base received a call from the Fripp Island Marina advising they had been contacted by a boater in trouble. The boater had spoken to Trey and Barry was able to contact Trey. He had understood the boater was in the vicinity of Hunting Island, and Trey was searching the area around Hunting Island by boat. Stewart DeWitt and Michael Beach were standing by to launch the rescue boat if required. At 4:40 PM, Trey returned to the Marina without locating the boat in distress and the search was concluded with no additional information.

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The Community Involvement Committee works diligently to get all Fripp groups to add their open events onto our Island-wide calendar.

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This should be your one-stop place to go to see what's happening when you are on the island.



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SEA RESCUE CONT.

FISR and Coast Guard Training in Fripp Inlet

Training missions typically occur once or twice a month in the evening, at about 6:30 PM, in Fripp Inlet. Boats in the area should stay well clear of Sea Rescue boats and Coast Guard Helicopter operations. Russ Point Landing is a good place to watch this training when it occurs.

An extra training mission was conducted on December 4th. Extra missions are typically scheduled when additional training time is needed. This mission included dropping a CG Swimmer to the deck of Rescue 1 while underway, then dropping a portable emergency water pump that was pulled into R1. This type of pump would be used to save a vessel taking on seawater. Finally, the helicopter crew recovered the pump and the diver and then practiced several life basket drops onto R1.

FISR and Coast Guard

Helo Training

Fripp Inlet

December 4, 2017



Additional pictures and information regarding Fripp Island Sea Rescue are on our web site: www.fisearescue.org.

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SEA RESCUE CONT.



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