

THE TRAWLER

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HURRICANE MATTHEW

Chris Assaf, President FIPOA Board of Directors

So many wonderful things roared onto Fripp Island in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. We were special before the Storm. However, Matthew brought out the best in us.

You know the saying; ***'Love your neighbor as yourself.'***

That has been so evident since October 8th! Neighbors loving their neighbors are everywhere you look!

Everyone has done so much!

How wonderful to watch what's happened!

We've even changed Social Media! Just a few months ago, Next Door was a neighborhood blog where everyone complained. Now it's neighbors helping neighbors. What a change!

We all have so many stories. I, like you, have hundreds, but will share just one. Pam Raschella is my neighbor; she lives a mile away. I had never met her. When Rich and I arrived home on Friday morning October 14th, Porpoise Drive was a mess. The street was impassable with boulders and sand continuing all the way to my front door.

Like all of you, we went to work immediately on the refrigerators and cleaning the bottom level. By 4 PM, I was upstairs on the heating pad; my spirit was willing, but my back was weak! Rich looked out the front window and there was Pam, gingerly making her way to the front door. In her left hand was a bouquet of flowers. In her right hand was a thank you note. For the next week, as I looked out at the war zone that was once my gorgeous view, all I had to do was turn around and look at that vase of love. God's love through my neighbor Pam. We all have stories like that.

Many incredible people on this island stepped forward in Matthew's wake. When Crowder Gulf arrived on Monday, October 17th, they were not happy. They're in business to make a profit. Fripp Island was not going to be nearly as profitable as they hoped it would be.

All because of five men. Josh Horton, Joey Savel, Jim Yeager, and Roger and Jon Wilson did the initial road clearing. These five saints cleared the roads to the point we saw when everyone arrived on Thursday, October 13th.

Jim Yeager and Roger Wilson had significant damage in their own homes. They put their own needs aside to serve us. I called Joey Savel to thank him. I'll never forget what he said, "Chris, I don't need any accolades. I did it because I love MY island." Joey doesn't live here. He is Director of Grounds for Fripp Island Resort.

And speaking of the Resort—one of the greatest things about the response to Hurricane Matthew is that all elements of the leadership of Fripp Island finally realized we need to work together. Fripp Island Resort, POA, PSD and Springtide, LLC have put years of hard feelings aside and are working as one for the benefit of our island.



Five Saints of Fripp Island
L to R: Jon Wilson, Roger Wilson, Joey Savel and Jimmy Yeager.
(Josh Horton and crew not pictured)

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FIPOA

November Splinters from the Board

Resolution 749: First Reading: To purchase new Community Management System

Resolution 749: Second Reading: To purchase new Community Management System. Plan adopted by Board.

Resolution 750: First Reading: To Adopt the 2017 Calendar Year Budget with Changes to the Annual Basic Assessment and the Annual Road & Bridge Fund Assessment.

Resolution 750: Second Reading: To Adopt the 2017 Calendar Year Budget with Changes to the Annual Basic Assessment and the Annual Road & Bridge Fund Assessment. Plan adopted.

Resolution 751: To Adopt Rules and Regulations Governing the Registration and Operation of Golf Carts, Low speed vehicles and UTV's. Plan Adopted
To see the minutes of meetings, go to: frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/



IN MEMORIAM

Ben Ten Eyck

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Carl Yeager



Fripp Island New Owners September 1 – December 6, 2016

Jay & Miriam D'Angona, Bradford NH

Scott & Sharon Brown, Camden SC

David & Christina Levitt, Beaufort SC

Michael & Nikki Gredlein, Atlanta GA

Ryan & Carrie Peterson, Southern Pines NC

Eric Stuckey, Braselton, GA

Sally Nicodemus, Marietta GA

William Butler, North Augusta SC

Laurie Smith, Troy OH

Maureen B. Shanahan, Columbia SC

Daryl & Fable Willie, Peachtree Corners GA

New owners on Fripp Island: the FIPOA website information will help with the transition. frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/

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FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

December 10, 2016 – 9:00 AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office

January 14, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office

(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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Hurricane Matthew (cont.)

For Fripp Island Resort to open four restaurants and a golf course thirteen days after a Category 2 Hurricane is, to my mind, a miracle. The resort sustained major damage. Ten golf carts out of their entire fleet survived the storm.

Stuart Mitchell, Doug Wardle, and their outstanding team did everything they could as quickly as they could to restore their operations. They also did everything they could to help FIPOA. We needed a joint effort for debris removal. “Of course!” We needed a parking lot for refrigerators. “Of course!” Fripp Island Resort pitched in to help FIPOA restore this island in so many ways.

I also can’t say enough good things about Springtide, LLC. I called Don Peel right after the storm and said we’d like to put a garbage dump of stinky, rotting food waste in your back yard for three weeks. And by the way, we can’t pay you a dime. His response was, “Of course.” I then asked for office space for the vendors like ServPro and Low Country Insurance so they could serve our owners better. And by the way, we can’t pay you dime. Don’s answer was, “Of course.”

Springtide Market and Deli took a major hit—most of their inventory was lost. Don and Lori came back early and got things up and running. The first few days they fed the contractors at their expense. Don Peel and Lori McGrath also personally delivered a complimentary lunch to the POA staff and volunteers. I love the miracles of Hurricane Matthew.

And then there’s the Public Service District. On Sunday, October 9th at 6 PM, we all huddled around a speakerphone at the PSD/POA command center in Aiken. Fire Chief Josh Horton gave his initial report from his inspection that afternoon. I have to tell you—that was, without a doubt, the worst meeting I have ever attended. Our fears were confirmed. Our island took a direct hit and the damage was severe. I watched the PSD commissioners and staffs’ faces. What I saw was complete determination.

You never think about Electricity or Water and Sewer until you don’t have it. PSD got it done. They made a very unpopular decision to keep us off until they were ready. They were right. PSD did an outstanding job.

And finally, POA. It is hard for me to brag, but our whole team came together in the most amazing way. I was the typist so people are thanking me, but you need to know, there were 33 Saints involved in our effort. Our security department, administrative staff, and board of directors were focused on one thing—bringing our island back quickly and efficiently!

You also need to know that Kate Hines put a plan in place 10 years ago that we followed to the letter. She saved us. Kate was an incredible leader every step of the way. Tina Reeves and Mike Senecal were also unbelievable. They saved us.

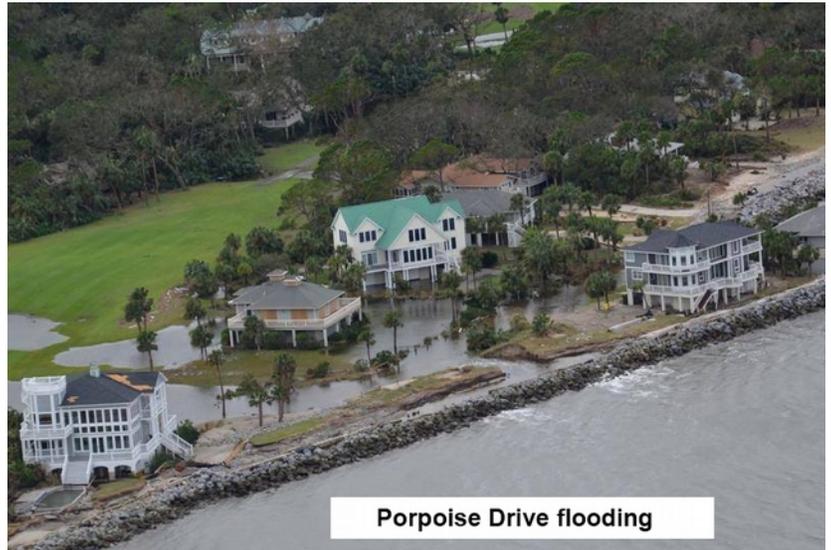
John Derrick and his committee painstakingly wrote a debris removal plan and revised our disaster recovery plan with the Resort and PSD. This started on June 1st when they took office. It was finalized the Wednesday we evacuated when Doug Wardle and I signed the final document. John saved us.

Beyond the leadership of this island, there were so many that stepped forward and helped in any way they could.

Stacey Galster volunteered to take pictures for homeowners who were frantic to know if they still had a house. She then volunteered to organize the POA phone room and free housing for out of town contractors.

Just ask any Newhaven resident how they feel about the outstanding jobs that Diane McGarry, Jim and Alice Parks did.

And what about the refrigerator brigade! I stood there Wednesday afternoon watching Ann Lyman direct 25 seventy-plus year old men as they carted refrigerators all over this island. So many have done so much!



Porpoise Drive flooding



Photo by Chris Assaf

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ISLAND SERVICES



CHIEF'S CORNER

Mike Senecal, Chief of Security

As we are in the Holiday season and approach the coming of the New Year, there are some things we need to remember and think about. As we all know, our island is gated and patrolled twenty-four hours a day. This enhanced Security leaves most homeowners and guests with a feeling that they are in a safe and secure environment. And to be quite honest they are. You cannot find a more secure place in Beaufort County than on Fripp Island. But we need to remember at this time of year we often experience an increase in thefts.

There are a few tips that we need to follow where we are on Fripp Island or out and about shopping. The number one thing we all need to is lock our belongings. This includes your vehicle and home. Most crimes that happen at this time of year are crimes of opportunity. This means that thieves will walk through parking lots and pull on car door handles, until they find one open. So please, whether you're on Fripp Island, in town, or on vacation, please lock your doors.

We all need to know how crimes are committed, and how we can mitigate the risk. All crimes have to have three parts. This, in crime prevention language, is known as the Crime Prevention Triangle. The three parts are, opportunity, ability and desire. Most people who commit crimes have the ability and desire, but when you lock your belongings you take

away the opportunity, thus breaking the Triangle. And, in most cases, you prevent yourself from being a victim.

On a lighter note, we have a new full time Patrol Officer. Officer Tom Faivre. Tom has been with Security for about a year, however he has been part time. In his new full time role, he will be on day shift. We also have a new part time Officer, Jonathan Green. Jonathan's full time job is a firefighter on Lady's Island. Jonathan is still in training, but should be certified by the end of the year.

I would like to wish all of you and yours a very happy holidays. I look forward to the coming New Year. If you need to contact me please do not hesitate. I can be reached at (843-838-3307 or you can email me at Security@FrippIslandLiving.com.

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Grounds, PEC, etc.**

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to your POA, please call 843-838-4155.**

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ISLAND SERVICES CONT.

Fripp Island Security Department Christmas Fund



AS THE HOLIDAYS APPROACH, WE RESPECTFULLY REQUEST DONATIONS FOR THE SECURITY STAFF

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Hurricane Matthew (cont.)

And then there's the FEMA effort. They told us it couldn't be done. FEMA relief was only for those much less affluent than us. Now we have learned that it can be done. Fripp Island played a huge part in that decision.

Thursday, October 27th, my cell phone rang: "Chris, this is Mark Sanford!" I couldn't believe it! Mark Sanford called to thank me for the outstanding response from all of you.

We have done an incredible job, Fripp Island.

In closing, I believe that there is no such thing as a coincidence. I think a coincidence is when God is near. I truly believe that this storm was named Matthew for a reason.

These words from Matthew, Chapter 7, confirm it: *"Everyone who hears these words of mine and does them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the flood came, and the winds beat against that house, but it did not collapse because it had been founded on rock."*

Fripp Island may be a sandy barrier island, but this community has been built on the Rock of His word. When the rains fell, the flood came and the winds beat against us. We did not collapse.

We are stronger now than we have ever been. For that, I thank God, all of you, and Hurricane Matthew.



864 Fiddlers Ridge



Photo by Joey Savel



902 Gull Cove

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F I P O A CONT.

Hurricane Matthew (cont.)



Photo by Liz Chapman

680 Remora Lane



Photo by Joey Savel

Marina Debris



Photo by Tina Reeves

Marina before & after

The Community Involvement Committee has been working diligently to get all Fripp groups to add their open events onto our Island-wide calendar. frippislandliving.com/owners/meetingscalendar/
This is your one-stop place to see what's happening when you are on the island.

F I P O A CONT.

Hurricane Matthew (cont.)

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO HELPED

FIRST RESPONDERS	FRIPP ISLAND RESORT	SPRINGTIDE, LLC	FRIPP ISLAND PSD	REFRIGERATORS
Josh Horton	Stuart Mitchell	Don Peel	Angie Hughes	Ann Lyman
Joey Savel	Doug Wardle	Lori McGrath	Kim Hinchey	Bill Lyman
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Katie Edgerly	Whit Suber	Stacey Galster	Cissy Connelly	Jim Candee
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Thomas Faivre	Scott Thompson	Bob Brower	Sharon Norton	Cindi White
James Finnen	Tina Turner	Kathy Folds	Betsy Koehler	Don Dashiell
Michael Finnen	Ralph Burchfield	Natural Retreats	Pam Neuman	Jay Pittas
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Peter Singleton	Frank Belatti	Stuart Mitchell	Sandra Stuart	Paul Sutton
Melissa Thomas			Jan Bialis	Dick Work
Jennifer Wingler	FIPOA LUNCHES		Carlene Rogan	Gary Flynn
Paul Witherow	Gene Battles	FEMA PUSH	Elaine Hillebrand	
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Cissy Connelly	Bob Castner	Paul Sommerville	Cynthia Foust	
	Amy Castner		Sandra Flick	
	Gina Zmick			
	Clifford Zmick			

We sincerely regret any omissions.

Moving to Fripp Island?

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Hurricane Matthew Clean-up Details

Kate Hines, FIPOA General Manager

You may have seen an e-blast or 40 from me during the evacuation detailing what was happening on the island while we were away. Now that we have been back for a while, I'd like to bring you up to speed with the clean-up efforts.

Our contract for cleaning up debris in the FIPOA rights-of-way was signed with Crowder Gulf (CG) a few years ago. We put them on notice before we evacuated, and they met us here when we came back. Along with CG, we had a contract with a debris monitoring firm, Witt O'Brien's. This crew made sure that every piece of fallen debris was documented to meet Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) specifications, and they made sure the trucks were full before heading to the debris site. If there is a way to be reimbursed, we will have the proper paperwork.

The first order of business was to choose a site for the debris field. We had a pre-arranged contract with the Fripp Island Resort to use one of the golf course driving ranges, but both courses were very wet and one was difficult to access. CG felt that due to the conditions they wanted another area, so they entered into a contract with the owner of the parcel known as The Preserve. The team collected a total of 3,479 CY of waste and hauled it to the debris site. Total number of trees with hangers and/or broken limbs two inches or larger was 512; total leaning trees was 42 in a variety of diameters.

Beaufort County made the decision to take over the responsibility of clean up in private communities, and this was a WONDERFUL surprise for us. County officials held a meeting for POA representatives on November 1st and took us through the process required to comply with FEMA. The first step was accurately completing the Right of Entry, which was accepted by FEMA on November 4, 2016.

The County has a contract with a different debris hauler, CEREs and monitoring firm, Tetra Tech. They worked just like Crowder/Witt O'Brien's did, only a bit stricter. Leaning trees in the right of way must be a threat over the right-of-way only, not a threat to private property; you must make sure utilities aren't blocked; and they will only reach out 12 feet. There cannot be any debris on the other side of the bike path, and there will be no pick up from a right-of-way that isn't a street (i.e. lake side).

If you notice new leaning trees, please contact the FIPOA office with exact locations in the right-of-way (ROW). The debris site that that was approved at the Preserve will be left as is. The county will pay to have it cleared as the last step in the clearing process.

There are a few things that the county is still trying to decide:

Stumps still in the ground in ROW? —Also still trying to decide if they will pay/pick up in ROW. If you had one in your yard and can get it to the ROW, they will haul it away.

Pieces of dock —still trying to figure out who is responsible – all they know is County won't pick up.

Timing —First pass started Sunday November 6th to pick up debris on ground and any hangers/leaners that met the FEMA requirements. If there is debris that doesn't meet FEMA guidelines, such as coming from empty lots, County will pick it up on the 2nd pass. CERES has the responsibility over all subcontractors; they have four small trucks (30-45 yards) and will be adding five more as they can find them. Tetra Tech has one monitor for every three trucks. They are working seven days a week from 7:30 to 5:30, but were off Wed/Thu/Fri of Thanksgiving week. They have not given us a firm completion date.

What about reimbursing for what we did before FEMA? – After they finish everything included with the waiver, the county may ask FEMA to reimburse all the POA's for what they already cleaned up before FEMA kicked in. If that doesn't work, they may ask the state to give us the same benefit that gave to owners in the upstate after the floods last year. If that doesn't work, Council will keep it on the table and debate whether they should pay us back out of their reserve program.

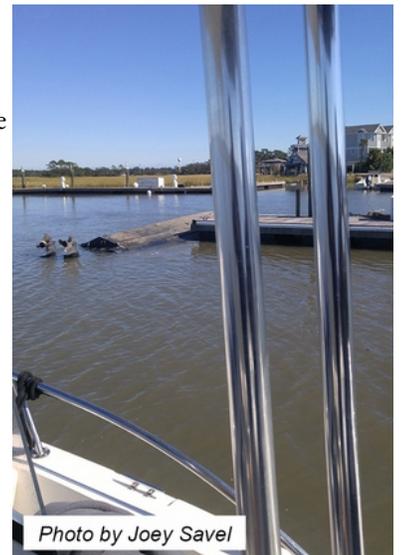


Photo by Joey Savel

New to Fripp Island?

Fripp Island provides a Mentoring Program to provide support, encouragement and information to new homeowners and owners who have finally made their move to Fripp.

Mentors are available to answer questions and introduce newcomers to Island activities.

frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/mentor-program/

WE ARE FRIPP! Outstanding Service Awards

Chris Assaf, President FIPOA Board of Directors

We are announcing three awards not related to Hurricane Matthew. These were in the works since June 1st. **CHARLIE MCCOY, JIM WOLBRINK, & DAVE MANNING** – Our Finance team has created a whole new process for budget preparation over the past six months. With the new chart of accounts and financial procedures, the Finance Committee has taken our financial management to a very high level. We have posted on our web site the most complete budget analysis in our history. Our entire Board is committed to full disclosure and complete financial transparency. It is important that a \$2,000,000 budget be fully vetted and available for scrutiny.



We have also made the bold move of outsourcing our accounting. Having an outside, non-biased party handle our accounting is a very good move. This transition is still ongoing and has been made more difficult by the hurricane, but will be a great improvement over time.

We have Charlie McCoy to thank for leading these efforts. He has taken 40+ years of CFO experience at Coca Cola and donated that knowledge to our organization. Countless hours of hard and very smart work have also been put forth by David Manning of the Finance Committee. I also want to thank our Treasurer Jim Wolbrink. Jim brought 5½ years of POA finance experience to the committee this year. He knows our history and wasn't afraid of change for the better.

The rest of these **WE ARE FRIPP** awards are a result of the Hurricane Matthew rebuild since our meeting October 15th. All I can say is what happened on this island once we got home is something we should hold onto for years to come. Fripp was changed physically by Hurricane Matthew, but more importantly, it changed emotionally. The divide between residents and second home owners disappeared. We were neighbors helping each other. POA, PSD, Springtide LLC, and Fripp Island Resort put years of hard feelings aside and came together for the good of our island. Hurricane Matthew brought about a huge change for the better. Here are just a few examples:

JON WILSON, ROGER WILSON, JOEY SAVEL, & JIMMY YEAGER – room volunteers for the first week. See page one for details of their superhuman efforts.

ANN LYMAN – Refrigerator Brigade. Ann organized and orchestrated the movement of scores of refrigerators. It is amazing what she was able to accomplish with 25 willing retirees!

JOHN DERRICK – Frankly, John has been a godsend. His disaster recovery and debris removal plan was a great road map, and he has stood with us throughout execution. He has also volunteered to lead our Matthew postmortem which will be critical for future boards.

STACEY GALSTER – She took pictures for frantic property owners, organized the phone room and arranged housing for out of town contractors.

BOB SMOAK – Out of town contractor housing, tree removal, checking on homes—you name it, Bob was working night and day to help us.

GENE BATTLES – He doesn't live on the island but wanted to help. He organized feeding the FIPOA staff, security, and phone

ANDY MELOAN – Andy came to the island by boat to check on his client's homes. We actually had to ask him to leave because the island wasn't ready, and all he wanted to do was go to work. Since



the island opened, he has helped countless homeowners, not only on construction repairs but also figuring out the maze of insurance. I really don't know if he has slept since the storm because he just seems to be everywhere!

MACK MITCHELL – Mack is three years old, but he worked tirelessly on our Shoreline cleanup following the storm. He even earned the nickname Captain Mack.

FRIPP ISLAND RESORT

Fripp Island Resort had a wonderful turnout for Santa's Arrival, Craft Show & Ginger Bread House Contest





Santa's Arrival above – Entrance to Beach Club below



FRIPP ISLAND RESORT CONT.

Frripp Island Real Estate Update through November, 2016

Sales YTD this year (79) are ahead of sales YTD last year (73). Total number of active listings on Frripp Island decreased from 279 to 255 during November 2016. On November 30, 2016, according to Beaufort County MLS, there were 255 properties for sale on Frripp Island, consisting of 35 condos, 112 homesites and 108 single-family homes. The following figures from MLS compare YTD sales on Frripp Island from January 1st through November 30th each year.

Sales	2015	2016
Homesites	6	9
Condos	10	14
Homes	57	56
Total	73	79

Average Sales Price	2015	2016
Homesites	\$206,500*	\$74,778
Condos	\$275,750	\$179,357
Homes	\$424,401	\$449,699

*Includes an oceanfront homesite sale at \$850k

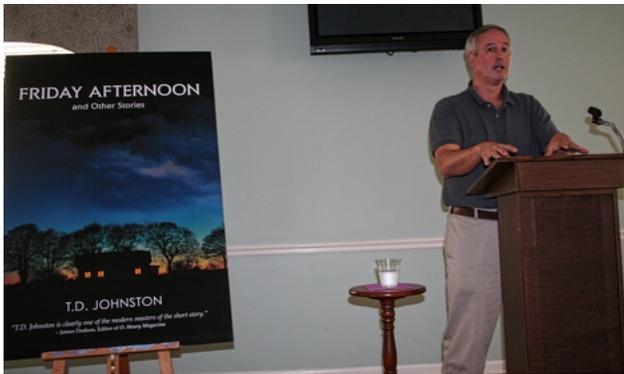
Currently Under Contract	2016
Homesites	7
Condos	3
Homes	8

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ISLAND CLUBS

Frripp Island Women's Club

“Through Our Looking Glass to Our Past”



Jan Bialas

The first meeting of the Frripp Island Women’s Club was postponed due to Hurricane Matthew. Santa Elena History Center was to be our first presenter, we are hoping to reschedule their visit sometime this Spring. November’s meeting then became the start of our new year.

Mr. T.D. Johnston, author of the book, Friday Afternoon, was our guest speaker. He entertained us with a reading of his short story, “The Guest,” which was enjoyed by all. He spoke about the short story, and the process he takes to create a short story. Mr. Johnston also disclosed that his story Friday Afternoon, is in negotiations to be made into a feature film. It was

a great start to a new year of programs!

At the first meeting, the new board officially kicked off the new year. This year serving as Co-Presidents: Barbara Cotter and Ann Dany; Co-Vice Presidents: Kim Mathews & Louise Flynn; Treasurer: Joyce Bergh; and Secretary: Jan Bialas.

The Women’s Club will again be sponsoring the “Born to Read” program. We will be collecting children’s books, both new and gently used, to distribute to newborns and their families. Books can be dropped off at the Frripp Island Library, where boxes have been setup. Monetary donations are also being accepted, contact Carol Atherton for further information.

In October, the FIWC sponsored a Health Fair with proceeds being donated to Habitat for Humanity. Again due to Hurricane Matthew hitting us on the original date of the fair, it was moved to the 22nd of Oct. Even with hurricane recovery in progress it was a very successful day. Sheila Tindall reported, 110 flu shots were given, 19 pints of blood was donated, and \$1700 was raised for Habitat for Humanity.



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Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

Like everything and everyone else on Fripp, the Men's Nine Hole golf group was profoundly affected by Hurricane Matthew. The month of August featured four Wednesday outings, although one was cancelled by rain on August 14. The following week was the annual Ladies Invitational with a total of 37 men and women participating. Playing a scramble format, first place went to Steve Schnobrich, Ron Pointek, Joyce Bergh and Pat Earl. Second place was captured by Dave Martin, Steve St. John, Anne Hoyle and Carol Atherton. Following the event lunch was held at Peg Legs

Then came Matthew and all activity for the Men's Nine Hole group ceased for three weeks. Amazingly enough, play resumed on October 26, just three weeks after the storm. Play for the remainder of October and November took place on the Ocean Creek golf course. Games included team stableford, one low gross/one low net, two low net, individual low net and bear creek.

Unfortunately due to damage to the Beach Club, the annual golf outing, meeting and banquet was postponed from its scheduled November date. The membership will be notified of a new date.

Multiple winners during this time period included Jim Click and Perminder Bindra—three times; Charlie Middleton and Jim Fraser—twice; and Jerry Weithman, Mike Virostek, Duffy Howard, John Dunphy, Ed Smith, Steve Schnobrich, Don Brink, Rob Kirschner, Mike Wilt, Bob Kurjian, Wayne Kemmerer, Joe Sullivan, and Mike Jahn each won once. We also had seven different winners in the closest to the pin contest. There are currently approximately 50 members of the group.

Since the Hurricane the Men's Nine Hole group has been limited to 16 players each Wednesday due to the demand for tee times with only one course open. Everyone is hoping that Ocean Point will open in the near future and golf at least can return to normal on Fripp. For the month of December it is best to call the pro shop for the latest information on starting times for the Men's Nine-Hole group on Wednesdays.

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Recent Events

Bull Point Outing – September 15: For the first time nearly anyone can remember, the Bull Point event was cancelled due to bad weather; forecast was for high winds and rain.

October: Of course the really bad weather, Hurricane Matthew, hit in October. Through luck (or was it good planning?) the Yacht Club had no events scheduled for October this year. Thank goodness!

FIYC Annual Meeting and Pot Luck – November 5: The 2017 Board Members were elected, and other Officers were announced during the annual meeting at the Community Centre, followed by the traditional pot luck dinner. Entrées were prepared by Harold's Catering and side dishes provided by the Yacht Club Members. Traditional Fripp Island "Hurricanes" were served in commemorative hurricane glasses to help celebrate what became our Matthew After-Party. This not-so-gentle rum drink was very well received and no one left either hungry or thirsty! *(photo below)*



**Members vote on next year's Yacht Club Board, 2016 Commodore Robbie White presiding.
Great food and an agreeably short business meeting.**

2017 Fripp Island Yacht Club Officers

COMMODORE: David Manning
REAR COMMODORE: Robbie White
VICE COMMODORE: Michael Beach
FLEET CAPTAIN: Danny Atkinson
ASSISTANT FLEET CAPTAIN: Guy Steenrod
GOLF TOURNAMENT: Dan Bialas

TREASURER: Rich Combes
SECRETARY: Laura MacArthur
BASE CAPTAIN: Rick Marquart
ASSISTANT BASE CAPTAIN: Kim Mathews
SHIP'S STORE QUARTERMASTER: Jan Manning

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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

Upcoming Events

Christmas Boat Parade – Friday December 2: The 13th Annual Boat Parade at the Fripp Island Marina begins at 5:30 at the Fripp Island Marina. The Yacht Club illuminated and decorated boat parade is at 6:00 PM. Happy Hour at the Bonita Boat House with complimentary appetizers, cash bar including specialty drinks and DJ entertainment continues until 9:00 PM.

Holiday Luncheon – Thursday, December 8: We will hold this festive seafood buffet lunch again this year at The Tavern at Royal Pines on Lady's Island. Toys for Tots donations. Watch for Santa!

Full 2017 Schedule of Events is available on our web site.

See details, membership application, and photos from past events on our web site at www.frippislandyachtclub.com

The Fripp Island Yacht Club is open to Fripp Island residents and long term renters who have an interest in boating and appreciate a social organization that includes both fun boating events and shore events throughout the year.

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

Girls outfish Guys at the Kid's Fishing Tournament

Captain Ralph Goodison

The 19th Annual Thanksgiving Kid's Fishing Tournament on Friday November 25th at the Fripp Island Marina was what every parent wants, a great day with the Kids. Ninety-five kids from the ages of three to fourteen who came from not only Fripp Island, but also our local area, had a great day on the water and caught plenty of fish. Watching little kids catch fish warms the heart. This year the girls caught more fish than the boys. All the participants received prizes, T-shirts, and plenty of great food to eat. Prize winners won trophies and fishing rods and reels.



Trout

- 1st Place (at right): Kathy Dochtery – 5.95 lbs
- 2nd Place: Macy Lupo – 3.75 lbs
- 3rd Place: Lia Tangalos

Redfish

- 1st Place (at left): Lidia Lupold – 7.95 lbs
- 2nd Place: Sara Graham – 4.20 lbs
- 3rd Place: Robin Bordew – 3.85 lbs

Flounder

- 1st Place: Russ Prophter – 3.4 lbs
- 2nd Place: Parker Bordew – 3 lbs
- 3rd Place: Mack Mitchell – 1.85 lbs (see photo next page)

Other Category

- 1st Place: Ava Hoffman – 2.85 lbs
- 2nd Place: Emma Kwak – 2.30 lbs
- 3rd Place: T.J. Hachet



Black Drum

- 1st Place: Holden Hall – 10.25 lbs
- 2nd Place: Katherine Whatley – 8.8 lbs
- 3rd Place: Forrest Sutcliff – 6.4 lbs

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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Kid's Fishing Tournament (cont.)

Lewis Turner, Marina Director, thanked the many that helped with the tournament, as well as the Fripp Island Yacht Club, Sea Island Marine, and Kirk Shelley for their financial support. The Yacht Club did a great job cooking for the tournament.



Parents and Kids, see you at next year's 20th Tournament on Black Friday November 24, 2017. It will be another great day with the kids.

Winter Fishing Looks Great!

Hurricane Matthew tore our island apart, but the Heart of Fripp Island, its people, are putting it back together. Fall fishing has been excellent and winter looks great.

2017 is around the corner; 2016 has been a challenging year, but we still have much to be thankful for. The Marina and Excursions staff extends their thanks for your support this year and looks forward to the New Year.

Thanks from all the Fripper staff, Captain Ralph.

WINTER FISHING REPORT

INSHORE: Trout—Excellent

Redfish and Black Drum—Good

Flounder—Fair

NEAR SHORE: Large Black Bass—Excellent

Redfish, Trout—Good

Trigger, Flounder—Fair

Grouper and Kingfish—Occasional

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Post-Hurricane Information & Sea Rescue Case Activity

Michael Beach, FISR Communications Officer

In advance of Hurricane Matthew, both Sea Rescue boats were moved from the dock at Fripp Island Marina to the Beaufort County Sheriff's storage area near the Marine Air Station, Beaufort. There, our Rescue Boats were safe and could be quickly returned to service after the storm. Sea Rescue will operate from the Fripp Marina south dock until repairs are made to the north dock. Our boat box with equipment storage which had been on the north dock is nowhere to be found after the storm.

Hazard to Navigation:

A bridge piling with a metal rod was seen on October 27th near the sand bar to the left of the channel in Fripp Inlet, after crossing under the Fripp Island Bridge toward the Atlantic. At low tide this is likely under water. Reported location was 32 20 077 N and 80 27 391 W. Tides may move this object.

Several navigation buoys in this area may be missing or moved and sand bars have shifted. Docks and marinas in the Low Country, including Fripp, Dataw and Edisto, have been damaged and floating or sunken debris may be encountered. Take extra caution when boating in this area and observe strict no-wake speeds around any docks to avoid further damage.

Sea Rescue Mission Activity:

Sunday 7/3/16 – 11:38 AM: Fripp Island Marina called to advise a boater was stuck on a sand bar in the Atlantic, out from the Fripp Inlet. Robbie White and Jim Candee dispatched on R1 and located the boat on the sand bar, well out into the ocean. Had the boater set and anchor and transported 4 persons to the Marina. Later that evening Mark Draves, David Manning and Robbie White took two persons back to the boat. After the fourth attempt in high and confused seas, they were able to get one person on board. He cut their anchor rope and followed FISR back to the Marina by 7:00 PM.

September 14 – 5:30 PM: Cliff Spann advised that his boat on the Fripp dock was taking water due to waves and wind of tropical storm Julia. Numerous Sea Rescue members responded. Rescue boats also docked at the Marina were maneuvered to block additional incoming waves coming into the stern of Cliff's boat. Water was cleared with an electric pump and boat was turned and secured bow-on to the wind.

September 15 – 11:54 PM: Kayaker was reported in Fripp inlet standing in the water waving an orange flag. Bob Bicknell and Bill Lyman dispatched by 12:15. FI Fire was on the scene and Coast Guard Tybee on standby. Sea Rescue retrieved the kayaker and dropped him at Russ Point Landing. At 2:00 PM, Bicknell and Lyman returned the boater to the inlet to successfully retrieve the kayak.

September 17 – 1:20 PM: A returning boat Captain reported to the Marina that a boat was stranded in the Fripp Inlet with a family on board. Tide was going out, but they wanted to wait on the boat. Approximate wait time was 6 hrs. Bob Bicknell and Charlie McCoy took R1 to check on passengers at 1:40 PM. They were safe and confirmed that all persons wanted to stay with the boat and were aware of the wait time. R1 back to base by 2:12 PM

September 23 – 4:30 PM: Boater called Sea Rescue to report their boat engine would not start on the Ocean side of Fripp Inlet Bridge. Steve McKay and Charlie McCoy left the dock in R1 at 4:50. The boat in distress was difficult to find and had drifted further with the current, well out into the Ocean. Coordinates were obtained from boater's cell phone and by 5:30 R1 had them in tow to Russ Point.

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SEA RESCUE CONT.

Sea Rescue (cont.)

November 1 – 10:45 AM: Boat captain, Chandler Williams, called Sea Rescue to advise his engine would not start, and his small boat with two persons on board was running aground as the tide was going out. Reported location was in the creek past Turner's dock on St. Phillips Island. Michael Beach, Danny Atkinson and Jim Candee dispatched in R1 and were able to start the boat engine with jumper cables. However, the oil pump did not operate so engine was in alarm and would not run more than about 1500 rpm. The boat was towed back to Fripp Marina, arriving at 1:45 PM.



October 3, 2016 Training, R1 Sea Rescue Boat and USCG Practice Basket Drops in the Inlet

Training Missions:

The US Coast Guard has increased training missions and their helicopters can be seen and heard more frequently, with Missions that include Sea Rescue boats now often twice a month. These missions are normally in conducted in Fripp Inlet at dusk. In addition, recent Coast Guard Missions without boats have also taken place, such as the November search training with two helicopters and spot lights over the beach at Hunting and Fripp Islands.

The Coast Guard conducts joint training missions with all volunteer rescue groups; however, Fripp Island Sea Rescue is the only group that trains with basket drops between the helicopter and our boats. This provides the capability to rescue and transport boaters that are injured or in distress that our rescue boats can reach in locations where the helicopter could not land.

Any boaters in the Fripp Inlet at that time must take care to stay well clear of the Sea Rescue boats and helicopter to avoid disrupting the training or endangering boats, helicopter or divers in the water.

There are more pictures and information about FISR on our web site www.fisearescue.org.

**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY,
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