

# THE TRAWLER

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## Southern Pine Beetles are a Threat to Fripp Island's Stressed Trees

Over the past few weeks we have identified several areas on Fripp Island that have infestations of the Southern Pine Beetle in our Tall Pines. The salt water from Hurricane Matthew mixed with other extreme weather has stressed the trees, weakening them, and allowing the beetles to attack.

The FIPOA is working with Southern Tree Services to remove any infected pines on FIPOA property. We are asking homeowners to be on the lookout for signs of the beetles and contact a tree service company to remove the infected trees if needed.

*“Southern pine beetles are each about the size of a grain of rice. The females mine into the tree’s vascular cambium, a thin layer of tissue between the bark and wood that is crucial to a plant’s growth and healing mechanisms. Once inside the bark, females construct S-shaped galleries in the cambium to house their eggs. Newly hatched larvae then bore into the inner bark. Older larvae move to the outer bark, where they feed and then pupate. Finally, new adults chew their way out, leaving small holes on the bark surface.*

*This activity girdles trees and leads to death. And that’s not even the worst of it. Southern pine beetles harbor a fungus called “blue stain” that separates from its host once inside the tree and then replicates, eventually blocking the flow of water from the roots to the crown. The combination of burrowing and feeding along with the introduction of the fungal infection kills virtually every tree that’s been colonized. The first symptoms are needles that turn from green to faint yellow and finally to rust. Death occurs in as little as two weeks after the initial assault.” – Clemson University*

Additional Information can be found online at: <http://newsstand.clemson.edu/mediarelations/southern-pine-beetles-loom-as-potential-threat-to-south-carolinas-stressed-trees/>

A symptom of infestation is globs of resin oozing out of the bark (photo below).

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# FIPOA

## Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors held two meetings since the last publication of *The Trawler*. The meetings took place on June 10<sup>th</sup> and July 8<sup>th</sup>.

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/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/)



**Stanley Brooks**

**Harry Merrill**

**Elizabeth Taylor**

**Gary Zimmerman**



**WELCOME**

## New Owners on Fripp

**5/7/17 to 7/3/17**

*Kevin & Alicia Barry, Holden MA*

*Sharon & Scott Brown, Camden SC*

*Marc Pittas, Arlington Heights IL*

*Richard Brockrath & Susan Flint, Wilmington DE*

*Mark & Laura Furgeson, Charlotte, NC*

*Christopher & Nicole Clark, Point Pleasant NJ*

*Shorely Blessed LLC-Patricia Snow & Cheryl Ralston, St Helena SC*

*Andrew & Jessie Somoza, Atlana GA*

*Paul & Cristin Surdak, Haverstraw NY*

*Lisa & Phillip Uhmacher, Englewood CO*

*John & Kay Zink, North Canton OH*

**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/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/new-owners/)**

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*Letters must be 250 words or less.*

Deadline for the September TRAWLER is August 30<sup>th</sup>

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

August 12, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the  
FIPOA Administrative Office

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

(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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*Fripp Island, SC 29920 with your name and email*

*address. We would like to have EVERY owner subscribe to this service.*

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## Dredged from *THE TRAWLER*

### 35 Years Ago

*July/August 1982*

The FIPOA authorized Suzy Wolfinger to spend up to \$1000 for a ground spray for mosquitoes to be used in conjunction with the county aerial sprays.

The first tag-like passes for those who do not qualify to have a permanent pass were presented to the Board. (*This could have been the start of the Taggy.*)

The FIPOA discussed purchasing a swing arm to control the traffic on the bridge.

### 30 Years Ago

*July/August 1987*

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade theme was "CIRCUS".

Blue Heron Lake experienced a severe fish kill involving 4,000 dead fish, mainly mullet. Whether the fish kill was due to a lack of circulation because of a clogged pipe or simply excessive heat combined with a low water table has not been determined.

### 25 Years Ago

*July/August 1992*

The FIPOA provided a nostalgic old-fashioned touch to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities, serving watermelon at 10 cents per slice.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously to prohibit parking of boats, trailers, and motor homes on all roads rights-of-ways and common properties.

The Community Centre purchased 50 new chairs for the community room.

### 20 Years Ago

*July/ August 1997*

Fripp Inlet Bridge repairs nearing completion. A section of the bridge collapsed on March 12<sup>th</sup>. One lane of the bridge was opened to traffic. A temporary traffic light was installed on the bridge for \$100 per day. The FIPOA was previously paying \$550 per day for deputy sheriff personnel to direct traffic.

The Fripp Company started construction on the Fripp Cottages on Davis Love Drive. Home site and cottage prices are from the low \$150,000's.

### 15 Years Ago

*July/ August 2002*

Non-Resident open house and ribbon cutting ceremony was scheduled for July 5<sup>th</sup> at the newly renovated FIPOA building.

A laser light show took the place of the regular fireworks on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. This was because there was no safe place where a fireworks display could be safely set up.

### 10 Years Ago

*July/August 2007*

The Headlines of *The Trawler* read "Community Centre Breaks Ground for Addition."

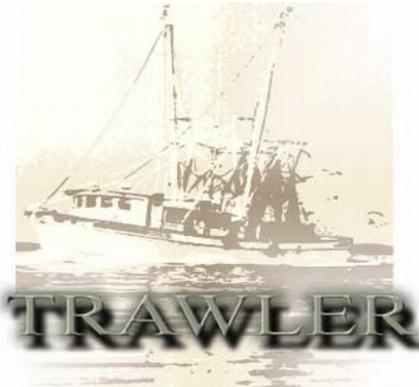
Al Cooper was featured as the Spotlight Volunteer.

### 5 Years Ago

*July/August 2012*

The Women's Club raised \$1400 with 60 cakes for the Annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Cake Walk

Fripp Goes Hollywood was the Theme of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.



**Visit the FIPOA Website**

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# ISLAND SERVICES

## CHIEF'S CORNER



Mike Senecal, Chief of Security

It has been less than a year since we were visited by Hurricane Matthew. As the new hurricane season is upon us, we need to make sure our plans are sound. Fripp Island is a barrier island, and we must be prepared to evacuate when asked.

### Hurricane Preparedness

- Make plans now. Gather and store all valuable paperwork such as mortgage notes, insurance papers, deeds, licenses, and photos.
- Itemize furnishings and valuables. Take photos or videos of your home and belongings. This will help adjusters in settling your claims. They can also prove uninsured losses, which are tax deductible.
- Gather non-perishable food, drinking water, candles, matches, first aid kits, battery operated radios, and flashlights. Have these ready at all times.
- Plan and know your evacuation routes. Know ahead of time where you need to go.

### When a Watch is Issued

- Make sure your vehicle has gas.
- Listen for updated information.
- Check your survival kit.
- Prepare your home.
- Make sure all medicines are packed and prescriptions are filled.

### When a Warning is Issued

- Move all large objects into either your house or in the garage.
- Place protective covering over windows.

As always if you have any questions or suggestions please do not hesitate to contact me at 843-838-2334 or e-mail me at [security@frippislandliving.com](mailto:security@frippislandliving.com).



- Secure all vehicles including boats.

### If Ordered to Evacuate

- Lock doors and windows before you leave.
- Don't forget your survival kit.
- Let relatives know your plan and destination.
- Don't forget to pack for your pets – food, water, medications.

Being prepared is everyone's responsibility. Safety is something none of us takes lightly. When we all know the plan and execute the plan, we will be successful.



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## Carl's Computer Corner

Carl Koellman

The computer landscape has a bumpy look to it, both local and international.

In the middle of May, a massive ransomware attack spread through most of Europe and elsewhere, hitting Ukraine especially hard. Ukraine accused Russia of being behind it. The attack, called the WannaCry cryptoworm, targeted Windows computers by encrypting their data and demanding payments in Bitcoins (an electronic currency) to supply the decryption key. The attack spread to over 150 countries and more than 230,000 computers. A very lucky young security technician in England found the "kill switch" for it, effectively turning it off. That halted the outbreak, but new versions of the infection are emerging without the kill switch. Most of the infected computers were running Windows 7. Just about all the different Windows operating system versions now have patches available to prevent known ransomware infections from doing damage, but what about the next time an attack happens before patches are available? You must know what to do.

First, upgrade your operating system to the latest one available, which today is Windows 10. It has the most comprehensive protection tools built in. Despite Microsoft officially withdrawing last year's free upgrade, you can still

upgrade for free. Google "Free Windows 10 Upgrade" for articles during the past month or so for details. I said "First" because this free loophole may close at any time.

Second, have a good offline backup of your data. If your data needs are small, you can get by with a large enough thumb drive. Back up your data to it on a regular basis, then disconnect the thumb drive and put it away. Better yet, swap two or three thumb drives in rotation in case one goes bad or gets infected. You don't want to keep the thumb drive connected all the time. For larger data needs an external USB hard drive might be needed. Or back up to the "cloud" using Google Drive, One Drive, Dropbox, or any number of cloud backup solutions.

Third, keep your computer up to date with all patches, and have a good anti-virus program installed. Windows 10 has a good one built in.

On the local front, I've run into several people on the island complaining of terrible internet speeds. There's not much you can do, except review your agreement with Comcast/CenturyLink/Hargray/Hughesnet, etc. to see what speed you are paying for, and test your actual internet speed by going to [www.speedtest.net](http://www.speedtest.net). If you are not getting what you pay for, complain to your provider. Keep after them until speeds improve or they explain what the problem is. You can always switch providers. I have experience only with Comcast, and by and large, I haven't had speed problems with them. I'm paying for 20 Mbps download speed, and this morning I got 19.54 Mbps through Speedtest.net, so I'm on the money. Here's a link to a May 2017 article that compares Internet Service Providers: <http://www.toptenreviews.com/services/internet/best-internet-service-providers/>

That's all for now. Keep that computer and your data safe!

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# FOURTH OF JULY

## Fripp Island Resort

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is the week many of us wait all year for! This year's celebration proved to be worth the wait. The week kicked off with our annual Arts & Crafts Show on Monday and Tuesday. With 40 vendors from the Southeast, we had a great turnout, despite a little rain on Monday.

Tuesday brought the real celebration! This year's golf cart parade theme "**Games People Play**" saw over 75 entries. Congratulations to the following winners:

*(All photos by Fripp Island Resort)*

### Patriotic Category



- 1st Place – Smith, Lester & MacKenna families from Statesboro, GA
- 2nd Place – "Uncle Sam" from Cincinnati, OH
- 3rd Place – Jackson Family from Charlotte, NC

*Another photo & winners see next page.*

After the parade came the Kid's Carnival, Cake Walk and "Salute from the Shore." If you didn't make it out onto the beach for the "Salute," try to make it out next year. This is something special we do in South Carolina to show support to our troops. We finished out Tuesday night with a great evening of fireworks, co-sponsored by the Fripp Island Club and FIPOA. *(See page 8 for photo.)*

# FOURTH OF JULY CONT.

## Games People Play Category



- 1st Place - Davidson family from Columbia, SC
- 2nd Place - Tarczynski & Eritano families from Fripp Island, SC, Richmond, VA, and Bethesda, MD
- 3rd Place – Godbee family from Brooklet, GA

The rest of the week brought annual favorites like the volleyball tournament, basketball tournament, cardboard boat race, and the sand sculpture competition with over 50 families competing all week.

Finally, on Friday, almost 100 brave Frippers ignored the heat and humidity and laced up their shoes for the Diamondback Dash 5K race. Congratulations to all the runners, but especially to Robert Bevins, overall male winner and Harmony McMullin, overall female winner.



# FOURTH OF JULY CONT.

## Salute from the Shore



We'd like to thank all of you who chose to spend your 4<sup>th</sup> of July here on Fripp! We hope it was magical, and we can't wait to do it all again next year!



Cardboard Boat Race



Art Show

# FOURTH OF JULY CONT.

## “Games People Play” was the theme of the Golf Cart Parade



Mario Carts



Pokémon GO-es to Fripp



Captain Fripp

*(12 Photos & 5 Fireworks below by Kelly Taylor)*



Pokémon



Games People Play with "Drew Carey"

# FOURTH OF JULY CONT.



Frippopoly 1



Frippopoly 2



Super Mario Brothers



House of Cards



# FOURTH OF JULY CONT.



**Patriotic Balloons**



**Patriotic Bubbles**



*(Two Photos by Rebecca Lail)*



**More "Salute from the Shore" Flyover**

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# FOURTH OF JULY CONT.

## 2017 Fripp Island Fireworks Show



# LIFESTYLE CONT.



## Help children in our community at St. Helena Elementary School start the school year off right through Operation Backpack!

Operation Backpack is an initiative of United Way of the Lowcountry Women United, providing local students with the school supplies they need to start school this year. Operation Backpack will serve more than 500+ students throughout Beaufort and Jasper Counties, providing them with backpacks full of school supplies and uniforms. This initiative aims to serve students who are not served by other agencies to help fill the gap.

Last year the people of Fripp Island were extremely generous! You can help by buying **ONLY** supplies listed below or donating a check made out to: "**United Way of the Lowcountry**" with **Operation Backpack** in the Memo line.

### School Supply List:

You will notice the list of supplies has changed slightly from last year simply because we will be bulk ordering some items to maximize our dollars and help more children.

- |   |                                    |
|---|------------------------------------|
| Index Cards   | Filler Paper                       |
| Pocket Folders (2 Pockets)                                | Ruler (12 inch, clear if possible) |
| Glue Sticks   | Zipper-Seal Quart and Gallon Bags  |
| #2 Pencils (12 ct +)                                      | Box of Facial Tissue               |
| Crayons (24 ct)   | Wet Wipes                          |
| Crayola Washable Markers                                  | Hand Sanitizer (4 oz bottle)       |
| Composition Notebooks (Marble)                            | Roll of Paper Towels               |
| Gift Cards Used to purchase uniforms (Old Navy & Walmart) |                                    |

Supplies and checks can be dropped off or mailed to:  
Debbie St. John, 902 Moss Cove (in Sawgrass), Fripp Island, SC 29920.  
Drop off your supplies between July 15<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017!

**Thank you again Fripp for your support of this worthy cause!**

## Fripp Island Real Estate Update through June 30, 2017

More good news about real estate! Sales on Fripp Island have continued to improve when compared to last year-to-date.

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup> each year.

SALES	2016	2017
Homesites	4	14
Condos	7	9
<u>Homes</u>	<u>32</u>	<u>38</u>
Total	43	61

### AVERAGE SALES

PRICE	2016	2017
Homesites	\$78,365	\$148,064
Condos	\$190,357	\$156,833**
Homes	\$417,655	\$514,745
		** Includes 3 Sunsuites
Per square foot	\$217.55	\$218.73 (Jan-Jun)

### Currently UNDER CONTRACT

Homesites	4
Condos	2
Homes	19

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# ISLAND CLUBS

## FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN'S CLUB Frippers Definitely Take the Cake!!!

Jan Manning and Laura MacArthur  
2017 Cake Walk Co-Chairs

The Fripp Island Women's Club raised almost \$1,700 with a record \$901 from ticket sales alone from the 2017 Cake Walk to do good for Fripp and the surrounding Beaufort community. We couldn't have done it without all your great help.

Fellow Frippers baked over 110 cakes, cookies, cupcakes, and brownies--over 25 came in the last day! Volunteer Frippers let us borrow tents, wagons, sound systems and even husbands! Our volunteers worked in sweltering heat, actually normal for July 4<sup>th</sup>, from as early as 7:00 am to noon. Many thanks to all who worked, bought tickets, walked the circles and won baked goods. You brought your entire families to participate! So many helped to make the 2017 Fourth of July Cake Walk a happy and fun occasion. We Frippers can do great things!



  
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# ISLAND SPORTS



## Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

*Mike Wilt*

Since the last report, the men's group played on eight out of nine Wednesdays, having just one rain-out on June 7<sup>th</sup> with otherwise excellent weather.

Games during this time period included One low net/One low gross, Two low net, Powerball Two low net, Points for Par, Bear Creek and One low, Two low and Three low net.

Individual winners in this time period were Steve St. John (three times), Perminder Bindra, Joe Sullivan and Howard Harmon (twice each), and Frank Golden, Frank Davis, Amos Smith, Don Dashiell, Rusty Prophater, Rick Stein, Jim McElwain, Ron Grabarczyk, Steve Schnobrich, Charlie Middleton, Jim Wolbrink, Johnny Jones, Don Brink, Steve

Huff, Dave Moore, Mike Jahn, Dan Bialas, Brian Flynn, Jim Crysel, Jim Price and Ray Atherton (once each).

Closest to the pin had no multiple winners. The weekly winners were Jim Click, Rusty Prophater, Charlie Middleton, John Dunphy, Joe Sullivan, Jim McElwain, Howard Harmon and Mike Jahn.

In July, the group will play at Ocean Creek, and in August, we'll play at Ocean Point. Starting time is 8:30 AM for the summer months. There are currently approximately 60 active members in the group. The Foretees website is now 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/](http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/)

## 18 Hole Men's Golf Group

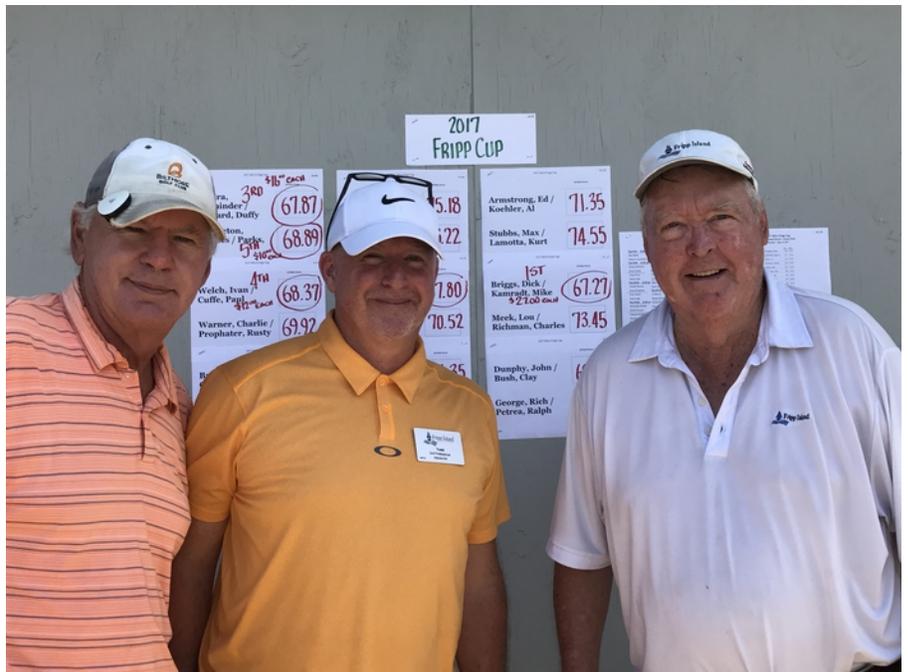
*Bob Bicknell*

Calling all Fripp Island golfers! Join the 18 Hole Men's Golf Association (MGA) and meet your fellow Fripp Island neighbors. We are the biggest golf group on the island. It's a fun group of men who enjoy the game of golf. We play every Monday morning throughout the year and it only cost \$15 a year to join.

Here are a few events we've had along with the winners of each event. We had our Memorial Tournament in May. The weather did not cooperate, so it was completed in June. Gerry Burke was the overall winner and his name will be added to the plaque in the showcase. 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Winner was Phil Weber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Winner was Kevin Anton, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Flight Winner was Max Stubbs. In June, we also had our Fripp Cup Tournament which is

made up of two man teams. The winners were Dick Briggs and Mike Kamradt. They will have their names added to the plaque in the showcase.

Have a good summer and we hope to see you out on the course.



Dick Briggs and Mike Kamradt were the winners of the Fripp Cup.

*(another photo next pg.)*

## ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

### 18 Hole Men's Golf Group (cont.)



Gerry Burke was the overall winner of the memorial tournament.

FIPOA is always looking for volunteers!  
All committees need you;  
Finance, Grounds, PEC.  
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## FRIPP FOR A CURE

### Beaufort Memorial Keyserling Cancer Center Growing with the Community

Steve & Debbie St. John

Beaufort Memorial Hospital is putting a high priority on maintaining its highly regarded cancer program. As the needs for cancer care in our community continue to grow the constant improvements in medical technology require the hospital to make significant investments in care.

Currently, several key efforts are underway. Last month the hospital began renovation and expansion of the Keyserling Cancer Center to bring all its cancer treatment services under one roof. On the south end of the building, a new 16-bay infusion (chemotherapy) space and exam rooms will be added to accommodate the practices of both of Beaufort's medical oncologists, Dr. Majd Chahin and Dr. Marc Newberry. An on-site pharmacy will be established to support infusion services.

The north side of the building will be expanded to accommodate a new linear accelerator to provide today's most sophisticated radiation therapy. The new "TruBeam" technology will lessen the number of treatments required and more precisely target the area to be treated so damage to healthy tissue is minimized.

# FRIPP

FOR A CURE

Beaufort Memorial's (Keyserling Cancer Center) partnership with the Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) in cancer services will allow quicker radiation enhancements, both in technology and with a much larger team of exceptional radiation oncology specialists.

As BMH CEO Russell Baxley states, "as Beaufort Memorial proceeds with renovations and expansions of the Keyserling Cancer Center to serve our community, the BMH Foundation is deeply grateful for our extraordinary partnership with **Fripp For A Cure**. Your generous and enthusiastic support has provided critical funds needed to help us begin improvements. Community support from Fripp continues to be critical to our cancer program and to the mission of Beaufort Memorial Hospital."

**FRIPP ROCKS!!!**



## Sponsorship Proposal

Keyserling Cancer Center is celebrating its 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a non-profit cancer treatment center. Since opening as a division of Beaufort Memorial Hospital, Keyserling has provided outstanding care and made treatment for local patients much more convenient.

Since 2010, FRIPP FOR A CURE has raised \$486,000 for Keyserling Cancer Center. 100% of the proceeds go towards clinical research trials and treatment for cancer patients who cannot afford to pay.

This year's events begin with two fishing tournaments, May 25-27 and August 31-Sept. 1, a golf tournament with awards luncheon on Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and a Grand Finale Gala on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.

While these events are outstanding for public awareness, the bulk of our funds raised come through our generous sponsors.

Four levels of sponsorship are available:

Platinum .....	\$1500	Gold .....	\$500
Silver .....	\$350	Bronze .....	\$200

Recognition of Sponsors begins on Labor Day with signage placed at both Fripp Island Pro Shops, the Fripp Island Marina and Fripp Island Community Centre. This will be followed by weekly e-blasts to over 2200 Fripp Island Property Owners listing all sponsors. Banners thanking our Sponsors will be prominently placed at the Golf Tournament, Luncheon, and Grand Finale Gala.

Please consider sponsoring **FRIPP FOR A CURE!**

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Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Solicitor \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete form and send with your check made to **BMH Foundation** to Steve and Debbie St. John at 902 Moss Cove, Fripp Island, SC 29920  
843.838.9184

To download form go to: <https://frippislandliving.com/wp-content/uploads/Fripp4aCure.pdf>

# BOATING & FISHING

## HOT SUMMER IS HERE

*Captain Ralph Goodison*

The busy 4<sup>th</sup> of July is past and the hot weather is here! Fishing is good, but it could be better. Hurricane Matthew is still having a residual effect on fish, crabs and our dolphins.

In many respects, we would never know we had a storm, a tribute to all of Fripp Island. Our inshore, nearshore, and offshore fishing still may be some of the best on the coast.

Rent a boat, hire a Captain, or hang your pole over the Maxwell Bridge. Enjoy Fripp Island, a great place to live or visit!

### FISHING REPORT

Fishing is more about having a great day on the water with the hope of catching something. We want both, but sometimes it's fishing and not catching anything.

**INSHORE:** Whiting, Shank, and Black Drum – Good; Redfish, Trout, and Flounder – Fair.

**NEAR SHORE:** Black Bass, Spanish, small Blues – Good.

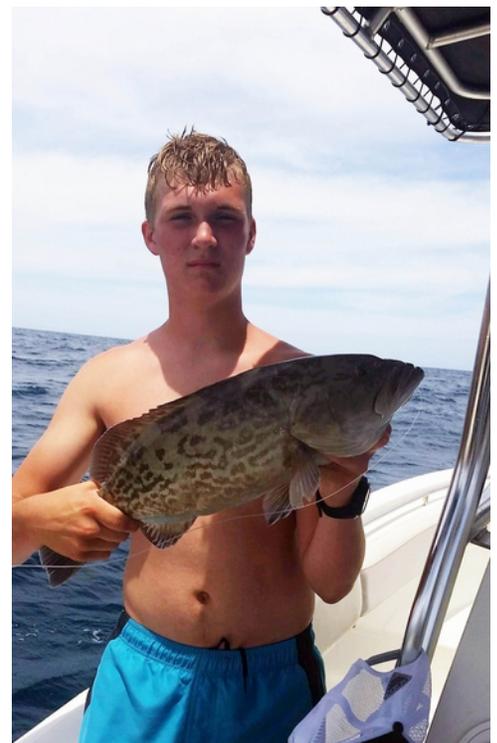
**OFFSHORE *Deep Water/Stream:*** Kings, Wahoo – Good, and a few Dolphin



Fripp bottom fishing is Great!  
David Tilton with a Grouper on Miss Leah.



Miss Leah with Captain George off Fripp with his guest Andy Stephens and his Cobia.



Andy Stephens on Miss Leah caught this Grouper.

### 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/)

## Letter to the Editor From *The Island Packet*

*Thank you, Fripp Island, for your generosity and expressions of sympathy after Eric's tragic death. We can never prepare for the depth of despair this type of situation brings, yet we find comfort in knowing Eric could not have spent his last days in a more beautiful, peaceful location. We fully intend to visit the island frequently in the future.*

*Words will never be enough to express our appreciation to the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office, the United States Coast Guard, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Beaufort Marine Rescue, Fripp Island Security, Fripp Island Fire Department and Fripp Island Sea Rescue for your endless efforts in finding Eric and allowing us to bring him home. You all are true heroes.*

*To Debbie Youmans from the Beaufort County Coroner's office, the Medical University of South Carolina, and McAlister-Smith Funeral Home: thank you for your loving and tender care of Eric and his safe return to Ohio. Special thank you to Sgt. David Wilkinson for your attention and support to the Clark family during their time on Fripp. You all are truly special and will forever be remembered.*

*Lastly, thank you to The Beaufort Gazette and The Island Packet for your grace and tasteful coverage of Eric's story and the opportunity to write this letter.*

*We are all joined together from the loss of Eric, and while it is sad and we are full of sorrow, we could not have asked for a better group of people to be united with during this time.*

*Eric was full of life. He was funny, smart, and a natural athlete and leader. He was wise beyond his years, never took anything too serious—except football and basketball, of course—and he believed in himself and everyone around him, and never gave up on anyone or anything.*

*There are many inspiring stories about Eric and how he impacted others during his life, and we are blessed by not only knowing him in life, but watching him, in death, lead an amazing group of people from all over the world to form the ultimate team under such difficult circumstances. May we find peace knowing he is proud of this team. God bless you all.*

*With sincere appreciation and love,  
LAURA CLARK AND FAMILY  
WORTHINGTON, OHIO*

## Fripp Community Rallies During Tragic Island Loss

*Michael Beach*

Sometimes it's the worst of times that brings out the best in our Fripp community. Sunday, June 11, was just such a tragic time. While swimming on the beach with some of his teammates, Eric Clark, a teen visiting with his basketball team from Ohio, lost his life in a drowning incident. The grief experienced by his family and teammates is something we can only imagine. The accident, the search, and the recovery were well covered by the Island Packet that week, with many others on Fripp involved.

Apparently, four of the team members were in the surf when they went in over their head with an outgoing tide. Three were able to come back to the beach but, though they tried to help, they could not find Eric and swam back to shore for emergency help.

The call to 911 set a series of actions in place in an effort to find the young man who did not come back from the surf with his friends.

Fripp Island Fire Department, Fripp Island Sea Rescue (FISR) and Fripp Island Security were the first on the scene. They were soon joined by boats and rescue personnel from the Beaufort Sheriff's Department, SC Department of Natural Resources, Beaufort Water Search & Rescue, and the US Coast Guard. Personnel on the beach and rescuers in the boats scanned the waves. Overhead the USCG Helicopter covered the area, using computer programs to estimate currents and drift.

Fripp Chief of Security, Mike Senecal, and Fripp firemen were wading in the surf. You could see them from the beach, out on the sand bars, visible one minute then stepping off into deep water over their heads and then back. Fripp Fire Chief Josh Horton was the incident commander and coordinated the multi-unit rescue mission. The search continued until dark.

On Monday, the search resumed at first light with boats in the water, while FISR members walked the beach. Beaufort Water Search & Rescue used sonar and observers on the beach stayed on post. But through late morning, nothing was found.

Fripp volunteers mobilized to support and comfort Eric's teammates and coaches and the chaperones. The Community Centre and Chapel were opened for their use, providing an opportunity to be together as a group or sit outside on the garden benches for solitude. Fripp owners offered use of their homes for family members coming from Ohio.

The Fripp Island Marina donated sandwiches and Sea Rescue spouses purchased additional provisions. They and other volunteers set up the food at the Community Centre for the team. Numerous Fripp Islanders stayed at the Centre to offer comfort in any way to support both emotional and practical needs of the players, their coach and chaperones from Ohio.

The team coach suggested something to help the team deal with the situation as the search progressed. Several Fripp residents then gathered flowers from their gardens that were given to the team members, chaperones and the coach. They gathered at the water's edge to place the flowers in the surf in a simple demonstration of their team spirit, friendship and grief.

Near noon, divers from the Sheriff's office were in the water and, a few minutes later, one of the FISR boats located Eric's body by the sand bar near the inlet on the south end of Fripp.

While a successful recovery provides some small sense of closure, this type of tragic event still leaves many scars. Crisis counseling was made available to team members, coaches, and first responders by the Beaufort County Sheriff's Department Chaplain.

A **Go Fund Me** page has been set up for the family to help with expenses as a result of Clark's death. Go to web page: [www.gofundme.com/eric-clark-fund](http://www.gofundme.com/eric-clark-fund) if you would like to contribute.

# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

May 1 to July 6, 2017

## Recent Events

**Golf Tournament and Dinner Party - May 11<sup>th</sup>.** The Annual FIYC Golf Tournament and the evening dinner party were a big hit again this year. Dan Bialas, who planned and managed this event with the help of numerous volunteers, has nicknamed it the Par-Tee.

Yacht Club Members could choose to go to one or both events. Food was provided by the Fripp Island Resort and music by the Irene Goodnight Band.



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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/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/meetingscalendar/)

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

# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

## Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)



More pictures next page and on the web: [www.frippislandyachtclub.com](http://www.frippislandyachtclub.com)

**Morgan Island Sand Bar Outing – June 6<sup>th</sup>.** Unfortunately we had to cancel this popular event due to bad weather. It is very difficult to reschedule this due to the short window of time the sand bar is above water based on variable tides. Look for this event on next year's calendar.

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# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

## Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)



### Upcoming FIYC Events

**Beaufort Lunch – Thursday, July 27.** This amazing and ever popular event will be held again at Saltus River Grill on the Beaufort waterfront. Members will arrive by boat or by car. The menu this year looks great! Check your email and the yacht club website ([frippislandyachtclub.com](http://frippislandyachtclub.com)) for more details.

**Summer 2017.** Summer is typically a quiet month for Yacht Club events because so many members are either traveling out of town or hosting guests on Fripp. However, don't be surprised if an impromptu event pops up. For example:

**What better excuse for Yacht Club party on the beach than the Solar Eclipse on August 21<sup>st</sup>.  
Details are to follow. Watch your email and the yacht club website.**

**Bull Point Picnic – Saturday September 16<sup>th</sup>.** Details in early August.

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.

Schedule of Events, membership application, and sign-up information for upcoming events are all available on our web site: [www.frippislandyachtclub.com](http://www.frippislandyachtclub.com)

For FIYC questions, contact Michael Beach at [admin@frippislandyachtclub.com](mailto:admin@frippislandyachtclub.com) or 843-838-5629.

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# SEA RESCUE



Update for

May 1 to July 6, 2017

*Michael Beach*

## Rescue Mission Activity

There have been eight Rescue Missions since May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Friday, May 5:** At 4:35 PM, 911 Dispatch called Rick Keup to report a boater missing after departing Fripp for Hilton Head. Rick coordinated with Fripp Island Fire Department who was able to access 911 data, including the phone number of the person who made the report. Rick called and was able to obtain additional information— including the mobile phone for the boater— but calls went to a full voice mail box at that number. The weather was bad for an 11 foot boat with a small motor.

Rick asked Dispatch to ping the boater's phone; that returned a location near Station Creek Landing. Beaufort Water Search and Rescue launched a boat at the landing and began a search. About 25 minutes later, Beaufort Dispatch reported that the person had been found by two people on the beach at St. Phillip's Island. His boat had sunk in heavy seas, but he had been able to get to shore. By 5:50 PM, the boater had been taken to Station Creek Landing where he was picked up by an EMT unit.

**Monday, June 5:** At 7:18 PM Fripp Security called Stewart DeWitt to report a man and his daughter in a kayak stuck on the west side of Prichard's Island. They were unable to return due to a thunder storm. Fripp Fire Department responded to the end of Tarpon, but weather was bad for either a rescue boat or the fire department jet ski. Within 30 minutes, the weather cleared, and the kayakers were able to return to Fripp where they were met by fire department personnel.

**Sunday, June 11:** At 12:18 PM, a boater called Stewart DeWitt to report they were out of gas in the Story River. Dan Dunn and Ralph Burchfield responded on R1 and delivered gas to the boater, then followed them back to Russ Point Landing. There were seven persons on board.

**Sunday, June 11:** At 1:53 PM, 911 Dispatch called Stewart Dewitt to report a water emergency on the beach at Fripp. Dann Dunn went to the beach and immediately called for both R1 and R2 to dispatch to search for a possible drowning victim in the surf. (See article in this issue of the Trawler.) This Mission was concluded at 1 PM on June 12.

**Thursday, June 15:** At 7:24 PM, Robbie White received a page from 911 Dispatch reporting a group of kayakers having trouble getting back to Fripp Island Marina. Danny Atkinson was dispatched on R1 and assisted one kayaker who had overturned. Fripp Island Fire was also on scene with their jet ski. As weather conditions were bad, FI Fire and FI Sea Rescue accompanied the 29 kayakers back to the Marina, arriving by 8:15 PM.

**Sunday, June 25:** 911 Dispatch paged Bill Lyman at 2:30 PM regarding a boater in distress on Prichard's Island. Bill was able to determine they were directly across from Wardell's Landing. Michael Beach and Cliff Spann were dispatched in R1 ahead of a pending storm. Fripp Island Fire dispatched their jet ski to the end of Tarpon Blvd. Bill contacted the boaters by mobile phone and, after discussing tides, the captain decided to wait at his boat for the lifting tide. Sea Rescue returned to the base and were standing by to see if further assistance would be needed. By 5:30 Bill was notified in that the boat and 3 occupants were able to depart Prichard's Island and head for home.

**Monday, June 26:** Fripp Island Security contacted Dick Work at 7:45 PM to report a jon boat sinking in Slip 31 at the Fripp Island Marina. Dan Dunne, David Manning, Bob Bicknell, and Danny Atkinson, joined Cliff Spann at the scene. Within an hour they had used the Sea Rescue portable electric pump to bail the boat, and it had been pulled from the water by Fripp Marina personnel.

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# SEA RESCUE CONT.

## Rescue Mission Activity (cont.)

**Friday, June 30:** At 1:35 PM, Fripp Island Security called Dick Work to report a boat was coming too close to shore near the Fripp Island beach in the area between POA3 and POA15. Dan Dunne drove to the beach and saw a small boat, but it was not close enough to get the hull number. It was outside the breakers and did not appear to be a threat to swimmers at that time. Within 30 minutes of the call to FISR, the boat had departed the area.

Over the Independence Day holiday as of July 6<sup>th</sup>, there have been a few reports of boating incidents in Beaufort County, but outside the Fripp Island Sea Rescue area. Stay safe out there!



### Selected Boating Safety Tips:

- Know which way the tide is going; explore around low tide. A rising tide will lift you off, but if you go aground with a falling tide your boat (and you) will be out there quite a while.
- Take water and a snack. You're only planning to be out a short while, but you never know.
- Be sure you have a boat radio or your cell phone (preferably both). Otherwise if you get in trouble, we won't know it, or even where to look.
- Make sure you have enough gas to get out and back. Gas up, or don't go.
- Have life preservers for everyone on the boat. Children wear them always. Put yours on if the weather or the waves turn bad.

### FISR and Coast Guard Training in Fripp Inlet

Training missions typically occur in the evening, at about 7 PM. Any boats in the area should stay clear of Sea Rescue boats and Coast Guard Helicopter operations.



There are more pictures and information about FISR on our website [www.fisearescue.org](http://www.fisearescue.org).

# SEA RESCUE CONT.

**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY,  
call Beaufort County Dispatch at 911 or Fripp Island Security at 843-838-2334**



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