



TURTLE SEASON 2017

Janie Lackman

Fripp is a magical place all year long but something extra special happens on our island between May and October every year. During this time, our beach is graced with visits from nesting Loggerhead Sea Turtles.

The SC Department of Natural Resources is expecting another big turtle year in 2017, so our team is gearing up for the new season. Below are some things that YOU can do to help our loggerheads and keep our island turtle friendly.

Reminders for Turtle Season:

- Keep our beaches dark - no visible light on the beaches from May until October. This includes flashlights and house or porch lighting.
- Pack in and Pack out - remove all items from the beach every evening
- Give the turtles space - do NOT approach a turtle on the beach
- Remove trash - debris left on the beach may end up in the ocean and prove deadly for our sea turtles or other animals
- Fill in holes. Please fill in holes made and level sand castles above the high tide line each evening before leaving the beach
- Do not walk in the turtle tracks - if you come across turtle tracks in the evening or early morning, please do not walk in these. The tracks help us locate the turtle nest and determine what she was doing on the beach. If turtle patrol has already examined the tracks, they will be marked off with large "X's"

Don't forget you may follow our program on Facebook at [Fripp Island Turtle Team](https://www.facebook.com/FrippIslandTurtleTeam) or online at <http://www.islc.net/~fripplog/>.

We are looking forward to another amazing turtle season this year. Thank you for doing your part to keep our beaches

TURTLE FRIENDLY!

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FIPOA

Splinters from the Board

Board Members Elected for the Class of 2020

Ralph Burchfield – Resident
Mark Draves – Resident
Dennis Kautz – Non-Resident
Carl Koellman – Resident

New Officers Appointed for 2017

Frank Belatti – President
Ralph Burchfield – Vice President
Dennis Kautz – Secretary
Mark Draves – Treasurer

Resolution 753, Second Reading Amended: To Adopt a Policy to Create a Limited Permitting Agreement for Companies to do Business on Fripp Island Beach using FIPOA Access.

Amendments

- A) As the State does not consider for profit services, utilizing motorized vehicles, as essential vehicle use, no motorized vehicles for the purpose of providing for profit services will be allowed on the beach.
B) Authorized vehicles which will be allowed on the beach are those vehicles that are necessary in providing a resource service. Those functions include emergency security, maintenance and DNF services. Access for these vehicles is restricted to designated access points.
C) Additionally, the use of golf carts as mobility devices for handicapped persons or the use of motorized wheel chairs will be allowed on the beach in restricted areas, under OCRM guidelines and accordance with FIPOA rules.

Motion made and seconded to strike section C from **Resolution 753. Passed.**

Motion made and seconded to approve **Resolution 753** as amended. **Passed.**

Resolution 756, First Reading: To Approve repairs to Revetment of Lot 520 Porpoise Drive.

Motion made and seconded to approve **Resolution 756 in one reading. Passed.**

To see the minutes of meetings, go to: frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/



IN MEMORIAM

Steven Richman

Mary Woolley

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Deadline for the July TRAWLER is June 30th

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule
June 10, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the
FIPOA Administrative Office
July 8, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the
FIPOA Administrative Office
(This schedule is subject to change.)
All meetings are open.

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Email addresses will be kept confidential.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT PASSES!!

The Special Assessment to replenish the Reserves, prepare for future disasters, and help fund our capital projects for Shoreline, Roads, Drainage and Grounds passed by a 3 to 1 margin.



There will be an extra \$450 assessment in the 2018, 2019 and 2020 statement.

Thank you to all who believe in the future of our island.

Fripp Island New Owners February 27 – May 6, 2017

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WELCOME

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

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ISLAND SERVICES



CHIEF'S CORNER

Mike Senecal, Chief of Security

Another Prom season has come and gone. I think it went very well. We noticed a marked decline in the number of prom houses this year compared to years past. There were very few incidents involving any high school young adults. I want to thank all of you for your vigilance in reporting suspected houses that may cause trouble; this is an immeasurable aid to the Security Officers. Again thank you from the Security staff.

Our alligator incidents have been on the rise, please stay away from the alligators. This is the time of the year that the small alligators will be displaced by the larger ones in their ponds. The smaller alligators will migrate to bodies of water that they feel safe in, unfortunately, this may mean that you will see them crossing the street, in your back yard, or even the common areas like the beach. Please call Security; we will be happy to come and remove the animal.

The area of Porpoise Drive at the road closure continues to be a problem. Please, if you see anyone beyond the barriers call Security. The stability of the roadway is in question in places, and we do not need any traffic, foot or motorized on the road.

I am sad to report that Officer Quinton Chisolm has resigned. Quinton accepted a position with Beaufort County animal control. He was a valuable asset to the Security Department, he will be missed. Officer Gary Maitland is going from full time to part time. Gary will not be leaving, just cutting back on his hours. The good news is we have hired two well qualified replacements. The first is a young lady Maegan Lizotte. Maegan served five years in the Marine Corps and was assigned at the Marine Corps Air Station. Among Maegan's many accomplishment, she achieved a black belt in the Marine Corps martial arts program. We will also have Frank Ginn joining the department. Frank is retiring from the Marine Corps after 23 years of service. Frank's military occupational specialty was Military Police. As an MP he was assigned as a dog handler, he is also a kennel master, if you need to know about working dogs Frank will be a point of contact. The Fripp Island Security department is lucky to have such talented people joining our ranks.

We are well into our new SLED training; the new syllabus seems to be going well. We also conducted our quality service training, again this went well.

In closing, I would like to remind everybody that if you see something, say something. And if you need to contact me please feel free call me at 843.838.2334, or on my cell phone at 843.263.3307. You can also contact me by e-mail at Security@FrippIslandLiving.com.

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

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



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LIFESTYLES



My New Stuff and Not So New Stuff

Carl Koellman

It's been a while since my last column. A lot has happened since then. I'm now on the Fripp Island Community Centre Board, and on the FIPOA Board. Thank you all for allowing me to service on both boards. I helped author some POA Bylaws changes, looking to add some pizzazz to the Community Centre web site, and struggling to keep the visiting pastors' names straight on the Community Centre billboard. But enough boring stuff.

I have new computer gadgets to play with. First, my laptop was getting long in the tooth. Even with a solid-state drive replacement for the original mechanical hard drive, and maxing out the memory at 8GB, it was struggling to keep up with Windows 10 Pro and a browser handling umpteen tabbed web pages, along with several running applications. So, I got a new laptop, a Dell XPS 9560. It is so much faster.

In a previous column, I mentioned a tower server sitting beside my desk, and just discovered a neat, new Logitech keyboard/mouse combo that wirelessly connects to both laptop and server through a Bluetooth connection. It's called an MK850 Performance combo for under \$100. Now I just press buttons on the keyboard and mouse to switch computers. They each have their own monitors so I didn't

need a KVM switch to run both computers from the same keyboard, mouse, and monitor. Life is good. KVM by the way stands for "Keyboard-Video-Mouse".

Though the laptop wasn't cheap, it's worth it. To make up for the cost, I did some resale shop cruising and earlier in the year found a Dell 24" flat screen monitor for \$35, a Linksys EA6900 wireless N router for \$10, and on the day I wrote this, a Linksys Wireless N Range Extender for \$4. The Extender will let me sit on the back deck overlooking our lagoon and use my laptop. Maybe I'll just enjoy an adult beverage out there instead.

I tell you all this because I've found that computer equipment can turn out to be expensive but worth it, a good fast laptop being one example. Just do your research though. I might do a column on how to research and shop for computer equipment someday. On the other hand, like looking for your favorite author in the used book section of resale shops, finding very usable computer equipment in those same shops at rock bottom prices can make your day. It's like winning a mini-lottery. If the purchase doesn't work out, who cares? It didn't cost that much to begin with.

That's it for now. Until next time, as a technology presenter recently said, have fun storming the castle.



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LIFESTYLES CONT.

Fripp Island Real Estate Update through April 30, 2017

Great news! Real estate sales on Fripp Island have continued to improve year-to-date compared to last year.

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1st through April 30th each year.

SALES	2016	2017
Homesites	2	12
Condos	2	3
<u>Homes</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>27</u>
Total	21	42

AVERAGE SALES

PRICE	2016	2017
Homesites	\$74,250	\$155,633*
Condos	\$103,750	\$98,500**
Homes	\$447,044	\$439,179

*Includes an oceanfront homesite sale at \$890k.

** Consists of 2 Sunsuites and 1 Beach Club Villa

Currently UNDER CONTRACT

Homesites	1
Condos	1
Homes	5

According to Beaufort County MLS on April 30, 2017, there were 258 properties for sale on Fripp Island consisting of 40 condos, 106 homesites and 112 single-family homes.

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ISLAND SPORTS



Mike Wilt

Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Since the last report, the men's group played on ten Wednesdays, and for the most part, very nice late winter and early spring weather greeted us. Games during this time period included; one low net/one low gross, two low net, Powerball two low net, Individual Stableford, Points for Par, and four clubs and a putter.

Individual winners in this time period were Ken Tucker, Ed Smith and Charles Middleton – three times each, Mike Wilt, Jim Price and Carlos Espanza – twice and Mike Virostek, Perminder Bindra, Jim McElwain, Duffy Howard, Danny Atkinson, Rick Stein, Dan Bialas, Wayne Kemmerer, Rusty Prophater, John Dunphy, Tom Hunter, Jim Crysel, Leiter Doolittle, Steve St. John, Dick Briggs and Rick DiSerafino – once each.

Closest to the pin was Ken Tucker and Duffy Howard – twice each, and Mike Wilt, Ed Smith, Leiter Doolittle, Joe Sullivan, Bob Koenig, Shelby Nussbaum, Carlos Espanza, Ron Pointek and Jim Crysel – once each.

The Men's Nine-Hole Championship was held over two weeks, beginning on March 29 at Ocean Creek and ending the following week on Ocean Point. Rusty Prophater and Mike Wilt finished in a tie for first with a net two round score of 66. The winner was determined by a three-hole putting playoff which was won by Rusty.

On April 6th, the Men's Group was invited by the Nine Hole Women's group to play in the Ladies' Invitational. Despite very windy conditions a good group of men participated. Men who shared in the winnings were Steve St. John with the first place group, Joe Sullivan and George Barnett with the second place group, and Ray Atherton and Mike Wilt with the third place group. Lunch was held after the event at Savannah's. The men will host the women in the fall.

The annual banquet that had been postponed from October due to Hurricane Matthew was held on April 7 with 53 persons attending. The group enjoyed a delicious meal at the Beach Club and enjoyed an entertaining talk from Duffy Howard about the state of our group.

In May, the group will play at Ocean Creek, and in June, at Ocean Point. Beginning in May, the starting time has been moved up to 8:30 AM.

There are currently approximately 60 active members in the group. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at <http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>

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ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

Fripp Island Men's Golf Association

Bob Bicknell, MGA President

The MGA is our main men's 18 hole golf group on Fripp Island. We have approximately 110 members and play every Monday throughout the year. We have had a pretty busy spring, and here are the results of our golf tournaments.

On March 13th, we had our men/women invitational, the Winners were Perminder Bindra, Steve McKay, Trudy Crysel & Pat Howard. After the invitational, everyone enjoyed a nice lunch at the Creek House.

The St. Patty's Day Stableford was held on March 20th, the Winners were Bob Pfaffroth, Jay Hillebrand & Max Stubbs. After the Stableford, we had corned beef sandwiches prepared by the Marina.

The MGA's Masters Day Flighted Stableford was held on April 10th. Each Winner received a 2017 Master Golf Hat. Philip Weber, Al Riccio, Rick Keup, Dan Bialas & Charlie Warner. After golf, we all enjoyed a hamburger lunch.

April 17th to 21st was our first major tournament of the year. Flight Championship Winners are pictured here with Golf Pro, Todd Stratton.



Championship Flight Winner Ed Armstrong



1st Flight Winner Bob Jordan



2nd Flight Winner Dave Zanone



3rd Flight Winner Tom Kudwa

ISLAND CLUBS



FRIPP ROCKS!!

Debbie & Steve St. John

Fripp For A Cure is an annual event that brings all residents and non-residents of our community— golfers, boaters, tennis players, fishermen, bridge players and bingo players together for the common goal— to support Keyserling Cancer Center. All moneys raised are used to provide up to date treatments and innovative care for cancer patients in our immediate area without travel to Savannah or Charleston. In the past seven years, more than \$480,000 has been raised by the Fripp community through **Fripp For A Cure** to assist Keyserling in its efforts to stop cancer locally.

2016 was certainly not the best year for Fripp Island or last year's **Fripp For A Cure** campaign. We were water-logged and beat up, but came through our collective ordeals with some changes and adjustments, and have become a stronger community. Last year, even with events cancelled due to conditions on the ground and non-available venues, the Fripp Island community still managed to provide a very generous donation to the Keyserling Cancer Center. (\$80,000 plus)

We are privileged to chair the eighth **Cure** this year. We are retaining the **FRIPP ROCKS!!** theme and are thrilled to have many returning 2016 committee chairmen to create a new "A" team group to move us toward a successful 2017 campaign. In the future, we will be highlighting how this money is helping Keyserling expand the facility, purchase new innovative equipment and expand social service outreach programs.

We look forward to two fabulous fishing tournaments, a golf tournament complete with breakfast and luncheon, and a Friday night **FRIPP ROCKS!!** gala.

Save these dates:

May 25 – 27
August 31 – Sept. 2
October 10

October 13

Memorial Day Fishing Tournament
Labor Day Kingfish Tournament
Fripp for a Cure Golf Tournament at The Creek with awards luncheon at the Beach Club after play.
FRIPP ROCKS!! Gala at the Beach Club.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Steve or Debbie at sanddstjohn@gmail.com or call 843.838.9184. A sponsorship form is on the next page, or you may download a printable PDF ([Click Here](#)). You may also contact any of the committee chairs listed below. We encourage you to participate and make this year's event spectacular.

Fripp for a Cure Team 2017 Chairs:

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Sponsorship Proposal

Keyserling Cancer Center is celebrating its 12th 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 10th, and a Grand Finale Gala on Friday, October 13th.

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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ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

Fripp Island Women's Club *"Through Our Looking Glass to our Past"*

The FIWC has had a very busy and productive past few months. We have been entertained and educated by our guest speakers. Dr. Al Segars of the ACE Basin gave us a history lesson on our waterways and the people who have called the area home. Kim Poovey, an enactress and author, invited us up on her porch and told us stories of Beaufort and its people, from pre Civil War up to the early 1900. Billy Drysdale entertained us at the Christmas luncheon. Olive the Above, gave us the opportunity to enjoy an olive oil tasting. Tim Johnston, a local author, read to us one of his short stories, and talked to us about the art of the short story. To finish off the year at our annual Spring luncheon, Aunt Pearly Sue, an actress, storyteller, and singer, gave a very entertaining presentation on the Gullah people of South Carolina. What a fantastic year! Thank you so much to Kim Mathews and Louise Flynn our co vice-presidents for arranging our monthly programs this past year.

The Women's Club does not just have monthly meetings, we are also a service group. This year we donated children's books to **Born to Read**; participated in **Operation Backpack**; donated money to the St. Helena Library to purchase bikes and helmets for the summer reading program and computer kits; donated money to the **Franciscan Center** to help them help St. Helena residents recover from the hurricane; sponsored **Bingo, Brews and BBQ** and



Aunt Pearly Sue & Kim Mathews



donated all proceeds to **Black Butterfly**, a local organization that brings the arts to underprivileged children in the Beaufort area. We donate to Frripp Island causes as well, the **Community Centre**, **Sea Rescue**, **Turtle Program**, and **Fripp for a Cure**.

This year, we are especially excited about two things that we accomplished. First, the FI Women's Club created a memorial to Pat Conroy in the creation of the "Water is Wide" Scholarship. After a lot more work than was originally thought, we are finally ready to present our first \$1,500 Scholarship this Fall. Second, we are renaming our annual Flu Clinic to the Bonnie Combes Flu and Health Clinic. Bonnie was instrumental in starting

the flu clinic on Frripp Island, so in honor of her work, and with the blessings of her husband, Rich, and Beaufort Memorial Hospital, we are so happy we could honor Bonnie's memory in this way.

If you are on Frripp on the Fourth of July, stop by the Cake Walk. You may win a delicious cake baked by one of our members.

The FIWC invites all women of Frripp to join us next fall, you do not have to be full time to be a member, long term renters are also encouraged to join. See you in October!



FIWC Executive Board 2017-2018

BOATING & FISHING

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

Recent Events

Pub Party at the Community Center – February 17th: The Pub Party was complete with draft beer and fish and chips. Base Captain, Rick Marquart was MC for several rounds of Trivia during this year's kick-off event and prizes with a British theme were awarded to the winning tables.



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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

Cluck and Shuck Party – March 23rd: Oysters and fried chicken were the featured foods and the Cluster Shucks band from Beaufort was the featured entertainment. The weather cooperated and it was a pleasant outing at the Creek House for the 105 members attending.

Boat Inspection – April 6th: Beaufort Power Squadron provided free boat inspections at the Fripp Island Marina to the dozen boats participating this year. Coast Guard inspection stickers were issued to boats passing the inspection.

Blessing of the Fleet and Dataw Fish Fry – April 20th: Our first boating event of the year was a challenge for Fleet Captain, Danny Atkinson, since Dataw– our traditional destination– lost all their docks in Hurricane Matthew. But, since the Dataw Gazebo has been cleaned and repaired it was still our destination, though it required land yachts (autos) to get there. Betsy Hammet, Chaplin, provided the blessing at the Fripp Island Marina and Harold's Catering did a fantastic job, once again, on the fish fry. Wayne Vance, Vice Commodore, and Dan Barton, with their wives, from Dataw Yacht Club joined us.



BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

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.

Upcoming Events

Golf Tournament and Dinner Party – Thursday, May 11.

Overnight Boat Trip – May (dates pending)

Morgan River Sandbar Outing – Tuesday, June 6.

Beaufort Lunch – Thursday, July 27.

Schedule of Events, membership application, and sign-up information for upcoming events and photos from past events on our web site at www.frippislandyachtclub.com.

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



SPRING FISHING IS GOOD and IT'S LOOKING GOOD FOR THE SUMMER

Captain Ralph Goodison

This has been a crazy year, a warm winter with a cold early spring and lots of wind to boot. Hurricane Mathew not only tore our island apart, but it also affected our butterfly migrations, wintering ducks, and many of our shore birds spring migrations as well. Through the cold, wind, and the rain, spring fishing has been good.

The Marina, Excursions, the Boathouse all are open. Rentals are available for warm weather fun. The Fripp Island Resort did a phenomenal job getting thing ready for the season after the damage incurred by Hurricane Mathew.

FISHING FORECAST:

INSHORE: Redfish, Summer Trout, & Whiting– Excellent
Flounder– Good
Blue Crabs– Slow

NEAR SHORE: Sheepshead, Blackbass, & Whiting– Excellent
Spanish– Slow

OFFSHORE STREAM: Blackfinn Tuna, Wahoo– Good
Dolphin & Kingfish– Fair & Improving

DEEP WATER: : Blackbass, Grunt, Trigger– Excellent
Kingfish– Good

Grouper– Fair

Be ready for the big dolphins in the The Annual Fripp Island Memorial Day Tournament. It is set for Memorial Day weekend starting with registration and Captain's Dinner at 6:00 PM on Thursday May 25th.

Fishing will follow on Friday and Saturday May 26th & 27th. On Saturday, the Awards Ceremony and entertainment will take place after weigh-ins. 1st & 2nd prize or Largest catch will be presented for Dolphins, Kingfish, Wahoo, and Spanish. The largest fish of the season are caught at this tournament! If you can't fish, join the festivities. **ENJOY FRIPP!**



Captain Patrick, First Mate Jay & Captain George fishing with Barry Layman owner of *Kobayashi Maru* off Fripp Island with a great catch of Blackfin Tuna, Dolphin & Wahoo. Barry lives in Augusta, GA, and Fripp. The fishing is good around Fripp, and so is the eating.

SEA RESCUE

Sea Rescue Mission Activity

02/16 – 04/29/2017



Michael Beach, FISR Communications Officer

Sea Rescue Mission Activity: There have been four Rescue Missions since February 16.

Thursday February 16: 911 Dispatch paged and advised Michael Beach that boaters were stuck on oyster rake, located 350 yards from the county boat ramp on Station Creek, St. Helena Island. The same boat and boaters had been high and dry at the same location the previous day when Beaufort Water Search & Rescue (BWS&R) responded and boaters were taken by USCG helo to shore. BWS&R responding again and on site. FISR standing by. Report that now Sea Tow boat that was there to tow the boat is also aground in the marsh. Smaller boat requested. Dispatched Mark Draves and Bob Bicknell to R1 and discussed the situation with them and with 911. Spoke with Steve at BWS&R and he advises only a skiff could get close to either boats. We could provide no assistance at this time, and the tide was now going back out. Advised Draves and Bicknell to stand down and advised both 911 Dispatch and BWS&R we were available if needed. No further communication.

Thursday March 30: Report received of a swimmer on a surfboard in trouble received by Stewart deWitt. David Tindall contacted the Fripp Island Fire Department to see if they could reach the swimmer with their jet ski. Initial report was that the surfer was too far out, and Stewart was dispatched to R1. Shortly after dispatch the Fire Department reported that they had been able to reach the surfer and rescue completed.

Friday April 7: Fripp Island Security called Bob Bicknell at 7:10 PM to report that two wind surfers were in distress in the Fripp Inlet between the Ocean Point Golf Course and Hunting Island. Mark Draves and Tee Cooper were dispatched in R1, but could not get close enough to them due to sand bars and surf. Coast Guard was alerted. Ralph Burchfield provided visual assistance from a higher elevation using binoculars. The surfers were able to cross the Hunting Island sand bars and R1 intercepted them and escorted them back in the dark to where they had launched, just north of FI Security gate, by the bridge.

Saturday April 22: At 13:30, 911 Dispatch paged to advise Barry Stean they had a report of a disabled boat in Trenchard's Inlet. Stewart deWitt and Dick Work were dispatched in R1 and found a partially capsized jon boat near the inlet to Skull Creek. No persons were aboard. Beaufort Water Search and Rescue also responded and took the boat in tow as it belongs to one of their members. It was later learned that DNR had been patrolling the area, took the boater back to shore and contacted BWS&R directly to recover the boat.

Training with Coast Guard Helicopter Crew

Training missions have increased as the Coast Guard continues to maintain and upgrade certification for their flight and dive crews.



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SEA RESCUE CONT.

Training with Coast Guard Helicopter Crew *(cont.)*

Most recently we supported daytime missions on April 25th and 26th. The Helicopter crew piloted the craft close to the water over Fripp Inlet and then dropped and recovered divers. Fripp Island Sea Rescue boats stood by in the Inlet for safety. Daylight missions make for great pictures.



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St. Patty's Day Golf Tournament



14th Annual St. Patty's Day Golf Tournament was held March 18. Another successful year for this tournament, with great golfing and wonderful prizes. Funds raised support Sea Rescue operations.

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

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

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