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Hurricane Season is Upon Us

Hurricane season starts June 1st. Now is the time to think through your checklists for securing your property, preparing to leave the island, and planning where you might stay for an extended period if we are unlucky enough to be hit by another hurricane. We hope and pray that we have an uneventful hurricane season. But please prepare now for what we hope will not happen!

With Fripp Island's location as a barrier island, located directly on the Atlantic Ocean, the possibility of our being affected by a severe storm or hurricane is real. The Beaufort County Emergency Management Department (EMD) has the responsibility to keep all residents informed of the status of major storms and evacuation orders as issued by the Governor and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) / Emergency Management Division (SCEMD). These agencies, and thus Fripp Island Property Owner's Association (FIPOA), Fripp Island Public Service District (FIPSD) and the Fripp Island Fire Department (FIFD) use the statewide OPCON Levels to indicate the level of possibility of an emergency or disaster situation.

The OPCON levels will be used in FIPOA e-blasts and on the FIPOA Website Disaster Section to alert you to an impending event. Following are Fripp Island procedures in the event of a predicted storm event and some tips for storm/hurricane preparation. Additional information and telephone numbers can be found at <http://www.frippislandliving.com>.

We hope that you will review this information and keep it handy for reference. Advanced planning and early evacuation are the keys to the safety of you, your family, your pets and your property. You are the primary person responsible for your own safety. Please remember, every occurrence is different. Events may cause the following protocols to be changed without advance notice. It is incumbent upon all property owners to utilize the FIPOA communication links (e.g. website and eblasts) to be informed of



critical information including evacuation notices. Weather apps such as <http://www.wtoc.com/category/324724/download-the-wtoc-weather-app> and <http://wsav.com/weather/app-weather>, as well as <https://weather.com/maps/severealerts> are extremely helpful. Also, NOAA Weather Radios are an all hazards alert radio on the SAME system. They are inexpensive, not cell tower dependent, current and reliable. Should you need help setting up your radio, just stop by our fire station.

A subcommittee of the Disaster and Recovery Committee led by Mike McMahon put together this important hurricane preparedness material for Fripp Island Homeowners. A big thank you to Linda Freeman, Bill Lyman and Amy Baker for their efforts.

Please go to page 9 for preparedness information.

*All materials can be viewed at [Frippislandliving.com](http://frippislandliving.com), under **Hot News**. Print out this information and store it with your hurricane checklists. Additionally, South Carolina will issue the 2018 Hurricane Guide and put it on their website toward the end of May. Go to <http://www.scemd.org/pi/publications>.*

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FIPOA

Splinters from the Board

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IN MEMORIAM

Ronald Matsko



Fripp Island New Owners

February 22 – April 1, 2018

Robert and Wendy Linford – Inman, SC

Scott Housel – Waxhaw, NC

Steve and Virginia Marshall – Blacksburg, VA

Penny Hinton Trustee – Greenville, SC

Katherine Whittingtonx – Ridgeway, SC

Jeffrey and Alison Thomas – Beaufort, SC

Scott and Malena Duval – Fort Lauderdale, FL

Allen and Hannah Casey – Belmont, NC

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

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

Moving to Fripp Island?

frippislandliving.com/owners/owners-resources/owner-information/moving-to-fripp/

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Deadline for the July TRAWLER is June 30th

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

June 9, 2018 – 9:00 AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office

July 14, 2018 – 9:00 AM at the FIPOA Administrative Office

(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

Board of Directors

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Receive notice of minutes and other pertinent information as it happens. Send an email to

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with “add me to the minutes list” in the subject

Or write FIPOA, 225 Tarpon Blvd,

Fripp Island, SC 29920 with your name and email

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

Email addresses will be kept confidential.

Meet the FIPOA General Manager & Chief



The Fripp Island Property Owners Association and the Fripp Island Resort cohosted a welcome party for General Manager, John Marsh, and Chief of Security, Glenn Tabasko.



Property owners enjoyed drinks, food, music and conversation at the gathering.



Notes from the General Manager:

John Marsh

During the time since the last issue, we held the election of new Board members, election of officers, our Annual Meeting, a May Board Meeting where we approved the Hargray agreement, and named Chairpersons to our committees. And that was just the administrative work that has been completed.

I have spent a good deal of time getting up to speed on the work being done on the Beach Accesses and Roads. I would like to thank Jeanne Sargent, Brad Bradley, Ralph Burchfield, Mike Murphy and Bill Lyman for all their help! We will have 27 of the 33 beach accesses completed by the end of June. That will leave a handful to address in the fall. We are getting ready to paint the stripes on key areas of the roads in the next couple of weeks. We will also be having drainage work done at the Fripp Ditch and the outflow at Porpoise.

I have been working closely with Jim Yeager of Earthworx as we focus our efforts on improving the front entrance and other landscaping throughout the Island. I have been meeting with many of the committees to see what their visions are for 2018 and to make sure we are all working together to move things in the same direction. In meeting with these committees, I have learned about the passion our volunteers have for Fripp Island and that is very special. We have also been working on improving our communications with our property owners by sending out weekly emails from me to keep people up to date on the happenings on Island!

We have a lot more plans that will help continue to make Fripp Island a special place. I know I speak for my whole staff when I say we are excited to get going! Jm

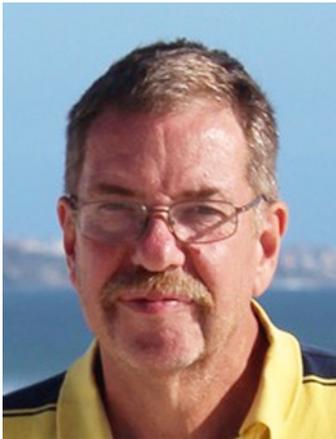


Welcome Class of 2021

Fripp Island Property Owners Association Board of Directors

John Marsh, FIPOA General Manager

I would like to welcome the Class of 2021 Board of Directors and introduce the new and returning members elected in March below. Your current 2018-2019 Board includes: Ralph Burchfield, President; Dennis Kautz, Vice President; Mark Draves, Treasurer, Carl Koellman, Secretary; and members, Kevin Anton, Brad Bradley, Sharon Lawton, Mike Murphy, Don Peel and Tina Turner.



Kevin Anton

Kevin and Irene were born and raised in Connecticut. He enjoyed a 35-year career in the metals and mining business. That career gave them the opportunity to move around and experience different parts of the country. In addition to Connecticut, they have lived in Atlanta, Pittsburgh, and Knoxville, and had a part-time residence in Manhattan while Kevin worked out of Alcoa's New York City office.

In 2014, Kevin retired from Alcoa as Vice President and Chief Sustainability Officer. After retirement, he and Irene started spending more time on Fripp and decided to build a new home. In May of 2017, they completed construction of their new home at 8 Spyglass Lane.

Over the last several years, Kevin has served on four committees for the FIPOA. On the Finance Committee, he took on the project to organize the collection and reporting of the annual budget data. He also served on the Bylaws Committee which reviewed the bylaws and proposed changes that were ratified in 2017. Finally, he also served on the Communication and Governance Committees.

Sharon Lawton

Sharon grew up in Austin, TX and moved to Tioga, TX with her husband, Robert, 27 years ago. They live on Lake Ray Roberts where they enjoy the beauty of the lake and the outdoors. They are active members of the Tioga United Methodist Church. They enjoy many outdoor activities including fishing, boating, and their beach time. They purchased their home on Fripp in 2012.

Sharon worked as a Flight Attendant for Southwest Airlines for seven years. She enjoyed providing quality customer service to passengers and worked side by side with crew members. As part of the crew, she was responsible for the safety and security of passengers and was also very competent in flight and emergency procedures. Sharon also served as a Dental professional for over 25 years. Sharon handled staff hiring, business plans, patient scheduling, and coordinating, accounts payable, receivables and insurance.

Returning to the Board, Sharon served on the Security Committee, and as the Beach Access Parking Committee Chair, Sharon took on the project of Beach Access parking.



Mike Murphy

Mike grew up in North Augusta, SC, and attended Auburn University, graduating in 1971. He and Freida have been married for 48 years. They have two children and five grandsons ranging in age from nine to sixteen. Freida and Mike lived in the Atlanta area in the 1970s and then made Rock Hill, SC their home in 1979. Mike and Freida started visiting Fripp Island in the 1980s and purchased a house in 2000.

Mike's professional career has been in heavy construction for 46 years, specializing as a General Contractor of Water and Waste Water Treatment plants in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina. He is also licensed in Virginia. He worked for a large contractor in Atlanta until 1976 when he joined his father's construction company (founded 1950) which was just getting into the utility construction business in North Augusta, SC. Upon his father's retirement in 1979, Mike moved the Company to Rock Hill, SC.

His son graduated from Auburn in 1997 and came to work for the third-generation company in 2000, taking over as President in 2015. Their work deals with concrete, mechanical, piping, site work, and equipment installation (75% self-performed). Mike is 99% retired.

Mike joined the FIPOA Roads Committee in 2017 and is serving as the chair of the committee this year. His contractor and infrastructure background is a perfect fit. Since joining the committee, he is heading several key projects.

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CHIEF'S CORNER

FI Security Chief Glenn Tabasko

I would first like to thank all the residents of Fripp Island for the warm reception that you have extended to me since my arrival on April 2nd. I feel fortunate to have the opportunity to extend my law enforcement career in such a wonderful place, and among residents and homeowners who are so passionate about the special way of life that is Fripp Island.

My pledge to the residents, homeowners, and visitors of Fripp Island is to deliver security services that are innovative, community minded and integrity driven.

Although I am new to Fripp Island, I am not new to Beaufort County. I have owned a home on Callawassie Island for 13 years, and all three of my children graduated from the University of South Carolina in Columbia. My daughter Melissa and her husband live in Bluffton, and I have my first grandchild due in October.

If I have not had an opportunity to meet you, please stop by the Security Office when you are in the area and say hello. Please let me know your thoughts and suggestions on how our service to you can be improved. If you would like to call, you can reach us at 843-838-2334, or e-mail us at Security@FrippIslandLiving.com.

I would like to extend a special thank you to outgoing Chief Mike Senecal for his assistance making the transition into my new position so pleasurable.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to serve the Fripp Island community. Have a safe and enjoyable summer.

FRIPP ISLAND PUBLIC SERVICE DISTRICT COMMISSION

GENERAL ELECTION November 6, 2018

The Fripp Island Public Service District, created on April 16, 1962 by Act No. 1042 of the South Carolina General Assembly, serves the residents and property owners of Fripp Island, South Carolina. Services include drinking water supply, wastewater collection and treatment, fire protection, erosion control, and maintenance of the Fripp Inlet Bridge.

The Fripp Island Public Service District Commission governs the District. With the successful passage of a referendum by the registered voters of Fripp Island on November 7, 2000, the Commission became an elected body. The first general election was held on November 6, 2001. The six-member commission establishes policies and procedures, approves the annual budget and adopts the necessary utility rates and tax levies to fund the District's operations.

On November 6, 2018, two seats on the Commission will be up for election. The election is non-partisan, and the two candidates receiving the most votes will serve four-year terms.

Individuals interested in serving on the Commission must be registered voters living on Fripp Island. Prospective candidates must file a Statement of Candidacy with the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration. A filing fee is NOT required.

The DEADLINE for Filing is NOON, Wednesday, August 15, 2018.

You may obtain the necessary forms for filing from the District's office located at 291 Tarpon Boulevard or from the Beaufort County Board of Elections and Voter Registration located at 15 John Galt Road, Beaufort, SC.

Anyone having questions regarding candidacy or the election may call the District's office at (843)838-2400 and ask to speak with Angie Hughes or Kim Hinchey.

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PSD Completes Rework of Fripp Inlet Revetment

Rich Combes

The Fripp Island Public Service District (PSD) was created by the SC legislature in 1962, two years after Jack Kilgore and partners bought Fripp Island with plans for a community and golf resort patterned on the Hilton Head model. The PSD was authorized to provide potable water supply, fire protection, wastewater collection and treatment, and erosion control of shoreline beaches. At the time of the PSD legislation, Fripp Island had sand beaches along the oceanfront and along the Fripp Inlet and Skull Inlet shorelines.

Beginning in the late 1960s, beach erosion was becoming an alarming reality. In 1970, the PSD borrowed \$120,000 to build four rock and timber groins on the south beach to control erosion. This expenditure, along with its investment in an island water system, put the PSD in a position of having multi-year debt service that took most of revenue then being collected from water customers and property taxes. As a result, when erosion became severe along the Fripp Inlet shoreline in 1975, the S&L owners of Fripp financed a seawall from the Newhaven complex to 516 Porpoise Drive, investing \$300,000. At that time, the PSD had to limit its role to providing oceanfront lot owners plans for building private rock revetments.

PSD investments on Fripp Inlet shoreline

While not evident today, during Fripp's early development there were waterfront lots and beach along Fripp Inlet from the end of Porpoise Drive to where it turns ninety degrees. Today, most of these lots are underwater, due to erosion. While the seawall built in 1975 has protected 2,250 feet of shoreline from the Inlet mouth, the remaining 2,250 feet along Porpoise Drive was largely unprotected and eroding until 1984 when the PSD first built 1900 feet of rock revetment, costing \$525,000 borrowed with General Obligation bonds. From 1985 to 2018, the PSD has extended the revetment another 300 feet and maintained it by adding rock, sand and filter cloth, as needed, with an additional investment of approximately \$320,000. In Figure 1, the PSD revetment runs along the Fripp Inlet shoreline from the inset with palmettos to where Porpoise turns into the Island.



FIGURE 1

2018 Revetment Restoration from Hurricane Damage

Hurricane Matthew in October 2016 and Hurricane Irma in September 2017 together impacted the PSD-owned revetment significantly. Hurricane Matthew, initially a Category 5 storm, caused waves in Fripp Inlet that overtopped the revetment and scattered rock and sand onto the adjacent road and area; see Figure 2 next page. There were also several breaches in the revetment, where all rock and soil washed away, allowing Inlet waves to reach Porpoise Drive. The PSD did emergency repairs on the breaches, with the work completed by December 2016 and costing \$79,400, later reimbursed by FEMA. A survey of the revetment immediately after Matthew showed that the overall height of the rocks had been lowered significantly, leaving the road and utilities behind the revetment more vulnerable to subsequent high tides and storms.

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Fripp Inlet Revetment *cont.*

The PSD began the process of engineering a restoration and improvement of the revetment to restore the protection of Fripp's shoreline, hiring McSweeney Engineers from Charleston to design a rebuild project. When it became evident that procurement of funding and completion of the rebuild project would extend into the next storm season, the PSD contracted with Roger Wilson Construction to perform more robust repairs to two of the most heavily damaged sections of the revetment, at a cost of \$123,156, paid from PSD emergency reserves. Using the engineer's cost estimate of \$2.3 million to restore the revetment for withstanding future storms and tides, the PSD planned a referendum to ask Fripp Island voters for approval of the GO bond financing needed.

Following a Town Hall meeting for all Fripp property owners, a bond referendum was held August 15, 2017, and the funding for restoring the Fripp Inlet revetment was approved with a "yes" vote by 94% of the voters. Then, less than a month later, Hurricane Irma hit Fripp Island. Fortunately, the emergency repairs made by Roger Wilson Construction after Matthew were effective and there were no new revetment breaches.

The PSD engineers modified design documents for revetment restoration to incorporate changes due to the addition of rock and soil during these post-Matthew repairs (example in Figure 3), and prepared a bid solicitation, with bids of \$1 – 1.5 million expected for procuring and adding 5,000 tons of new rock and completing work by June 2018. Bids were opened on January 15, 2018 and of the eight contractors submitting bids ranging from \$789,000 to \$1.806 million, the contract was awarded to SJ Hamill, Charleston, the low bidder. The PSD hired McSweeney Engineers to provide on-site contract administration and SJ Hamill began work on the revetment the end of February.

SJ Hamill brought the specified armor stone, ranging in weight from 945 lb. to 1,575 lb. per stone, to Fripp with a fleet of 3 trucks. This larger stone added on the front slope and crest of the revetment will stabilize the structure and provide better protection from waves and storm surge. The rock was initially trucked from granite quarries in Trenton, Kershaw, and Columbia, SC, to a storage site on Saint Helena Island. Because the weight limit on both the Harbor River bridge and the Fripp Inlet bridge is 27 tons, heavier trucks could be used for stone transport to St. Helena, with trucks with limited loads bringing the stone to Fripp.

As the revetment work progressed, Angie Hughes, PSD General Manager, followed the progress closely and suggested to the PSD Commission that the finished elevation in the contract be raised with more rock, while the contractor was mobilized. The PSD Commission approved a contract modification to provide 2,000 additional tons of new rock, bringing the total rock added to 7,000 tons and the total contract cost to just over \$1 million, much less than the initial engineer's estimate. While waves from storms and king tides may still overtop the revetment, we believe the erosion control structure has been made much more robust and able to better protect the Fripp Inlet shoreline.

The contractor finished work on April 6, and the PSD and its engineer are very pleased with the work and value of the restoration project. Figure 4 (next page) shows the two sections of PSD revetment after the restoration was complete. You can view a flyover video of the entire finished revetment on the PSD website - <http://fripsd.org/news.html>. The video is courtesy of Fripp homeowner and professional photographer, Darryl Zoekler.

The PSD filed an application for hurricane recovery funds from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) shortly after Hurricane Matthew and will now follow up on that application. The total cost of emergency repairs, engineering and legal fees, and contractor restoration work was \$1.3 million, \$1 million less than the amount authorized by Fripp voters.



FIGURE 2

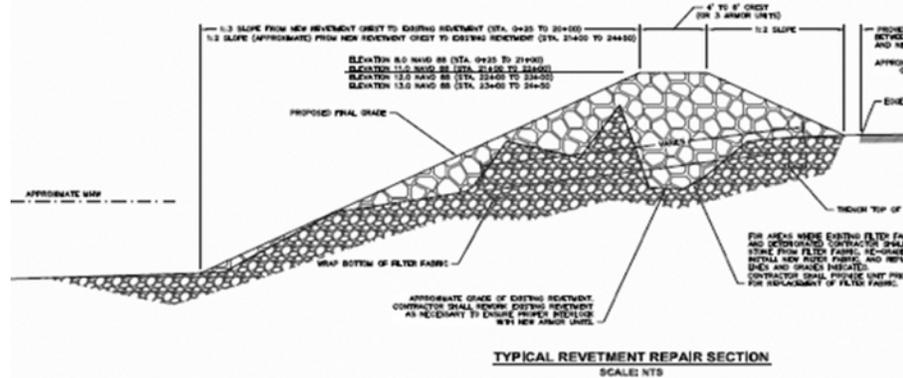


FIGURE 3

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Fripp Inlet Revetment *cont.*



FIGURE 4

The PSD thanks all Fripp property owners for your support and patience during this major project. If you have any questions, please call us at 843-838-2400 or e-mail to contact@fipspd.org.

PSD General Manager: Angie Hughes

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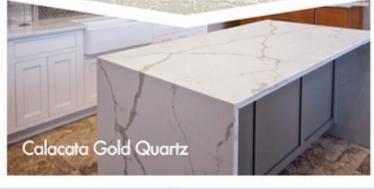
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Be Prepared for Hurricane Season, June 1 – November 30

No Watches/No Warnings: This is our “normal”; that is, the majority of time when there is no impending storm activity. Now is the time to develop your own checklists, both for securing your home prior to the arrival of a storm and personal checklists for what you need to have in an emergency evacuation kit...for you, for family members and for pets. There is a sample checklist at the end of this article, but you need to develop your own list relevant to your specific property. It is recommended that residents who are going to be away from Fripp for extended periods of time during the hurricane season remove all movable objects (e.g. patio furniture, BBQs, hammocks, hanging baskets, etc.) from their decks and yards and store them inside. Items too large to be moved inside, may be strapped or bungeed together to increase wind resistance, but inside is best. Propane tanks should also be turned off. Take these steps before you leave. If you are going to be away during the hurricane season, we recommend that you make arrangements with someone to secure your property in the event of a storm. It is important that your entire property is secured— including both your home and yard. If you plan on using a contractor for storm preparation (installation of shutters, etc.), follow standard protocols for contractors accessing the island. In the event of an emergency or natural disaster, the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office (BCSO) primarily communicates with the public via e-mail and text through its NIXLE alert and advisory system, which links to social media sites: Facebook and Twitter. NIXLE is also the engine BCSO will use to coordinate between governmental and public utility entities in advance of a message being released to the public. Through it, you may receive alerts to your computer, home phone and cell phone. It is recommended that before hurricane season, you subscribe to the NIXLE alert and advisory system to receive up-to-date information from the Beaufort County Sheriff's Office through the BCSO website <http://www.bcsa.net/>. In addition, the sheriff's office has added an alert link to its website where those who have not subscribed to NIXLE can access the same reliable information as those who have.

A Storm is in the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico and the weather service is issuing Storm/Hurricane Watches for areas along the Southeast Atlantic Coast: A Watch means hurricane conditions now pose a possible threat to Fripp Island. You can follow predictions for the projected path of the hurricane at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>. Now is the time to pull out your checklists for securing your property and gathering together the papers, valuables, medicines, food, water, etc. Now is the time to consider just where it is west of I-95 that you plan to shelter in the event you leave now or later. Remember— the closer we get to a storm's arrival, most of the rooms in nearby inland jurisdictions will have been booked by utility companies in their advance planning to bring emergency crews to the coastal area. You have to assess your personal comfort level and tolerance for

risk. If you're feeling worried, stressed and anxious or if you have elderly or infirm members in your household, this is the time for you to strongly consider implementing your personal evacuation plan. Secure your home and property, pack your bags and leave! If you do, you will still be able to choose your own route of travel. Once the Governor issues an evacuation order your evacuation route is predetermined; there is no choice, you will follow the direction of travel that authorities dictate. Anyone who requires “special assistance” during an evacuation should make arrangements with family or friends to leave at this stage for the availability of necessary support and transportation during evacuation. Fripp Island Security, FIPOA, and FIR cannot be responsible for finding transportation for residents, guests and/or pets, or for securing your property during an evacuation or for helping you pack your car.

Hurricane Warning in Effect for Fripp Island and Surrounding Areas: It is now likely that the hurricane will hit Fripp Island and surrounds. There are wind and storm surge watches and advisories. There is speculation as to whether the Governor will mandate evacuation. It is looking more serious. Keep in mind that time parameters may compress and the hurricane may change direction. By now you are feeling pretty uncomfortable about what's coming. If you completed your property preparation and packed your evacuation kits, you could leave now! If you do, you will still be able to choose your own route of travel.

An Emergency Evacuation Order Has Been Issued: The Governor has issued a Mandatory Evacuation Order. Depending on weather and tide conditions, seas may be rising and the Sea Island Parkway (Rte. 21), the ONLY WAY OUT, may soon be underwater! Though the hurricane may be hundreds of miles away, its effects may soon make evacuation impossible. It's pointless to delay your departure even one more minute! The lives of you and your loved ones are more precious than anything else you can do at this time to protect your property! GO! In this event, FIPOA employees, board of directors, security personnel and committee members will be involved in preparations necessary to secure the Island. Therefore, security and staff will not be able to assist you in preparing for the storm or packing to leave. All of these people have predetermined jobs to perform in order to secure the Island and its equipment. If an evacuation order is issued, Fripp Island Resort facilities will be secured and all FIPOA and PSD employees will be evacuated. If an evacuation is ordered FIPOA staff will issue an e-blast to all property owners on the system FIPOA staff will post notice on FIPOA website (www.fipoa.org) Compliance with the Governor's evacuation order will be in your best interest. FIPOA, FIFD AND FIPSD strongly recommend an early evacuation. As stated above, if you have waited until an evacuation is ordered by the Governor, you must use the mandatory evacuation routes established by Beaufort County EMD. Fripp Island property owners should be aware that under

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an evacuation order, Fripp Island Security, as well as Fire Department and Rescue Personnel will leave the Island. Some residents may have chosen to stay without the knowledge of Security during the last evacuation. An evacuation ordered by the Governor means you must evacuate. If you decided not to leave, you MUST notify Security that you are not leaving and where you will be on the Island. The information will be provided to our designated representative at the Beaufort County Emergency Operations Center. If you decide to remain on the Island and then change your mind, the County emergency team will not come to rescue you. You should be gone by now. If not, you are entirely on your own. In addition to no security, there will be no electricity, water or sewer. There will be no fire department or emergency services. Access to or from the Island by road may be impossible for days, or should the bridges be severely damaged or destroyed, weeks or months and maybe years.

RE-ENTRY TO BEAUFORT COUNTY & FRIPP ISLAND:

Owners should make arrangements expecting to be gone for several days to a couple of weeks, and if the bridges are severely damaged or destroyed, even significantly longer until FIPOA, Fripp Island PSD, and Fripp Fire Department can return, evaluate damage, clean up the roads for re-entry, assure fire and security protection and water and sewer availability. There will be no reentry until those services are available. The Governor, in consultation with Beaufort County Emergency Preparedness personnel, will decide when re-entry to Beaufort County is appropriate. The Beaufort County sheriff's office will determine when reentry to the barrier islands such as Fripp is appropriate. FIPOA will then determine when residents can return to the Island. We will not re-open the Island until all essential services are back on-line.

Status of the Condition of the Island: To the extent that it can be determined by FIFD, Security, and PSD personnel with early entry passes, conditions will be posted on the FIPOA website and broadcast once or twice a day by e-blast per *Fripp Island Property Owners Association Storm Emergency Procedures and Preparedness - 5/5/17*. Do not rely on social media.

Preparation Checklist: Here are some recommendations on what you ought to do to prepare.

Long Before the Need Arises

___ Download an application to your smartphone that can notify people where you are, and if you need help or are safe. The Red Cross has a Hurricane App (available in the Apple App Store & the Google Play Store). A First Aid app is also available.

___ Install, if wanted, hurricane shutters, or store 5/8" plywood for boarding up windows. Another options is a #M film product: http://www.3m.com/3M/en_US/company-us/all-3mproducts/-/3M-Impact-Protection-Attachment-Systems?N=5002385+3292716669&rt=rud.

___ Go over the evacuation plan with the family, and learn alternate routes to safety.

___ Have a current inventory of household property. Taking a video or detailed photographs of your home and the items in it is a great way to do an inventory.

___ Make a list of items which you want to take with you if you have to evacuate. Include passports, Social Security cards, birth certificates, insurance policies and driver's license.

___ Make a checklist of clothes to take with you – maybe for more than one season.

___ Make arrangements to take or find a safe place to store important papers such as Tax papers, House deed, Legal documents, Marriage license.

___ During Hurricane season maintain a full tank of gas in all cars. Cars left at ground level may be flooded and destroyed, so it is best to evacuate them. Gas may not be available for hundreds of miles.

___ Keep yard clear of debris.

___ Clear gutters of debris.

___ Remove branches that overhang within 15 feet of roof and chimney.

When a Watch Has Been Issued

___ Call and make reservations. Ask latest time at which they may be cancelled, you don't know how long you are staying.

___ Secure yard items (patio furniture, BBQs, etc.) inside an exterior closet or the house if they can be picked up by the wind.

___ Items too large to be moved inside, may be strapped or bungeed together to increase wind resistance, however, inside is safer.

___ Store the important papers listed above in a safe water-tight container.

When Evacuating

___ Pack items in the refrigerator and freezer in coolers to take with you.

___ If leaving items in the refrigerator or freezer, turn the refrigerator to its coldest setting in case power goes off. Keep in mind that in all likelihood the power will go off and these items will spoil.

___ Inform friends and relatives of where you are going.

___ Backup computer hard drives on external hard drive that can be brought with you when you evacuate, or backup to the cloud.

___ Unplug all appliances other than refrigerators and freezers and electronics before you leave.

___ Turn off the circuit breaker to the hot water heater particularly if you are shutting off the water so that it does not run dry, but even if not, why pay for something you are not using.

___ If possible turn off the water before leaving.

___ Turn off the gas.

___ Turn off the sprinkler system.

___ Turn HVAC to energy saving settings.

___ Turn off the electric if you have emptied your refrigerator and freezer, and are not going to leave your HVAC operating.

___ Follow local law enforcement evacuations and evacuate if ordered and stick to marked evacuation routes, if possible.

LIFESTYLES

Columbarium Receives TLC through Generous Endowment

Don and Sally Brink

The Fripp Island Columbarium, which is adjacent to the Community Centre, was built in the early 1990s so that people who loved Fripp would have the option of having their ashes interred on the island. Given its age and exposure to the elements, the Columbarium has been in need of some extra care and attention to the lawn and landscaping.

Sharing similar concerns about the place they plan to be interred, Fripp Island residents, Thomas and Susan Bisanz, approached the Community Centre Board. We are delighted to announce that with a generous endowment from the Bisanz', the needed renovation has begun and will continue through 2018.

Phase One, completed at the end of April, included removal of old plant material, amendment to the soil, an overhaul of the original sprinkler system, and sanding and painting the beautiful gate. Next, new plant materials were installed and will be augmented as seasonal material becomes available. Finally, the falling water of the new slate water feature completes the meditative tone.

Perpetual care of the Columbarium is part of the Bisanz' endowment. We have engaged an organic company to feed and refurbish the grass, and a lawn service to mow and do bi-weekly upkeep.

We are extremely grateful to Jay Weidner for his expertise in design and plant selection for our unique haven. We also want to thank Dan McCormick for structuring the agreement, and our planting crew, Barbara and Pat Cotter, and Frank and Peg Fina.

Please stop by and see our "work in progress." If you have any questions about the renovation or would like to know more about purchasing a niche, our email is dsbrink121@gmail.com.

Church on the Beach

We are very excited to share the good news of

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Memorial Day Weekend through July 8th.

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LIFESTYLES CONT.

FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE through April 30, 2018

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

SALES as of April 30:	2017	2018
Homesites	12	6
Condos	3	5
Homes	27	19
Total	42	30

According to Beaufort County MLS on April 30, 2018 there were 282 properties for sale on Fripp Island consisting of 36 condos, 117 homesites and 129 single-family homes.

For more information please contact:
Charles Patty, Broker In Charge
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Properties UNDER CONTRACT As of March 31:

	2017	2018
Homesites	2	3
Condos	4	3
Homes	10	17
Total	16	23

AVERAGE SALES PRICE	2017	2018
Homesites	\$155,633	\$128,667
Condos	\$ 98,500	\$185,800
Homes	\$439,179	\$556,632
Homes:		
avg. per sq. ft.	\$ 208	\$ 223
avg. days on market	484	446

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

St. Francis Center Migrant Workers Donations

Rita and Harry James Merrill

Sisters Marcine and Canice are again preparing for the arrival of migrant workers who will come to pick the tomato crops. Some come alone; others with small children. All with needs to be met.

The workers are paid each week for the amount of tomatoes picked. If it rains, picking cannot be done and they are not paid. Our help is needed to assist them until their first paycheck is received.

The sisters, with the help of volunteers, prepare and distribute 300 boxes of food. Each box has enough food for one week, and also includes tennis shoes, towels, washcloths, and hygiene products.

It is, and always has been, the generosity of Fripp Island friends that allows sisters Canice and Marcine to continue this charitable ministry.

Please help us in filling these boxes. Each box is \$30, which is tax deductible. In addition, an anonymous Fripp Island benefactor will match up to \$5,000.

Checks should be made payable to "The St. Francis Center" and dropped off or mailed to:

Rita Ann Merrill or Harry James Merrill
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Fripp Island, SC 29920 Fripp Island, SC 29920

OR
The St. Francis Center
PO Box 682
St. Helena Island, SC 29920

Your donation is sincerely appreciated!

White Wine Cake

Donna Cosola

What can go wrong when you combine two of my favorite things – white wine and cake! Thank you to my friend, Carol Rogers, for this delicious recipe.

Preheat oven to 325 degrees.

Ingredients:

For Cake

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 1 small pkg instant vanilla pudding mix
- ¾ cup water
- ¾ cup vegetable oil
- 4 eggs
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- 2 tsp cinnamon
- ½ cup white wine
- ½ cup finely chopped pecans

For Glaze

- 1 stick butter
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup water
- ½ cup white wine

Combine all cake ingredients, except the pecans, in a bowl and beat together well. Spray Bundt pan with non-stick spray. Sprinkle nuts all around pan. Pour batter over nuts.

Bake for 1 hour at 325.

About 15 minutes before the cake is done, prepare the glaze. Melt butter, sugar, and water. Bring to a boil for 3 minutes, then remove from heat and add wine. Pour ½ glaze on the cake when you remove it from the oven. Let the cake cool for 15 minutes in the pan. Then turn it out onto a plate and pour on remaining glaze.

This is a VERY moist cake.



Android Phone Home (Safely)

Carl Koellman

I'm dedicating this and the next column to smartphones and how to protect them. Not from dropping them in your Bloody Mary, but to help shield them from malware and other software attacks. Yes, even your phone is vulnerable. I'll start with Android phones because believe it or not there are more Android phones out there than iPhones— over 2 billion active Android devices in any one month by one estimate. Plus, the Android architecture is more open than iOS, the operating system on iPhones, iPads and iPods. How about that for enticing cybercriminals? Being more open means more ways to attack. By the way, the Android developers must have a sweet tooth because Android versions are named after sugary things. Nougat is the current version. Rumor has it Oreo will be next in the Fall.

I wrote the following by shamelessly cribbing from a good article I found online. Some simple things first. Google (or Bing) these keywords along with "Android" to check out some settings you may want to set: Smart Lock, Device Protection, Find My Device, Verify Apps, and Full-Disk Encryption. Be careful of the encryption part as it can slow down phones a lot, but if you have sensitive data on it, then reconsider. Once you check out what these settings do and maybe even turn some of them on, you are ready for the next step, a security audit. By the way, I don't do all of these things, but I may reconsider after writing this article.

- Have you activated a PIN or pattern to lock your phone? If not, do so. I definitely do this.
- Think about setting up your Google account with two-factor authentication. Not necessary, but it goes a long way to protect your account from being hacked.
- Perform a security checkup by going to <https://myaccount.google.com/intro/security-checkup>.
- Uninstall any apps you do not use.

- Go through the audit checklist found here: <https://www.computerworld.com/article/3012630/android/android-security.html>. If you think you will have the same phone in a year's time, set a calendar date to redo this audit.
- If concerned about privacy when you send SMS or TXT messages, consider an app that encrypts them like Signal, Dust, Telegram and Whatsapp. There are others.
- Change your apps' settings so they don't have access to your location. You may recall being asked to have access to your location when installing apps. Maps and apps like Waze do need access at times.
- Turn off Bluetooth and Wi-Fi when not using them. This discourages attacks and helps battery life.
- Check your connected devices by logging into your Google account and going to Security Settings. If you see a device you don't recognize, delete and change your Google password immediately.
- Be careful of apps you install. The app world is a jungle out there. Install only what you need and pick well-known ones.
- In public places, be careful of connecting to any old Wi-Fi. If in a coffee shop for example, ask an employee for the Wi-Fi name and password. No password means you could be easy pickings for cybercriminals.
- If you receive links from email, SMS (txt) or social media, think before using them. Do you know and trust the sender?
- Install an antivirus program that will stomp on activated links before they do damage. Malwarebytes for Android is a good choice but there are others.

That's it for now. Next time I'll look at Apple's iOS devices. Have fun slaying the dragons.

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Hannah's Park

Hannah Collins loved living on Fripp Island. She enjoyed the beach, wildlife and playgrounds. Sadly, Hannah was taken from us in the summer of 2016.



HANNAH'S PARK opened this spring, on Sunday, May 20th, on the site of Audubon Park beside the FIPOA office. The park is being refurbished and transformed into a fun place for children to play.



HANNAH'S PARK GRAND OPENING was a day of family fun!

Hannah's Park is being made possible through tremendous support from our community.

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PEOPLE & NATURE

After 38 Years, Tewksbury's Aldrich Hangs up Her Whistle

Part-time Fripp Resident Joanne Aldrich went out in style after dedicating much of her career to officiating women's basketball. The article below was printed in the Lowell Sun News by staff writer Matt Langone. Congratulations Joanne! We hope to see you swinging your clubs more often on Fripp!

(PHOTO/GEORGE DELUCA Sun staff photos can be ordered by visiting their [SmugMug](#) site.)

Over the course of 38 years as a basketball referee, 30 of which were spent officiating women's Division 1 college games, Joanne Aldrich mastered the ability to tune-out noise and other distractions inside the arena and focus solely on what was happening on the court.

That task, however, was unusually difficult to do last Thursday at Drexel University's Daskalakis Athletic Center in Philadelphia. Aldrich was refereeing Drexel's game against UNC Wilmington in the women's Colonial Athletic Association (CAA) Tournament, and players, coaches, administrators and fans all had some words they wanted to share with Aldrich.

But this time, it wasn't about displeasure with a call or a no-call.

It was all about showing Aldrich the proper appreciation and an opportunity to say "thank you" and offer a hug before she rides off into retirement from officiating after this season. The Tewksbury native and resident, who will turn 64 years old in June, was presented with a plaque at Drexel in honor of her decades-worth of contributions to basketball.

"It was emotional," said Aldrich, who lives in the same house she grew up in Tewksbury, a home that was purchased by her parents in 1944. "The coaches knew I was retiring, and Drexel even put out a tweet that was overwhelming. I wanted to go out quietly, but people were coming out of the stands to give me a hug. The security guards were trying to keep them away from the court, and they were saying, 'No, I just want to give her a hug and say thank you.' It's funny because several of these coaches now had me as a referee when they were playing."

Dr. Eric Zillmer, Drexel's athletic director, authored the aforementioned tweet. "Over her 30-year career as a D-1 women's basketball official, she managed games with poise and confidence. She was good for the game of basketball and a class act. Thank you!", said Zillmer in his tweet.

Aldrich was at Northeastern on Thursday night to referee a game against Yale in the Women's Basketball Invitational. That may end up being her final game, unless she gets a call to do another postseason contest.

She has worked games in the ACC, America East, Atlantic-10, Big East, CAA, Ivy League, Northeast Conference and Patriot League. She's been a part of the women's NCAA Tournament 20 times, worked the Sweet 16 eight times, and the Elite Eight twice. She has also officiated a record six Division 2 national championship games.

Aldrich became a full-time referee in 2001, when she opted to give up her career as a nurse practitioner in Lowell. She did teach nursing part-time at UMass Lowell, but her primary job was officiating and she was doing 80-100 games per year, and spending significant time in airports and hotels.

"The travel was definitely tough," Aldrich said. "Conferences have changed over the years because of football realignments. For instance, Creighton is now in the Big East, and it's all the way out in Omaha, Nebraska."

But the travel isn't the reason that Aldrich decided to hang up



College basketball official Joanne Aldrich holds the ball during a timeout in a recent UMass/Lowell game at the Tsongas Center

her stripes. She is a woman of many interests. She's the reigning Vesper Ladies Senior Champion in golf and has played in the Women's City Tournament for Vesper numerous times. She also got her pilot's license in 1984, loves the beach, and owns a second house on Fripp Island in South Carolina.

"I just want to move on to the next phase of my life and maybe play some more golf," she said. "I'll still have a big interest in basketball, and I'll still work on the board as an assigning coordinator for officials."

Aldrich captained field hockey, basketball and softball as a student-athlete at Tewksbury High School before graduating in 1972. She also captained the cheerleading team. As excellent as she was as a point guard and pitcher, she was even better as a student and received an academic scholarship from the University of Texas at Austin.

It was in Austin that she started refereeing intramural flag football and basketball for \$3 per hour. That was when she wasn't going to Bucket's in East Austin to watch musicians like Willie Nelson perform with no cover charge.

"I loved Austin. It was very progressive," said Aldrich.

After graduating from Texas, she continued her education and got her masters degree at U-Lowell and then got her doctorate at Boston University.

All the while, Aldrich knew officiating was something she would like to pursue further. It was in her blood as her father Nathan W. Aldrich was a well-respected basketball referee and has an award in his honor (Nathan W. Aldrich Memorial School Appreciation Award) presented each year to the high school in the area which best exemplifies the highest degree of sportsmanship, character and ethics among its players, coaches and spectators in the conduct of its basketball programs.

Aldrich is one of six siblings. Two of her brothers and her sister are also basketball referees. Her oldest brother is retired and

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It's Frippin' Turtle Season!

Jessica Miller, Recreation Director & Head Naturalist, Fripp Island Resort

If you're reading *The Trawler*, you probably already know a thing or two about our sea turtles! South Carolina's state reptile, the loggerhead sea turtle, is a threatened species that spends its entire life in the ocean, only to emerge if they are females needing to nest on the beach. With flippers instead of feet and no ability to retreat into their shells like most turtles, sea turtle mamas haul themselves up onto the beach during the night when the predators are scarce and it's much cooler. Scooting their 250+ pound bodies up the beach to dry sand, digging a hole with their back flippers, laying their average 120 eggs, covering the nest, and retreating back to the ocean can take hours, and the process is exhausting. After a summer of nesting every couple of weeks, three to five times, the mama turtles are so wiped out that they take a couple years off before nesting again.

It's important for us to give these turtles a break by keeping the beach dark, flat, clean, and private. Lights disrupt the mamas, holes and debris like chairs and tents can trap them, and humans coming up to photograph and touch them will make the



nesting loggerheads abort their sacred mission and retreat back to the ocean. If night after night, something (or someone) keeps scaring the turtle out of nesting, the turtle won't be able to hold onto her eggs indefinitely and they will be released into the ocean, never to have a chance. What a waste of her time and energy! Certainly no one would hurt our turtles on purpose, so it's up to us to do our part to turn off our lights and draw our shades, take our things off the beach in the evening, fill in our holes, and share this information with our guests who may know no better. Fripp Island Security can respond to reports of flashlights on the beach or items left out.



July through September, the eggs that were laid will begin to come alive with life, and dozens of hatchling turtles will emerge and climb up through the sand together. As they near the surface they stop and wait for the sand to cool— a sign that the sun has gone down and the gulls are gone. Then the pulsating mass will erupt from the ground and dash for the straight, glittering horizon line that is the sea. The process can take mere minutes if the beach is dark, flat, and clean! Lights, especially from homes, disorientate the hatchlings and cause them to spend hours wandering through the dunes until they succumb to exhaustion or predators. It's estimated that only one in one thousand of these babies make it to adulthood, so it's important we help as many as possible while they're using our beach! Well, while we use THEIR beach!

The good news is sea turtle nest numbers are on the rise! Your efforts are not in vain. To see a turtle laying her eggs or hatchlings marching down the beach, I recommend you hit the beach at dawn or dusk. This way you won't need a flashlight that might confuse or scare our turtles. You're also welcome to walk with the Fripp Island Loggerhead Patrol, our team of volunteers who are trained to locate, report, and sometimes relocate sea turtle nests. These volunteers are happy to share with you everything we know! Keep up with our daily findings and see our pictures on Facebook at Fripp Island Loggerhead Patrol. For more information about all of our sea turtle species and South Carolina's conservation efforts, you can visit <http://www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/>. You can also come to the Activity Center to chat with my naturalist interns and me. Happy Turtle Season, y'all!

(all photos Jessica Miller)

Joanne Aldrich *cont.*

lives on Fripp Island as well. Sand and warm weather sound pretty appealing after years of hard work.

"You have to stay in shape year-round as a referee," said Aldrich. "You need to know the rules and the mechanics and be willing to break down lots of tape. You have someone at every game you work evaluating your performance, and then they'd get you the tape after a game and you could watch it on your flight home."

The rest and relaxation will certainly be a welcome endeavor for Aldrich. She plans to defend her Vesper Senior Women's Club Championship this summer. Last year she fired an 80 to win the one-round competition. She also hopes to play for Vesper again in the Women's City Tournament.

When asked to describe her golf game, Aldrich joked "lucky."

That same word could be used to describe people who were able to see Aldrich work a basketball game.

ISLAND SPORTS



Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

Mike Wilt

It was a busy time period with the two-week championship event, the Ladies' Invitational and the annual banquet all taking place along with our weekly Wednesday morning outings.

Games during this period included Points for Par, Two Low Net, Team Stableford, Powerball, Red Ball and One Low Net, One Low Gross. Closest to the pin winners were Ken Tucker, Shelby Nussbaum, Jim McElwain, Ron Pointek, Ron Bailey, Jim Wolbrink, Steve Schnobrich and Charlie Middleton.

The Nine Hole Championship was a two week event played on March 28 and April 4. It ended in a tie between Mike Virostek and Tom Hunter, with Mike winning in a scorecard playoff. Congratulations to Mike and all those who took part in this year's event.

Weekly winners were Jim McElwain – three times, Ken Tucker, Rick Stein, Steve Schnobrich, Dave Moore, Brian Flynn and Jim Carpenter – twice, and Jim Price, Duffy Howard, Perminder

Bindra, Dan Bialas, Richard Ward, Dave Martin, Joe Sullivan, Ron Pointek and Howard Harmon – once.

The Ladies' Invitational was held on April 5 at Ocean Creek and the winning team was comprised of Gail Wilson, Joyce Berg, John Dunphy and Mike Wilt. The group enjoyed lunch at Peg Legs after the event compliments of the Women's Nine Hole group.

The annual banquet was held on April 13 at the Beach Club with 47 members and guests attending. Thanks go out to Dan Bialas and Charlie Middleton for helping to make the evening a success.

In May, the group will play at Ocean Creek golf course beginning at 8:30 AM and in June they will play at Ocean Point. There are approximately 46 members of the group currently. Dues are only \$10 per year and are due now. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at <http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/>

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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BOATING & FISHING

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

February 16 to April 24, 2018

Saturday, February 17th, Pub Night at the Community Centre

Yacht Club Members flocked to the Community Centre to enjoy a fine pub menu accompanied by draft beer and other beverages. Base Captain Kim Mathews and her volunteers kicked off the new season with a fine event. The menu was fish and chips, Irish stew, salad, bread pudding with Jameson whiskey sauce and roasted winter vegetables. Decorations and games matched the “Winter Olympics” theme.

Photographs by Michael Beach.



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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

More 2018 Pub Night



Thursday, March 22nd, Aw... Shucks! Oyster Roast at the Creek House.

Early Spring weather cooperated for our oyster roast at the Creek House. Music by Chris Paul and food by Fripp Resort.

Photos by Jim Price



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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

More Aw... Shucks!



Thursday, April 5th, Boat Inspection.

The Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron provided free boat inspections to help boaters get ready for a safe boating season. The event was open to Yacht Club members and non-members alike at the Fripp Marina. Boats that passed inspection are able to display the 2018 Coast Guard safety inspection sticker. Thanks to Tom Hurley and his crew of inspectors.

Thursday, April 19th, Dataw Fish Fry.

Normally we hold the Blessing of the Fleet each year before the fish fry, but this year, with the Dataw docks still out of commission from Matthew, Betsy Hammet (Yacht Club Chaplain) blessed the sailors and gave thanks for our wonderful surroundings and the fine food. We will bless the fleet at our A.C.E. Basin event coming up in May. Harold's Catering provided a great fish fry with fresh grouper and all the fixings at the Dataw Gazebo. Special guests included Fripp General Manager John Marsh, Fripp Chief of Security Glenn Tabasko and Tom Hurley, former Commodore for Dataw Yacht Club and boat inspector for the Beaufort Sail and Power Squadron. Fleet Captain Dolf Dunn and Assistant Fleet Captain Jim Candee planned and implemented a fine event.



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BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Fripp Island Yacht Club (cont.)

More Dataw Fish Fry



On the Horizon

2018 Event Schedule on our web site. Our year is well underway with many more exciting events to look forward to. Make sure your membership is up to date.

Next Events:

Thursday, May 10th: Golf Tourney and Dinner Party (sign up for one or both!)

Monday, May 16th: A.C.E. Basin trip for Member's boats and Fripper.

Saturday, June 23rd: Morgan River Sand Bar Party with boats and Fripper.

Become a Member!

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

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

BOATING & FISHING CONT.

Spring & Summer on the Way... About Time

Captain Ralph Goodison

Punxsutawney Phil's prediction was right on this year, and we are finally ready for spring and summer. The Marina, Excursions, and the boating and fishing season are ready for a great season. Fisherman can look forward to good catches.

If you don't have a boat, Excursions has 17 and 21 foot boats and fishing rods for rent and the Marina has everything else, including bait. While at the Marina, you may want to check out their great deli for lunch and the convenience store for outerwear.

Enjoy our Beautiful Island and its Waterways!

Fishing Report

INSHORE:

Excellent fishing— Sheepshead, Black Drum around structure, & Whiting;

Fair & Improving— Red Fish

OFFSHORE BOTTOM FISHING:

Good— Blackbass, Trigger, Grunt;

Fair— Vermilion, Grouper

GULF STREAM & DEEP WATER:

Good— Wahoo

Showing and Improving— Dolphin



Good Fishing on Fripp. Captain George with a Sheepshead caught during Easter weekend.

Tournament

The Memorial Day fishing tournament will be held Memorial Day weekend from May 25 to May 27. Captain's dinner is on May 24th. For more information contact the Marina at 843-838-1517.



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SEA RESCUE



Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report

Michael Beach – FISR Communications Officer

Rescue Mission Activity

There have been 4 Rescue Missions since February 16.

February 19th: At 6:00 PM, Robbie White overheard a resident telling Fripp Security that a boat was in trouble on the rocks at Porpoise. Robbie alerted Tee Cooper and David Manning and went to the location, near New Haven. Cooper and Dan Dunne took R1 to assist. Once in the Inlet, they found the disabled boat being towed back in by a friend of the owner. Followed to Russ Point Landing and then returned to dock at 7:15 PM.

March 23rd: At 3:49 PM, a call from the Marina requesting FISR pick up three stranded boaters at Bull Point. Robbie White and Michael Beach cast off at 4:10 pm and arrived on scene at 4:41 pm. Three adults were taken on board R2 and returned to Fripp. Their boat was left anchored to be picked up by FI Excursions after tide change. Mission complete at 5:30 pm.

April 2nd: Fripp Security called Bob Bicknell on Base Duty with a report of a kayaker in distress ½ mile off shore at Beach Access #21. Dick Work and Jim Candee departed the Marina in R2. While they were in route, Bob went to Access #21. Security and Fripp Fire Department were there monitoring the situation and the kayaker was returning to shore under her own power. Work and Candee were advised to stand down. FIFD also dispatched their jet ski that arrived on scene after the kayaker was back to shore. Completed at 1:45 PM.

April 6th: At 6:30 PM, Beaufort Dispatch contacted Bob Bicknell on Base Duty with a report of an overturned kayak at 68 Harbor Drive, North, Harbor Island. Dick Work was dispatched to launch R2, but before he arrived at the Marina, dispatch advised that the kayakers were on land and to stand down. Completed at 7 PM.

FISR and Coast Guard Training in Fripp Inlet

Sea Rescue felt particularly honored on April 17th while training with the USCG from Savannah, when we learned that the helicopter the crew used that day was one of only nine aircraft specially dedicated to Coast Guard personnel who had lost their lives in the line of duty. This craft was named after Lt. j.g. Francis J. Charles. A reminder of the courage and sacrifice the Coast Guard makes on our behalf. Here are pictures and a link to an article describing these unique helicopters.

Training missions typically occur once or twice a month in the evening, at about 6:30 PM, in Fripp Inlet if water temperature is above 50°F. Boats must stay well clear of Sea Rescue boats and Coast Guard Helicopter operations. Russ Point Landing is a good place to watch this training.



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Additional FISR information and pictures are on our web site www.fisearescue.org.

**TO REPORT A MARINE EMERGENCY,
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