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The Return of Nature's Gems

Kaylee Lyon – Fripp Island Naturalist Intern

It's almost time to refill your hummingbird feeders Fripp Islanders! Ruby-throated hummingbirds will be arriving in South Carolina starting late March and early April. Some use the arrival of these birds to mark the beginning of spring. Although you can find other species of hummingbirds also starting to arrive during this time, ruby-throated hummingbirds are the only hummingbird to breed throughout all of eastern North America.

These little guys weigh about 2 to 6 grams. They are bright emerald or golden-green with gray-white underparts. Males have an iridescent red throat that will appear dark when not in a well-lit area. Because of their short legs, scientists place hummingbirds and swifts in the same taxonomic order, the Apodiformes. The name means "without feet," which is how these little birds look most of the time. According to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology, the ruby-throated hummingbird can beat its wings 50 to 200 times per second, can hover in place, and is the only bird known to fly backwards. A hummingbird's diet consists of mostly flower nectar and tiny insects, but will also happily feed on sugar-water mixtures in hummingbird feeders. A great way to attract these little wonders is to place bright colored tubular flowers, such as Honeysuckle and Sage, in addition to hummingbird feeders in your backyard.

To prepare your hummingbird feeders, rinse with warm water and diluted vinegar at least twice a week or when the feeder runs empty. According to the Audubon Society, it is important to clean and change the feeders to help prevent the spread of avian disease and to



Photos by Tina Lee



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Fripp Island Flora & Fauna

Megan Grams, Fripp Island Head Naturalist

Fripp Island's Activity and Nature Center is embarking on several wildlife and botany studies as part of an Internship program. The community is asked to help out with these studies and, in turn, you will learn more about our Island's nature habitat. In this issue, take a look at the projects that have just begun and feel free to contact frippislandinternprojects@gmail.com to get involved. The projects will end in August, and a presentation will be given on the findings. Stay tuned for a date and time this summer.

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FIPOA

FIPOA Board Meeting Minutes

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David Climer

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FRIPP FRIENDS

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Fripp Friends Gathering

Friday, May 29, 2020

All Property Owners are invited

Anyone new to Fripp Island can join Fripp Friends throughout the year.
Contact Jan Manning at janfripp@gmail.com or 248-245-0269.



WELCOME

Fripp Island New Owners

January-February 2020

Brent Easler, Flat Rock, NC

Kimberly Keppler, Harrison, OH

Timothy Barnett, Marietta, GA

Mark Bielsein, Point Boerne, TX

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Darren Teren, San Diego, CA

Randy Bowers, Lugoff, SC

Splawn Rollins, Aiken, SC

Richard Wiegand, Fripp Island, SC

Carole Seegert, Macon, GA

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frippislandliving.com/owners-resources/

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**CHIEF'S
CORNER**

Getting to know your Security Department



Peter Singleton

Glenn S. Tabasko, Chief of Security

Peter Singleton began working for the Fripp Island Security Department as a part-time officer in 2004 while serving as a full-time fire fighter with the Beaufort/Port Royal Fire Department.

Peter retired from the fire department in 2018, after 31 years of service and began working full time for Fripp Island Security.

A graduate of Beaufort High School, Peter has an Associates Degree in Fire Science, and is working on a Certificate in Homeland Security. He is also a graduate of Leadership Beaufort.

Peter is a lifelong Beaufort resident, and he and his wife Lynn have six grown children and six grandchildren. He enjoys watching old movies, traveling, and spending time with his family.

FRIPP FABULOUS FAMILY FUN

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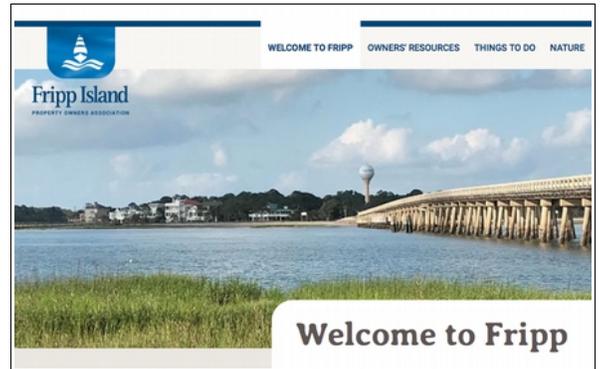


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www.frippislandliving.com

If you do not have a username or password, send a simple email to contact@frippislandliving.com.

We'll set you up!

Homeowners can find these items & more on our website: **Online Vehicle Decal Form, ARB Information, GM Weekly Updates, Board Meeting Minutes & Agendas, Governing, Financial & Covenant Documents, Hurricane Information, Island Directory, important forms, and Security info.**

Check out our Island-wide calendar. frippislandliving.com/events/

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

ISLAND SERVICES



Fast Forward: A Year of Firsts on Fripp Island

Thank you for an incredible year of connections and world-class communications infrastructure for a bright tomorrow.

Annual highlights

\$4 Mil

0
Major
Outages

31 Miles

20
Events

- Hargray invested nearly \$4M in network infrastructure
- Installed 31 miles of fiber
- Delivered seamless reliability and redundancy
- Over 20 community and educational events supported

Community involvement

We loved making friends at the many events this year including: Friends of Music, Pledge the Pink, July 4th events, and New Year's Oyster Roast.



Many
happy
installs



Big investments

Delivering the fastest Internet on the island, Hargray's fiber network includes a back-up microwave from the water tower to the mainland and generators to ensure service reliability.

Contact us at hargray.com/fripp/
843.686.5062



Spring Maintenance Suggestions

Spring is right around the corner. It is time to think about performing maintenance on the exterior of your home. A little hard work today will help your home look its best and give you peace of mind so you can enjoy time relaxing on the island. Here are a few suggestions to help organize your spring maintenance.

1. Install new batteries in smoke alarms & carbon monoxide detectors
2. Test & dust all detectors
3. Schedule air conditioning inspection
4. Check fire extinguishers
5. Clean gutters, check for leaks & make sure they're attached securely
6. Clean & seal deck– if needed
7. Check foundation for cracks & leaks
8. Check siding & masonry for damage & schedule repairs
9. Check exterior paint & touch up as needed or maybe paint a new color?
10. Repair/replace damaged window screens and porch screens
11. Does the house and driveway need power washing?
12. Inspect caulking around windows– if cracking re-caulk
13. Check roof for damage & schedule re-roofing if needed
14. Check sprinkler and irrigation systems
15. Remove winter debris from your yard.
16. Prepare the lawn for spring flowers.

If you need a contractor to help with these items a list of service providers can be found on frippislandliving.com. This list is composed of contractors that have purchased a pass to work on Fripp Island. This list is not a recommendation from the FIPOA it is simply a tool to assist property owners.

Thank you for doing your part to keep our island looking its best.

**Note: for exterior repairs or painting, please contact the ARB for a permit before performing work.*

NATURE

Hummingbirds (*cont.*)

to keep the mixture from fermenting and producing a toxic alcohol. A store-bought mixture can be used or one can be made at home using 1-part refined sugar to 4 parts water. The homemade mixture should then be boiled and cooled, and any extra should be refrigerated. As mentioned before, hummingbirds are attracted to bright colors



such as red and orange. However, food coloring is not necessary in the mix and can be potentially harmful. There is no solid research to prove or disprove this, so it's best to avoid using it all together. As long as you have a bright colored feeder, the birds will be attracted.

One common concern people have about using hummingbird feeders is delaying the migration of hummingbirds by leaving their feeders up too long. However, there is no need to worry, as hummingbirds are stimulated by the photoperiod for migration, not food availability. This means they are genetically programmed to head for the tropics when the length of the days fall shorter, not when food supplies run low. Thus, feel free to provide a clean food source for these critters as long as you'd like!

Viewing and photographing these beautiful birds is a great pastime. Their beautiful coloration and quirky flying make for a great sight and attracting them to your yard can be fun and easy. However, it is still important to remember to provide them with a safe, clean food source that is out of reach of cats and dogs. It is also important to note that according to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918, the possession of any migratory bird is illegal, which includes ruby-throated hummingbirds. If an injured hummingbird is found, it is important to find a wildlife rehabilitator as soon as possible to treat its injuries. If one strikes your window, place it in a dark, cool area such as a box. If the bird does not appear better and is not able to fly away within an hour, contact a wildlife rehabilitator near you for further treatment. Transporting them to a licensed wildlife rehabilitator is important because it is illegal to keep wildlife for more than 24 hours. If you have any questions about wildlife rehabilitators in the area or what to do with an injured bird, contact the Fripp Island Activity Center at 843-838-1516.

Kaylee Lyon graduated from Unity College in December with a BS in Biology and a minor in Ecology. Prior to working at Fripp, Kaylee worked as an avian rehabilitation intern at the Vermont Institute of Natural Science where she worked with all sorts of birds including owls, hawks and wading birds. (Photo at Alligator Project below.)

Head Naturalist Updates

Megan Grams, Fripp Island Head Naturalist

Dolphin ID Project Update:

The dolphin ID project has proved quite the challenge the past few months. With all of our weather fluctuations, like changes in temperature, wind conditions, and rain, it has been very difficult to collect good photographic data during the months of December and January. Not only that, but these fluctuations result in changes in dolphin behavior, including



changes in location, making it more difficult to find where the dolphins are moving to, as well as get good scientific data on the individuals we do see. Therefore, I have had to adjust the way I am collecting data during these trickier weather days to doing shoreline observations instead of being out in a kayak or boat to do surveys.

I am looking forward to more consistent warmer days so we can get back on the water to look for dolphins again! If you see any dolphins in the waters around Fripp, you can help contribute data to this project by sending any photos of dorsal fins to

mgrams@frippislandresort.com. Please include an approximate location (GPS location if possible), date/time the photos were taken, and any other information you noticed that you think would be helpful for me in your email. Feel free to contact me if you have questions or want more information about the project at the email address above, by phone at 843-838-1516, or come by the Activity Center!

Native Pollinator Garden Info/Update:

During the past few months, I have been researching native plants and designing a layout for a native pollinator garden next to the Activity Center. At this point in time, we have finished clearing the area and plotting out a numbered grid in the garden space to help better organize which plants go where when it comes time to plant in a few weeks.



I am always in need of volunteers to help with the garden project! Currently, I am looking for people to help me paint bricks for the patio area and lay stones along the border of the garden to prevent erosion while our new plants get established. Additionally, I will need help planting all of our plants this month as well as transporting all 100+ of our plants from Spring Island to Fripp. If you would like to

help with any of the above tasks and are not on my volunteer emailing list, please contact me at mgrams@frippislandresort.com or at the Activity Center phone number 843-838-1516.



Fripp Island Phenology Project

Krista Schmidt, Fripp Island Naturalist Intern

The purpose of this project is to document where native plants are located on Fripp Island and record when and for how long they flower. If carried out over multiple years, these data may show if and how climate change is affecting the phenological patterns of our native plants. The timing of flowering not only affects the plants on the island, but also the animals that use these plants. The first step in this project is finding where plants are so that we can monitor them.

This is where you come in! If you see one of the plants listed at this weblink (<http://bit.ly/plantsoffripp>), please send an email to knschmidt@ucdavis.edu with the name of the plant you think it is, and either the GPS points, or a physical description of the area. Thank you in advance for your help in this project!

Plants we are currently monitoring:

Spring:

- Yaupon holly (April to May)
- Wax myrtle (March to April)

Summer:

- Sea oxeye daisy (June to August)
- Eastern prickly pear (June and July, flowers bloom only one day)
- Gulf Croton (May to June)

Both:

- Saw palmetto (April to July)
- Beach pennywort (April to August)



Yaupon holly



Gulf Croton



Eastern prickly pear



Krista received a degree in Wildlife, Fish and Conservation Biology and a minor in Landscape Restoration from the University of CA, Davis. She loves learning about different ecosystems which is what brought her across the country to Fripp.

Fripp Island Shark Tagging Project:

Kristina Flanigan, Fripp Island Naturalist Intern

Starting this summer, Fripp Island is partnering with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through their Apex Predator Program to tag the sharks around Fripp. At least five species (sandbar sharks, fine toothed sharks, black tipped sharks, Atlantic sharpnose sharks, and scalloped hammerheads) use the estuarine waters off of South Carolina's coast as a pupping ground. We are working as volunteers of the Cooperative Shark tagging program to deploy "M tags" and record the type of shark it was attached to in order to better monitor the species present.



Kristina is a senior from Bowling Green State University in northwest Ohio. She is studying Marine Biology and Environmental Science. She has a passion for Shark Science and Conservation which has brought her to Fripp and the southeastern coast; a hotspot for small shark species.

Understanding the presence and movement of apex predators like sharks has been shown to be critical to keeping ecosystems healthy. It would also give naturalists and other key wildlife figures a better understanding of what population lives in these specific tidal marshes and how to more effectively manage them.

We need your help though! **If you are a recreational fisherman, please keep your eye out for these tagged sharks. If you recapture a tagged shark it would help us out a lot if you reported your recapture to NOAA by calling 877-826-2612.** Recapture information should include the tag number of the shark, your location, date caught, and sex of the shark. Please take photos of the shark you caught and send those to FrippIslandInternProjects@gmail.com along with a brief description of where you caught it and when. Thank you for your help and tight lines to all!

Fripp Island Alligator Photo Catalog

Kaylee Lyon – Fripp Island Naturalist Intern

Starting in February 2020, Fripp Island will be starting an alligator photo-ID survey, and you are welcome to participate! This survey will help keep track of our scaly neighbors as a population and as individuals. By doing a photo identification survey, understanding the population and behaviors of the alligators on this island will become possible on a bigger scale, as well as open doors for future research.

You can help by submitting your gator photos to frippislandinternprojects@gmail.com. Be sure to include only photos taken on and after February 1st, 2020, in addition to



A Fripp Island Alligator

Photo provided by Fripp Island Resort

information like location (with GPS coordinates if possible), time, temperature, how many other gators you could see nearby, and whatever other information you think may be helpful for our study.

Always be sure to keep a safe distance of 30 feet or more from alligators and do not approach the waters edge. Please be respectful of our scaly neighbors and give them their space! Do not attempt to touch or feed the alligators for your safety as well as the alligators' safety. Please email the address above or visit the Activity Center or call 843-838-1516 for more information.



Kaylee Lyon

LIFESTYLES

Fripp Island Friends of Music presents Rebecca Folsom on Sunday, March 22, 2020

Rebecca Folsom is a singer/songwriter, a folkie, a rocker, a poet and a visual artist. She has been described by the Denver Post as a “sultry vocalist.” Westword Magazine writes, “Like Susan Tedeschi, Folsom shares a blues bent and vocal prowess.” “Her songs hit like little earthquakes.” Her music takes you from exquisite ballads to uplifting acoustic rock grooves -- taking full advantage of her near-four octave vocal range. KUNC Radio says, “Rebecca and her band effortlessly take you from the most tender of ballads to knock-you-to-your-knees blues.”



Throughout her 20+ year career, she has performed on BBC radio and television in Northern Ireland, Nashville’s Bluebird, Opryland, and Tin Pan South stages, New York’s Bitterend and Falcon Ridge Music Festival, Kerrville Folk Festival in Texas, and Colorado’s Rocky Mountain Folks Festival and Red Rocks Amphitheatre, among many others.

Admission for this and all FIFOM concerts is included with Membership. Or come to the door of the Community Centre prior to 5:00 PM with cash or a check: adults \$30, students and children free via the Peg Gorham Memorial Fund. You can call Vanessa Peñaherrera at 704-807-0255 for seat reservations or with questions. All are invited to a catered "Meet-the-Artist" reception that follows the performance.

This concert is presented by Fripp Island Friends of Music and supported in part by the SC Arts Commission. Your membership, advertising, and attendance help sustain FIFOM’s charitable Music-in-the Schools Program. See frippfriendsofmusic.com for more info, including history and artist archives.

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE



February 28, 2020

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through February 28th each year.

SOLD as of February 28 th	2018	2019	2020
Homesites	1	1	16
Condos	1	2	30
Homes	<u>4</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>73</u>
Total	6	9	119

AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	2018	2019	2020
Homesites	\$25,000	\$395,000	\$109,933
Condos	\$123,000	\$121,750	\$187,085
Homes	\$550,000	\$476,285	\$439,374
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$229	\$217	\$203
Homes avg. days on market	371 days	299 days	311 days

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

UNDER CONTRACT as of February 28th

	2018	2019	2020
Homesites	2	2	1
Condos	2	4	3
Homes	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>
Total	15	12	10

NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on February 28th

	2018	2019	2020
Homesites	111	123	132
Condos	33	44	25
Homes	120	125	114



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To “Smart” or Not to “Smart”

Carl Koellman

In case you have been under a rock the past few months, you might have missed that Windows 7 updates are no more. As of January 14, 2020, security updates stopped. So, if a security flaw is discovered, Microsoft will not issue fixes. It’s time to retire your old Windows 7 machine and upgrade both your hardware and software. Windows 10 is the way to go.

People with Apple Mac PCs are not immune to obsolescence. If you have a MacBook, MacBook Pro, MacBook Air, iMac, Mac Mini or a Mac Pro that was manufactured before 2009 or in some cases before 2010, you cannot upgrade the operating system to current levels like “High Sierra” or 10.3. If you are in the Apple world, it’s time to upgrade your hardware. Either stick with Apple, or go with a Chromebook, or switch to Windows. Individual circumstances will dictate the path you take.

Here’s what I currently have installed in my office. My daily working machine is a Dell laptop XPS 15, with 32GB memory and a 250GB solid-state drive. It’s running Windows 10 version 1909 (the latest as of this writing). A tower PC sits on the floor with roughly ten terabytes of disk space. I use it to store video and music files and do heavy downloading and uploading of data. Sitting on a small table next to the desk is a NAS or Network-Attached Storage device. Huge files are stored there like Dell laptop backups and movie files. It also runs the PLEX software, which allows the streaming of movies to my TV in the living room. If you have many local video files and movies, PLEX is a super handy way to stream them to your TV and other devices.

Tying it all together is a wired and wireless network anchored by an ASUS wireless router. I use the home’s electrical wiring to extend my wired network to the living room TV with TP-Link Powerline extenders. Under the TV is another router providing wireless coverage



downstairs. In contrast, Hargray offers wireless extenders that do the same thing. Who knows? Comcast might provide it too at some point with their switch to digital and rolling out their new Xfinity X-1 platform.

I also have an iPad Pro which I use to check out things Apple-related. There a couple of older laptops that get fired up occasionally to test out patches, upgrades, and other chores. Music comes from the Spotify streaming service and output to two Sonos 1 speakers and a Sonos subwoofer. The TV has a Sonos soundbar for better sound.

Plans for the future? I don’t know. Maybe some more network-attached speakers for different parts of the house. I haven’t gotten interested in remote control/monitoring hardware and software, like smart lighting or controlling home equipment via voice. There’s one exception. I have a smart clock in the bedroom, which I can talk to: “Hey Google, play ‘Here Comes the Sun’ by the Beatles.” I like that.

That’s it for now. Remember the following: **“Automation may be a good thing, but don’t forget that it began with Frankenstein. – Anonymous”**

2020 4th of July Theme Announced: “It’s Summer Olympics!”

Alissa Murrie, Director of Marketing, Fripp Island Resort

We know you’ve been waiting to find out this year’s 4th of July theme. Since this is an Olympics year, we thought we would bring them here to Fripp Island. **“It’s Summer Olympics!”** Maybe you want to be an opening ceremonies production driving your golf cart down the road, or maybe you have a favorite sport to show off. If you don’t have a favorite, maybe you have a great one in mind that SHOULD be



an Olympic sport. Some of our summer activities will even go along with the Olympic theme– like a Camp Fripp Day.

Since the Fourth is on a Saturday this year, we’re splitting up some of your favorite activities. The golf cart parade and kids carnival will be on Friday, July 3rd and the fireworks will be on Saturday, July 4th. Kids inflatables will be available Friday through Sunday, and the Arts & Crafts Show will run Thursday to Sunday.

However you want to decorate your carts and celebrate, warm up, get in shape and show up!



ISLAND SPORTS



Nine-Hole Men's Golf League

Mike Wilt

Mother Nature tried its best to disrupt play, but the Men's Nine-Hole Golf group was able to play seven out of eight Wednesdays in the January and February time period. Games during the period included Points for Par, Two Low Net, Team Stableford, One Low Net, One Low Gross and Flags.

Winners during the period were John Dunphy – three times; Mike Virostek, Leiter Doolittle, Rick Stein, Jim Click, Shelby Nussbaum and Frank Golden – twice; and Perminder Bindra, Bob Smith, Steve Schnobrich, Mike Wilt, Dave Moore, Don Dashiell, Tom Hunter, Richard Ward, Frank Davis and J. Clark – once each.

The group will play at Ocean Creek Golf Course in March with a new starting time of 9:00 AM and will return to Ocean Point in April. There are approximately 40 members of the group currently. The annual dues are only \$15 per year. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/.

The annual banquet for the Men's Nine-Hole Golf League will be on Friday, April 17, 2020. The banquet will be held at the Beach Club. There were a number of men from the nine-hole group that attended a Celebration of Life for Ken Tucker on February 17 at the Creek House. Ken played with the group every chance he could when he visited Fripp, and he will be missed.

ISLAND CLUBS

Fripp Island Women's Club Tour of Homes

The 2020 FIWC Tour of Homes will be held Wednesday, March 18, 2020, between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM. All six homes featured are new to the tour and present a wide variety of styles and locations. While advance reservations are recommended, admission can be paid on the day of the tour. Cost is \$20.00 for FIWC members and \$30.00 for non-members.

Attendees will meet on the day of the tour at the Fripp Island Community Centre for instructions and route maps. Members check in is at 9:00 AM to vote for FIWC 2020/2021 officers, and non-member check in is at 9:30 AM.

Reservation cash or checks written to FIWC, can be delivered to Debbie St. John, 902 Moss Cove, Fripp Island. Please note your name and whether you are a FIWC member.



ISLAND CLUBS *CONT.*

Women's Club Bingo & Barbecue Benefits Hopeful Horizons

Hopeful Horizons, Beaufort County's children's advocacy, domestic violence prevention and rape crisis center, was the beneficiary of \$4325 which was raised by the Fripp Island Women's Club Bingo, Barbeque and Hopeful Horizons event on Friday, February 7. Special thanks goes to all those who attended, to the artists and merchants who donated raffle prizes, to the many residents who were part of the logistics of the evening, to the Outreach Committee for their planning and hard work, and to those who could not attend but sent in checks of support.

At right: Sheila Tindall & Nancy Wingenbach of the Women's Club Outreach Committee present the proceeds check to Kristin Dubrowski, CEO of Hopeful Horizons.



Bingo Master, Brooke Pearson with Laura MacArthur.



Grand Prize Winner, Julia Bridger.



Raffle prizes donated by Fripp Island artists and merchants.



Frippers focusing on Brooke's call for that winning number!

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Rick Marquart

January 1 to February 29, 2020

Commodore's Ball:

Over 120 members celebrated Prom 1965, *A Starry Night*, at Fripp Island High School on January 25th. The “prom” committee, led by Dolf Dunn, did an excellent job turning the Ocean View Sports Bar at the Beach Club into the FIHS gymnasium. The Fripp Island Resort prepared an excellent meal and everyone danced to the sounds of The Headliners from Hilton Head Island. It was great to see the wait staff out on the dance floor as well! After fierce competition (actually, it was a random drawing), Dennis Perrone and Freida Murphy were named prom King and Queen; see picture below. We were all entertained by original prom photos from a few years ago that were submitted by the members! Thank you Janie Lackman and Darryl Zoekler for serving as photographers for the evening. Visit www.FrippIslandYachtClub.com for a complete set of Commodore’s Ball photos!

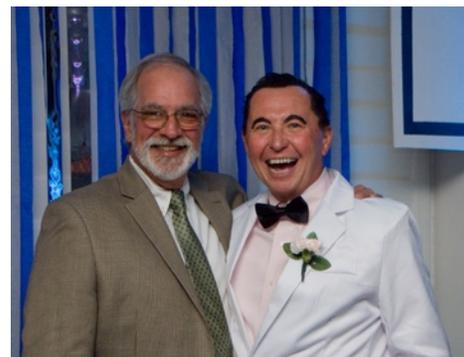


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ISLAND CLUBS *CONT.*

Fripp Island Yacht Club *(cont.)*

More Commodore's Ball Photos



On the Horizon

March 21st – Lowcountry Boil at the Community Centre

April 16th – Boat Inspection at our Marina and a Fish Fry at Dataw

May 8th – Savannah River Lunch Cruise

Become a Member! Schedule of Events, membership application, and sign-up information for upcoming events are all available on our website www.FrippIslandYachtClub.com.

Get Involved! Members can volunteer to help plan events, take photographs or fill leadership positions.

For FIYC questions contact any of the Board Members listed on the first page of our web site.

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

BOATING & FISHING

“Come On Spring!”

Captain Ralph Goodison

The Annual Fripp Island Thanksgiving Kids Fishing Tournament not only caught 92 kids, but also great fish catches as well. The Black Friday Tournament started with cool weather, but the kids (boys and girls 3-15 years old) warmed up fast, with great catches of fish. The kids were treated to plenty of prizes and food.

I think we all hope that our famous groundhog Punxsutawney Phil is correct, and our spring is around the corner. Winter fishing, boating, and sports were on vacation, and we are ready for spring. The few days that were pleasant produced good fishing and pleasant beach days. All of that is about to change with our promised good weather.

INSHORE: Redfish, Trout, Whiting, and Black Drum – FAIR and Improving. Flounder – Showing.

NEAR SHORE: WRECKS, 6HI, Reefs. Earlier this year Captain George on “Miss Lea” could only catch big 30+ lbs. Red Snapper throw-backs, they were feasting on our other fish. Fun, but no take-home eating. Currently, Blackbass, large Redfish, and Sheershead around structure – Fair.

OFFSHORE: Not many reports, but Kingfish – Fair.

I know we are all waiting for that good Spring weather that is around the corner. This year we are adding to the Memorial Two Day Tournament, Labor Two Day Kingfish Tournament, October Inshore Tournament, the Thanksgiving Kid's Tournament, and a New, Get Ready, July, Crab Tournament, mostly for kids big and small catching, How to Cook, Clean and Eat.

“ENJOY FRIPP IT'S NOT PERFECT, BUT IT'S CLOSE”



Winter redfish fishing is good off Fripp for this Ohio Buckeye. Sorry, too big to keep.



A good catch of Sheepshead for this Georgia fisherman. He was lucky Captain George did the cleaning... he will do the good eating!



Beaufort fishermen know the secret fishing spot on Fripp.

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BOATING & FISHING *CONT.*

Captain Ralph's Cooking Corner – SEAFOOD CHOWDER

1. 4 or 6 or 8 cans Campbell's Chunky White Chowder. Put into a blender, chop, then put into a slow cooker or crockpot.
2. Cut-up small pieces most any fish. Add any or all: frozen or fresh peeled shrimp, scallops, can of clams; and if you have a few oysters and/or clams in the shell, toss them in.
3. Chop, add mushrooms, seafood seasoning, garlic, salt & pepper to taste.
4. Slow cook and get ready for some GREAT EATING!



A picture from last year on our Fripp Island Beach
_ thousands of Starfish

SEA RESCUE



Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report

Michael Beach – FISR Communications Officer

Rescue Mission Activity

January 1 – March 1

There has been one Rescue Mission since our last report on December 31, the first Mission of the New Year.

January 15, 2020: – At 4:00 PM, Angie Diemont on Base Duty received a page from 911 dispatch reporting a car off the roadside, into the water. Two people were involved, but now were on land. Angie agreed with dispatch that Fripp Island Sea Rescue assistance would not be required, and we could stand down. Bill Moore was on Boat Duty, but no boat launch was required.

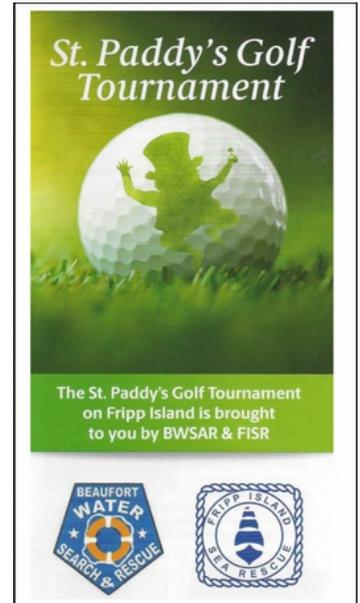
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Volunteer Rescue Members in Training

Response to our request for new volunteers was outstanding and both class-room and on-the-water training is underway for a dozen new members. Six training sessions will be completed by May so new Members may be assigned Duty before the busy season of late spring and summer. As Members become proficient in FISR Base and Boat Duty requirements they will start joining experienced Members on Missions.

St. Paddy's Day Golf Tournament – March 14

Our 17th Annual St. Paddy's Day Golf Tournament is on Saturday, March 14. Always a great event with Silent Auction, Golf for 28 teams, and BBQ lunch for the Golfers. Teams from Fripp, Beaufort, and around the county compete. Next year our Tournament will be the week of St. Paddy's day, 2021. See our web site (link below) where Golf winners will be posted later in March.



Helo Training

Once or twice a month, the Coast Guard and Sea Rescue train in and around Fripp Island. Typically, this occurs late in the evening at dusk in the Fripp Inlet. Fripp Island Sea Rescue is one of only a few volunteer organizations that helps the Coast Guard conduct this training— due, in part, to our flexibility in training schedules and the ideal venue of the Fripp Inlet.

Other boats and drones should stay well clear of the area when training is underway.

Fripp residents with questions or concerns when they hear or see Coast Guard helicopters operating in the area, can call Fripp Island Security.

Additional FISR information is on our web site www.fisearescue.org.

**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY
Dial 911 for Beaufort County Dispatch**



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