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**FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY BOARD MEETINGS**  
**2021**

SATURDAY	JUNE 12, 2021	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	AUGUST 14, 2021	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	SEPTEMBER 11, 2021	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	OCTOBER 9, 2021	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER 13, 2021	9:00 AM
SATURDAY	DECEMBER 11, 2021	9:00 AM

**FRIPP ISLAND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**  
**SCHEDULE OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS**  
**2021**

SATURDAY	MAY 15, 2021	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	AUGUST 21, 2021	10:00 AM
SATURDAY	NOVEMBER __, 2021	(ELECTION) TBD



# Fripp Island

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## 2021 FIPOA Board of Directors



# Golf Cart BINGO!

**THURSDAY MAY 20th  
@ 4:00PM**

**COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PARKING LOT**

*FREE*  
**LOADS OF FUN FOR ALL  
& PRIZES GALORE**

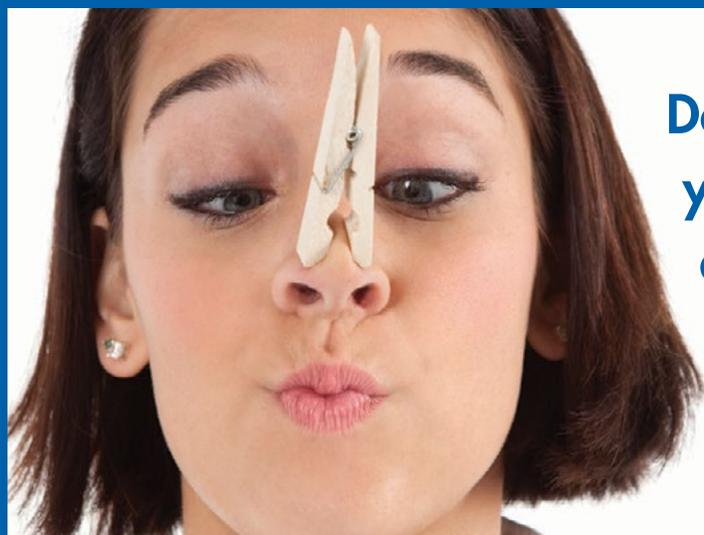
**GAMES START  
PROMPTLY AT 4:00PM!**

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Homeowners can find the following items on the website:

Online forms for vehicle decals and ARB.

GM weekly updates

Board meeting minutes and agendas, governing, financial and covenant documents, hurricane information, Island directory, security information and so much more!



# A NOTE FROM YOUR GM

I don't know about you, but this edition of the Trawler feels different. The theme of community is undoubtedly prevalent from cover to cover. Nearly all organizations or clubs on the Island have contributed something. At our core and vision of the FIPOA is to have a community that offers an inspiring and essential lifestyle in a natural setting, which fosters positive community engagement in collaboration with the Fripp Island Resort, Fripp Island Public Service District, the Fripp Island Community Centre, and other Island organizations. With our busy season ahead, both with tourists and home building, we want to ensure that we provide every opportunity for people to feel connected and create their community on Fripp.

We are constantly looking ahead as Fripp continues to grow and change as we have seen record numbers of new property owners and transfers. Welcome to those of you who are new to the Island.

My hope is that through the Trawler, you will discover something new about Fripp that you didn't know before or find yourself relaxing as you learn about what is happening around the Island. Or perhaps you feel inspired to connect with others and join one of these organizations. The summer is just around the corner, and we are ready for some fun.



*John Marsh*  
General Manager, FIPOA

# EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

**Name:**

Susanne Toto

**Position:**

Administrative Assistant

**Favorite Cartoon Character:**

Snoopy



**1. Tell us a little about you?**

*I have been married to my husband Larry for 22 years. Together we have a 20 year old daughter named Katelyn and and a Yorkie named Winston. We lived in Beaufort, from 1999-2003 when my husband served with the US Marine Corps. We have always loved Beaufort so we moved back once our daughter graduated High School three years ago to call Beaufort our forever home.*

*We love living on the water and going out in our boat on the weekends.*

**2. What is one thing you like to do in your spare time**

*Going out on the Boat with my family.*

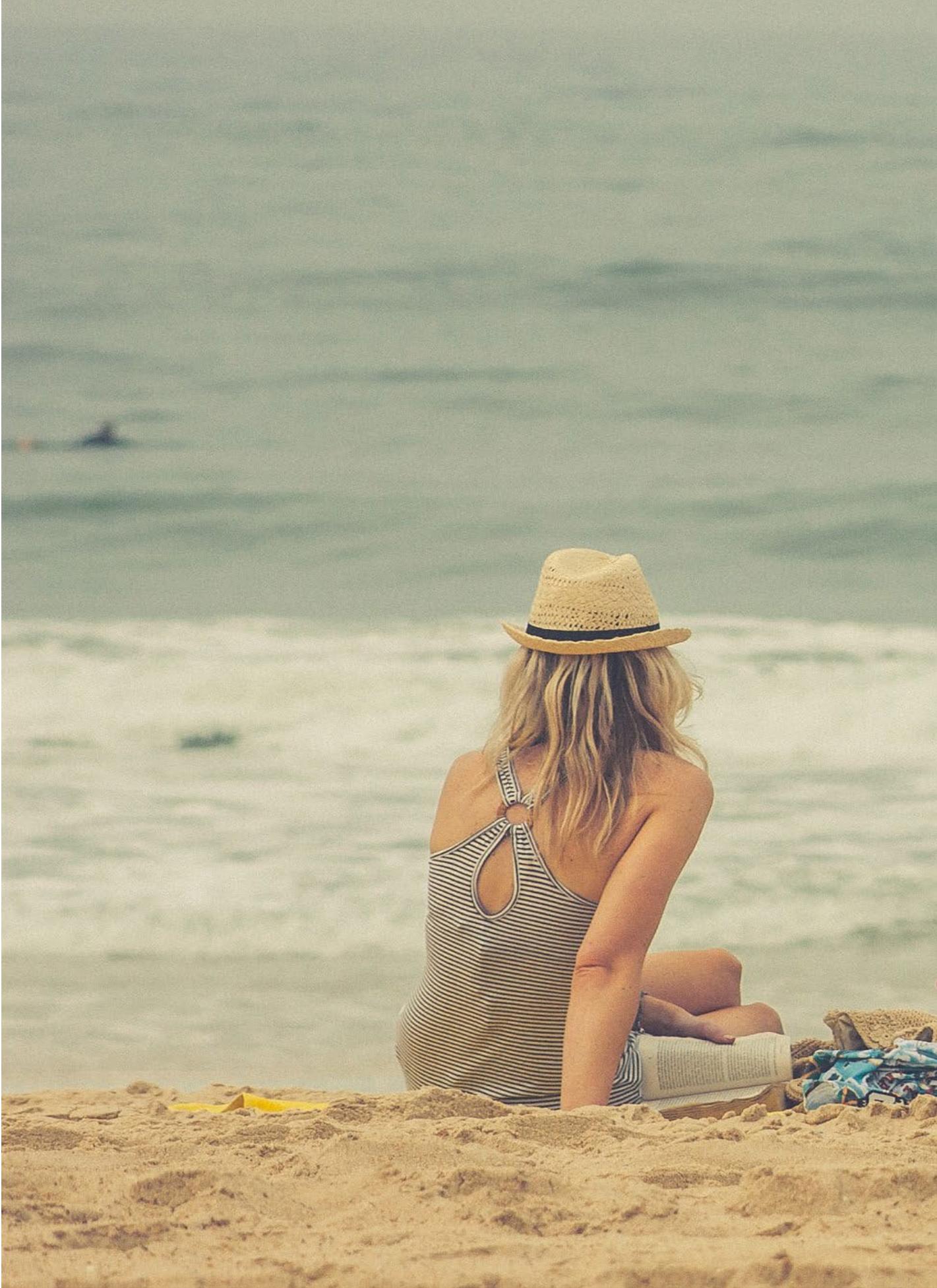
**3. As a child, what did you want to be**

**when you grew up?**

*I still don't know what I want to be when I grow up!*

**4. Who is your favorite singer/band? Or what was the first concert you went to?**

*Eric Church*



# a letter from the editor

com·mu·ni·ty

*a group of people living in the same place or having a particular characteristic in common.*

One of the most fundamental truths about being a human is that we were designed to be connected to other people. A year ago, we found ourselves in isolation, disconnected from our friends and family, limited on what we could do due to the pandemic.

However, in true form, we created our pandemic pods (our socially distanced people), and Zoom became our new best friend. While it didn't replace our need for connection, it bridged the gap for us to rise above the circumstances, and we found new ways to have community.

Here at Fripp Island, the idea of community is at the core of who we are. We all share one thing in common: We love Fripp Island.

It would be easy to spend all your time on the island walking the beach, hiking and taking in the trails, or even visiting the Island restaurants and never feeling like you were missing out. But

Fripp Island offers a vibrant social scene through many member lead groups and clubs, including one or two for every hobby or passion.

Whether you have been here for 20 years or are a new homeowner, you are invited throughout these pages to connect with people who share the same value. Or get involved with something totally new by signing up for one of these groups and clubs. Don't see something that shares your passion-- START ONE! That is the beauty of Fripp Island. There is something for everyone.

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of this community. So without further ado, there is one quote that seems fitting as I bid farewell.

"And now it's time to say goodbye to all our company.

M I C....SEE YOU REAL SOON!

K E Y .. WHY, Because I like you!"



# A MESSAGE FROM YOUR FIPOA PRESIDENT

Dear Property Owners,

Our paradise, Fripp Island, is at a very important crossroads.

Your FIPOA Board of Directors is proposing a new \$425.00 Annual Capital Reserve Assessment. This will require a vote by the membership. Your FIPOA Board of Directors respectfully asks for your support of this proposal. The Board wants to continue the very positive maintenance and enhancements to your POA assets that began in late 2017 with our 33 Beach Accesses and continues through this year with long-overdue drainage improvements. These improvements are a direct result of the special assessment that our membership overwhelmingly approved.

I still remember my first trip to Fripp Island. I remember the progression as I passed through Beaufort, Lady's Island, St. Helena Island, Harbor Island, Hunting Island, and then onto Fripp. It was like I had reached a paradise at the end of the road; an Oasis. I still feel that way today every time I drive across the Fripp Inlet Bridge, always with the windows down regardless of temperature.

As I look back and try to determine why Fripp had such a profound effect on my senses, several words flood my mind; natural, beautiful, wildlife, well-kept, peaceful, slow-paced, unique, fresh, quiet. I could probably add positive adjectives forever, but rest assured, these feelings and thoughts continued to guide me as I journeyed from a rental guest, property owner, FIPOA Board member, and now your FIPOA President.

For all of its beauty, Fripp exacts a toll on those who choose to live in paradise. Our location as a barrier island dictates that we must learn to live with the realities and impact of its harsh and unpredictable environment. We all experience this as it relates to the maintenance of our own homes on the Island. I know that I will have to paint more often, do exterior repairs more often, etc. This is the environment in which we live. These same harsh conditions are deteriorating our infrastructure assets as well. These assets

are the ones that we as a community own, assets that we drive on, use for access to the beach, provide drainage after rain and storm events, and impact our quality of life. The proper maintenance and enhancement of these assets will improve our property values. The neglect of these same assets or lack of any enhancement will stagnate property values and negatively impact our membership and their quality of life.

The rationale for this request is the most current Reserve Study that provides a "snapshot" of our projected maintenance needs and funding goals over the next 30 years. Your association's financial policies require that we commission a new reserve study every 3-5 years. Part of the language of this request will include a 5-year re-evaluation period. This evaluation will require your then-current BOD to assess the performance, goals, and needs. This will be duplicated every five years, with a membership input component included with each re-evaluation.

There are many components of this proposal that I do not have the space to provide in this communication, but all can be located at [www.frippislandliving.com](http://www.frippislandliving.com) under 2021 Financials. I encourage you to review all the information there, and please feel free to call or email me if you have any questions. I want to know what information I can provide to you to make you feel comfortable supporting this crucial proposal.

I mentioned above the words and feelings that flood my mind when I drive across our bridge. I do not want to replace those very positive words with dilapidated, run-down, aged, worn, or tattered. What do you want your Island to feel like to you? If we hope to nurture her and help her deal with Mother Nature, this proposed Capital Reserve Assessment is essential to that effort.

I hope that you consider supporting this proposal.

Sincerely,

Chris Cromer, FIPOA President  
803-513-6232

TIME TO  
*Connect*  
AND UNWIND.

YOUR ISLAND LIFE AWAITS.

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## FRIPP ISLAND REAL ESTATE UPDATE April 30, 2021

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

SOLD as of April 30th	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	5	2	41
Condos	8	5	15
Homes	18	24	46
Total	31	31	102

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AVERAGE SOLD PRICE	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	\$149,900	\$87,500	\$103,452
Condos	\$170,687	\$251,000	\$293,779
Homes	\$492,714	\$487,667	\$709,655
Homes avg. per sq. ft.	\$227	\$223	\$267
Homes avg. days on market	231 days	469 days	203 days

### UNDER CONTRACT as of April 30th

Year:	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	1	5	23
Condos	1	3	6
Homes	11	5	21
Total	13	13	50

### NUMBER OF ACTIVE LISTINGS on April 30th

Year:	2019	2020	2021
Homesites	133	126	54
Condos	42	19	4
Homes	132	110	6
Total	307	255	64

For real estate assistance please contact:

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# Welcome To The Fripp Family

## MARCH

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Britt Haley Bolemn  
John Byers  
Alyssa Degnan  
Henry Lee Doolittle  
Fiske Hopkins Porch Properties LLC  
Carolyn Gimza  
Laura Glatthaar  
Agatha Guy  
Timothy Justin Hatherlee  
James Hartsell  
Jonathan Hock  
Chris Jeffries

Chad Knight  
Heather McCarley  
William Mcdougall  
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John Moyer  
James Parker  
Zachary & Sabrina Preston  
James Piccone  
Trent Thompson  
Nicholas Thompson  
Michael Sauter  
Andrew Schulze  
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Christina Zorzi

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Jeffery Herold  
Angelo Napolenone

John Pollok  
Agnus Peyton  
Ken Smith  
Daniel Williams

# FIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION CANDIDATES

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To get to know your candidates and view their application, please login to [frippislandliving.com](http://frippislandliving.com).



*Lou Wood*



*Ron Wilson*



*Derek Swenson*



*Jon Hanna-Spacagna*



*Paige Graham*



*Mary Vidas-Hazzouri*

# FIPOA BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL ELECTION TIMELINE

## **Saturday, May 15th @ 8:45 AM**

This will be held before the Town Hall already scheduled for 10:00 AM)  
Meet the Candidates Town Hall

## **Tuesday, May 18th**

Admin to verify membership for eligibility to vote. Must have all assessments and fines paid by 4:30 PM on May 17th to be considered a member in good standing.

## **Thursday, May 20th**

Ballots mailed to members that have requested paper. You must be a FIPOA Member in good standing as of May 12th to vote.

## **Thursday, June 3rd**

Electronic Ballots emailed.

## **Thursday, June 24th**

The election ends at 4:30 PM. All ballots, paper or electronic, must be in hand by 4:30 PM.

## **Friday, June 25th**

The election results will be announced by 4:30 PM.

# COMMUNITY CENTRE

*Contributed By: Rebecca Climer, FICC Board President*

I love the theme of this edition of the Trawler...” Community.” The Fripp Island Community Centre is dedicated to offering a place where residents and visitors can develop a sense of community. That feeling of belonging to a place or a group occurs when we share experiences, likes or dislikes, passions, or pastimes. I often think of the prominence of the word “unity” as part of the term, but the origin of the word is actually French – “comunete”, and comes from the Latin for ‘public spirit.’ This seems appropriate and descriptive of our Fripp Island community, especially those many volunteers who built the Community Centre and those who sustain it with contributions of time, talent, and dollars.

At some point over the past several months, I’ve vowed not to begin any communication with “in these unprecedented times...”, since it’s been used so much. Truth be told, though, none of us has seen times like these, and all of us have endeavored to make the best of a very strange situation. As the FICC Board put the COVID response plan in place, it was difficult to drive by and see the parking lot empty most days. It was hard to see the messages from clubs and organizations canceling their plans for the year. On May 1, the FICC Board removed

some of the restrictions regarding gathering at the Centre. Small groups are now allowed to meet with no requirements. The social distancing barriers have been removed in the All Saints Chapel, and Vespers has returned to its former format. The All Saints Choir has begun practice again (and is looking for new voices).

Over the Summer, we’ll offer Take-Away Dinners and special events that can be held safely. We’ll continue to watch both vaccination rates and new cases in Beaufort County, especially after high season. It is our hope that all will return to “normal” as we approach the Fall. In that spirit, the FICC is planning a September Community Centre Open House, and we hope to have all the clubs and organizations that meet at the Centre present to tell Fripp Islanders, both “old” and new, about their activities!) The larger groups that gather at the FICC, e.g., Friends of Music, Women’s Club, ROMEO, etc., have been advised that they can begin meeting again in the Fall, and the FICC will resume Community Dinners in October.

The FICC was created and is sustained as a resource for Fripp Islanders with our stated mission as furthering the cultural, religious, and spiritual growth of our community. As we restore many



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MEET YOUR NEIGHBORS,  
LEARN MORE ABOUT  
THE BEAUTY OF  
OUR WILDLIFE, AND  
VOLUNTEER FOR A  
COMMITTEE OR A  
BOARD.

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of the activities we've missed so much over the past year, it's my hope that all who love Fripp will come to the FICC for a concert, a yoga class, a club meeting, or a community dinner. Meet your neighbors, learn more about the beauty of our wildlife, and volunteer for a committee or a Board. Our Community Centre and the organizations who meet there run on volunteer power or, put another way, they run on "public spirit" – the definition of community.



SUNDAY 9AM

IN FRONT OF THE BEACH CLUB

*Come Join Us*

*For Casual, Family Friendly Worship.  
Please Bring A Chair Or Blanket To Sit On.*

A red cross is positioned between the words 'FRIPP' and 'ISLAND'. To the right of the cross, the text 'St. Helena's Church at' is written in a smaller, red, serif font.  
**FRIPP ISLAND**  
KNOWING the Savior ALIGNING with the Lord SEEING the Kingdom come

# St. Helena's Church At Fripp Island

Contributed By: Chris Goodman

St. Helena's Church at Fripp Island has a CARE Team on the Island. CARE is an acronym for Connect, Ask, Respond and Encourage.

There is a group of nearly 20 Fripp Island residents who are willing to support the needs of Fripp Island residents. The role of the group is to come along the side of any resident in whatever they may be going through and remind them of God's Goodness and Love for them.

The CARE Team of St. Helena's Church on Fripp Island is very active in the Fripp Community. This group of Fripp Island residents has been very busy over the past year with numerous events; Fresh Baked Bread deliveries, "Soup for



Supper", Palm Crosses for Palm Sunday deliveries, Easter Basket deliveries, "Sweets for a Sweet Mother," celebrating Mother's Day, Father's Day Cards Notes, picking up items that is needed from town, also providing food, goodies, and visitations to other Fripp residents who are ill or homebound.

The FICC board made the decision during the COVID-19 pandemic to keep our Community Center at limited small-group use; for several of our residents, friends, and neighbors, this was one place they could join in/visiting others during the Community Dinners, Friends of Music Concerts, etc. The CARE Team

had a "Reach Out Week" by picking up the telephone making calls to our Fripp Family by letting them hear our voice, letting them have someone to talk to and share a laugh or two. But most of all, share that they are loved by their Heavenly Father. And this "Reach Out" has continued daily with our neighbors.



This year the CARE Team began a new service. The team has

developed a virtual Medical Equipment Lending Locker. The team has developed a list of Fripp residents who have medical equipment which were willing to lend it out to other Fripp residents. The team has assembled a database of equipment, including crutches, canes, shower chairs, back brace supports, knee scooters, walkers, etc. All of the equipment is in working order and is cleaned and sanitized before lending. If you or someone in your family is in need of any medical equipment for short-term use or if you have any medical equipment that you would be willing to lend, please contact Chris Goodman, home # (843-838-8079), Cell # (843-263-1932) email address ([cbgoodman@hargray.com](mailto:cbgoodman@hargray.com)).

God's Love is all around our Community; embrace it! May God Bless you.

Chris Goodman



# 5 Movies Perfect for Mother's Day

*Contributed By:*  
*Jason Carnes, Hargray General Manager*

Mother's Day is coming up, so mark your calendars and remember to schedule lunch or call your mom! We all know moms are

superhumans who deserve more than one day a year dedicated to them, but this holiday is a special day to honor the moms in your life. Whether you are spending the holiday with your family or not, there are ways to celebrate moms even if just in spirit. Here are five movies that capture various tales of motherhood:

## *Mamma Mia*

Meryl Streep shines as the mother in this musical about a daughter searching to find out who her father is. This mother must take a trip down memory lane when her daughter invites all three men to her wedding. To top it all off, the film takes place on a beautiful Greek Island.

### ***The Blind Side***

Based on the 2006 book by Michael Lewis, this movie is both heart-wrenching and heartwarming. It tells the touching tale of a mother who steps up to be more than a guardian, but a mom, to a homeless teenager. Sandra Bullock portrays a strong, selfless, and dedicated mother figure.

### ***Life as We Know It***

After a disastrous first date, this rom-com follows two godparents who are confident they are not a match unexpectedly become their goddaughter's caretakers. The two must put aside their differences and learn to step up to co-parent a baby girl they both love.

### ***Steel Magnolias***

Loved by many, this adaptation of Robert Harling's 1987 play explored the bond a group of women share in a southern small-town and their experience mourning the death of one of their own. Julia Roberts and Dolly Parton shine in this comedy-drama that will bring laughs and maybe even some tears.

### ***Freaky Friday***

This classic from the early 2000s tells the hilarious story of a mother and teenage daughter who don't get along and suddenly switch bodies and get a taste of what it is like to live in each other's shoes. This dramatic comedy is full of laughs and relatable mother-daughter moments.

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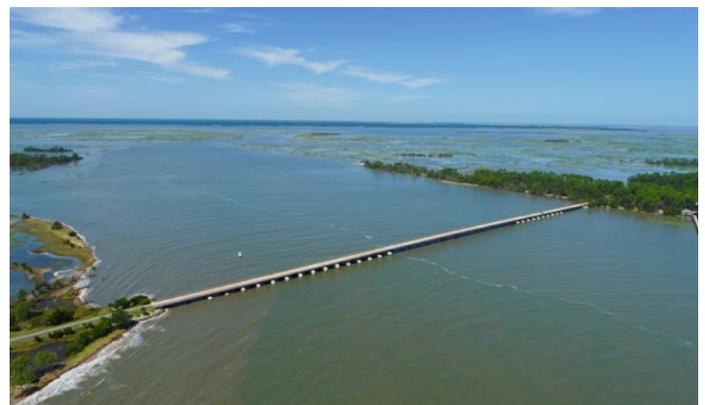
Many Fripp Island property owners know that the Fripp Island Public Service District (PSD) provides water, sewer and fire protection service on Fripp, but did you know the PSD also owns and maintains the Fripp Inlet bridge? This 1,990-foot-long bridge is the first glimpse owners and visitors get of our little island paradise.

The bridge was built in 1963 by the Fripp Island Toll Bridge Authority. Soon after completion, it was turned over to the Fripp Island developer, who wanted to ensure that access to the island was restricted to property owners and their guests. In 1983, the Fripp Island POA assumed control of the bridge. Property owners were assessed annual fees to pay for repairs, maintenance, and insurance on the structure. In 2003, as the insurance cost for the bridge escalated, ownership of the bridge was transferred to the Fripp Island PSD. As a public entity, the PSD had the ability to insure the bridge through the State Insurance Fund at a much lower rate, realizing savings for property owners of almost \$50,000/year. The POA continued to fund bridge repairs and maintenance through an assessment to property owners but the annual costs kept rising, and in 2014, financial responsibility for upkeep of the bridge was fully transferred to the PSD. Since 2014, all repairs and maintenance for the bridge have been funded through property taxes paid by Fripp Island property owners.

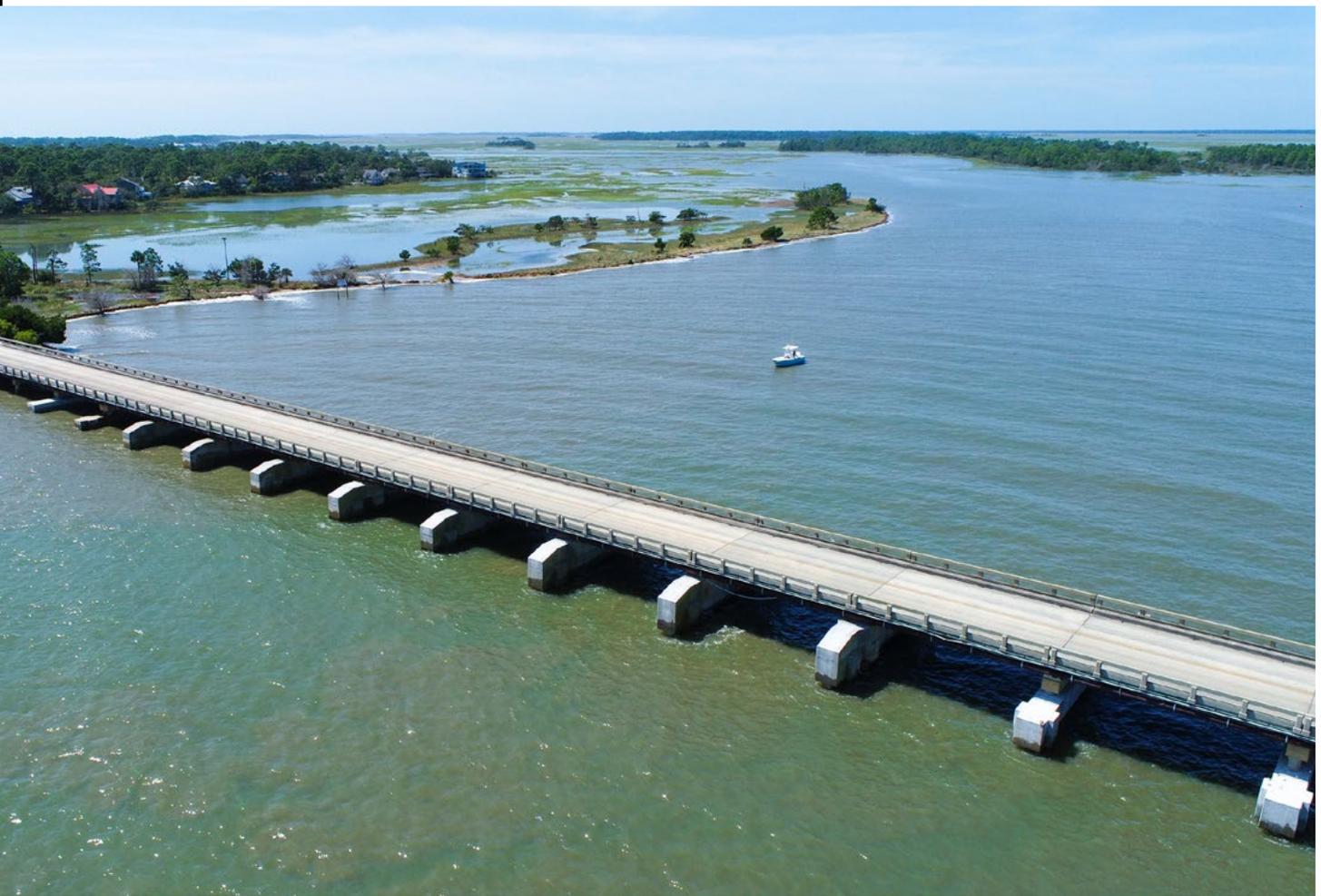
The most recent cost replacement study for the bridge was done in 2013 and the estimated replacement cost, including land acquisition, environmental compliance, engineering and construction, was \$39

million. Annual operating costs for inspections, minor maintenance and insurance have escalated over the past few years and, in 2021, the operating expenses will total over \$220,000. Notwithstanding rapidly rising costs, the PSD will continue to work hard to ensure the safety and reliability of the bridge into the future.

The PSD contracts with licensed professional engineers to perform annual inspections of the bridge, based on National Bridge Inspection Standards. Because erosion is a major issue along the southeast coast of South Carolina, the Fripp Inlet channel bottom is monitored for changes, and in recent history some of those changes have been significant. Following two storms in 2016 (Hurricane Matthew) and 2017 (Hurricane Irma), the PSD's bridge engineers recommended that 12 of the 50 supporting structures of the bridge be repaired to ensure the continued stability of the bridge. The work involved



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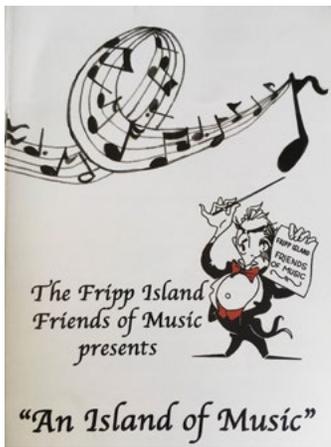


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driving additional bridge supports down to a lower elevation in the inlet channel bottom and transferring the load-bearing capacity of the bridge to the new supports. As a safety precaution, in October 2018, the PSD temporarily reduced the bridge weight limit from 27 tons to 21 tons until after the new supports could be installed. The project was completed in April 2020 and the weight limit was returned to 27 tons. In April 2021, the PSD hired a local power washing company to clean the surface of the bridge, since there were unsightly tread and scuff marks remaining from the repairs in 2020. The final touch will be the installation of new lane striping and reflectors, which will be completed soon. The new supporting structures

should ensure the stability of the bridge into the foreseeable future, and now, that first glimpse of our island paradise has received a little face-lift to go along with it!

The PSD would like to thank every member of the Fripp community for your patience and support throughout this project. We could not have done it without you! If you have any questions, comments or concerns, we'd love to hear from you. You can contact us by phone at (843) 838-2400 or email at [contact@fipspd.org](mailto:contact@fipspd.org).



# MUSIC AND COMMUNITY

Contributed By: Margit Resch,  
FIFOM Board of Directors Chair, Publicity

Music is the universal language. It brings people closer together.”

Ella Fitzgerald heralds succinctly a century-old wisdom that philosophers like Plato, composers like Mozart, writers like Hermann Hesse and musicians from all over the world have expressed in slightly different words, but with the same, heartfelt conviction. Listen to Stevie Wonder: “Music is a world within itself, with a language we all understand.” Indeed. But how come we all understand the language of music? Because “Music is a piece of art that goes in the ears straight to the heart,” as I saw a Tee shirt proclaim recently.

However it speaks to us, music has an awesome power, the power of overcoming our differences, whatever they may be: age, political opinions, nationality, mother tongue, class, religion, education, passions, philosophy. Whatever separates us, music has the power of bringing us together. “Music

is a great uniter,” says North Carolina novelist Sarah Dessen. “An incredible force. Something that people who differ on everything and anything else can have in common.”

So, in essence, music creates community, i.e. a group of people who share common attitudes, interests, goals and, most importantly, a feeling of fellowship. Think about all the communities that have been created by or are being sustained through music. First and foremost, of course, the musicians themselves: bands, choirs, orchestras, chamber quartets. These are all small communities with a common interest: making music and sharing music, that is: speaking to all of us through music and, thus, creating a community beyond their own.

By the way, when it comes to communicating in a non-verbal language, musicians, like most artists, differ fundamentally from other groups whose members actively pursue a certain passion, like tennis





players, hikers, bridge fanatics, bookclub members. These are all engaged in self-serving pursuits; their group is self-contained, it doesn't reach out, it doesn't create fellowship outside of their circle, except, perhaps, professional athletes like football teams or boxers who can boast a fan base.

How many communities can you name that employ music in an attempt to unite their members under an iconic banner, to communicate a certain message, to create fellowship; a community where music serves as "the great uniter?" Yes, you are right, churches with their choirs and hymns, the military with their marching bands, dance clubs, and more.

We, the Fripp Island Friends of Music, are eagerly looking forward to this fall because we are prepared to present to our community on Fripp

Island and beyond another season of concerts, of live music—music that "goes in the ears straight to the heart," that will reunite us after more than a year of separation. To make up for our musical deprivation, FIFOM is planning to offer six concerts, instead of the usual five, and that sixth event is free. It will be an exciting mixture of jazz, classical, blues, a fusion of Appalachian and Latin folk music, of strings, guitar, piano, and vocals. So watch out for the next Trawler issue where we will reveal our programs and invite you to join in FIFOM's effort to rebuild community, our community.





# WE WANT TO KNOW!

*Let's have some fun Fripp Island! Who or what was the first concert you went to?*

*Send in your answers to [communications@frippislandliving.com](mailto:communications@frippislandliving.com). If you have pictures from that concert include it with the email!*

# "The summer of lost and found" Book Tour Kicks off on Fripp Island.

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021, in a quaint room packed with champagne, key lime pie, salads, books, and a host of guests, the Fripp Island Women's Club welcomed renowned Lowcountry author and sea turtle conservationist Mary Alice Monroe to our slice of paradise. Amidst the special guests and speakers included Cassandra King Conroy (the late Pat Conroy's Wife), the Water is Wide Pat Conroy Educational

her message she wanted her reader to receive from this story. While she spoke, Mary Alice stated that this book is about the smiles despite hardships, the legacy people can leave, and how from 20 years from now, we will look back at this year we (globally) faced together. She summed it with one statement: "Today is a beautiful gift; enjoy it!"

Of course, Mary Alice's insights would not have been complete without her regaling the crowd of over 100 people with sea turtle facts and a pop quiz, stories from her trip to Mexico, and the environment for the Monarch Butterfly. Mary Alice was presented with a personal gift from Donna Reichle, Co-Vice President of the FIWC, gifts from the FIWC members and the Fripp Island Sea Turtle Project.

Among the gifts was a handcrafted turtle probe made by Anthony Natoli and presented by Karen Natoli, from the Fripp Island Sea Turtle Project. The probe is for her use as a sea turtle volunteer

at Isle of Palms where she is based out of. The FI Sea Turtle Project, made Mary Alice an honorary member of the team.

Her new book was released nationwide the very same day she visited our shores. Fripp Island helped kick off her book tour, and she said, "there was no place she would rather be." If you would like to learn more about the FIWC and becoming a member, please visit [Frippwc.com](http://Frippwc.com).

Scholarship recipients, eshaver Book sellers of Savannah, and Mary Alice Monroe. After revealing this was her first trip to Fripp Island, Mary Alice spoke of her structural writing style and how the pandemic changed and challenged her writing for the "summer of lost and found."

She admitted she was writing in real-time, and as things kept changing with the pandemic, she questioned what was





Opposite page: Mary Alice Monroe speaking to FIWC members and guests.  
Let to right: Mary Alice Monroe and Cassandra King Conroy, Tables from the event and the welcome sign for the event.



*The Water Is Wide Pat Conroy Scholarship application sponsored by the Fripp Island Women's Club in association with the Pat Conroy Literary Center.*

*One of Pat's earliest books, *The Water is Wide*, captured his passion for education as a teacher on Daufauskie Island, where the children lacked even the basic tools to learn.*

*Pat believed in equality for everyone and was a strong advocate of the importance of education then and throughout his life. In keeping with his legacy, this award is intended for any older adult who may not have had the opportunity to continue their education.*

# Water is Wide Scholarship Winners

*Contributed By: Flo Kamradt*

In efforts to honor Pat Conroy's legacy and his love of education, the Water is Wide Scholarship intended for older adults returning to school. The scholarship was presented at the special luncheon, hosted by the Fripp Island Women's Club with Mary Alice Monroe, Cassandra King Conroy (the late Pat Conroy's Wife) and Kathy Conroy Harvey (Pat Conroy's sister).

This year's two winners were announced and presented by Cassandra King Conroy: Robert Powell and Alyson Boggess.

Robert is currently enrolled in Technical College of the Low Country's Physical Therapy Assistant program. Robert stated he wishes to use his own physical therapy

experience to "inspire patients and pass along hope" during their recovery. One letter of recommendation speaks to Robert's balancing a full-time job along with pursuing his education.

Robert's letters of recommendation spoke highly of him, including that as a native Beaufortonian, he even taught one of his employers how to Shag dance!

Alyson Boggess is graduating from TCL with her degree in Nursing this month. Alyson is a busy wife, an involved mother of 3 children, a class representative at Technical College of the Low Country, and a YMCA volunteer.

Her letters of recommendation comment on her stellar work ethic, sensitivity, empathy, and one comment state: "she has a servant's heart, and I cannot think of a better person who would be your nurse." Her instructor describes her as "a natural leader, hardworking, who shows great compassion."



# Ancient Nomads Return to Fripp Island

*Contributed By: Karen Natoli,  
Fripp Island Loggerhead Sea Turtle Nest Protection Project*

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It's that time of year again, when our ancient nomads, the giant loggerhead sea turtles, come ashore to nest on Fripp Island!

The female sea turtle's only purpose in coming ashore is to find a suitable nesting site and deposit her eggs. Can you imagine, a 250 lb+ animal using flippers, instead of feet, to drag herself up onto the beach, so she can find the right place to dig a hole and lay 120 eggs or more. Afterwards, she has to find her way back to the ocean without being interrupted by unnatural light, human activity is a tremendous endeavor.

Sea turtles use the light of the moon reflecting off the sea, to navigate back to the ocean. House lights, white flashlights, lanterns shining on the beach can confuse and disorient the turtles. Disorientation may cause them to wander around the beach for hours, wasting precious energy they need to get back to their natural habitat. She flies like an angel in the depths of the ocean, but on land, it is a quite a different story.

Sea turtles need a dark beach in order to accomplish their tasks of propagating the species. If you encounter a sea turtle coming ashore, please get down low and out of sight, to her rear until she finds her nesting area, digs her nest chamber and starts laying her eggs. If you attempt to approach her before she

has started laying her eggs, she will get spooked and abort the mission. She may attempt a few more evenings to nest, but if she fails to do so, she will unload the eggs into the ocean, and that would be counter-productive.

## How You Can Help!

Please respect the sea turtles and allow them time to accomplish the task they set out to do by giving them a wide berth, whether they are coming ashore or leaving the beach.

For your safety and theirs, please remember to take beach furniture back with you each day and fill in the holes on the beach before you leave.

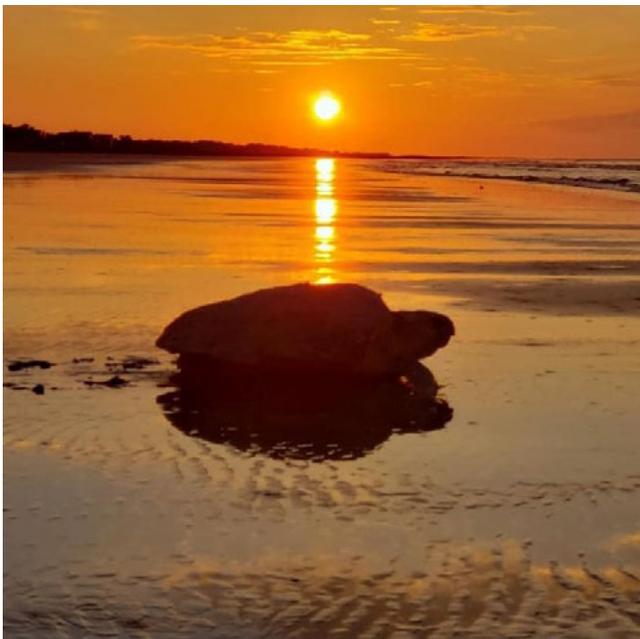
Please remember it is lights out on the beach from May 1st through October 31st. For a wealth of knowledge, be sure to visit our website at:  
<http://www.islc.net/~fripplog>

Also, a great book to read "So Excellent a Fish" by the grandfather of sea turtles, Dr. Archie Carr

Thank you for your continued support of the sea turtles; we appreciate all your help!

*About the Fripp Island  
Sea Turtle Nest Protection Project*

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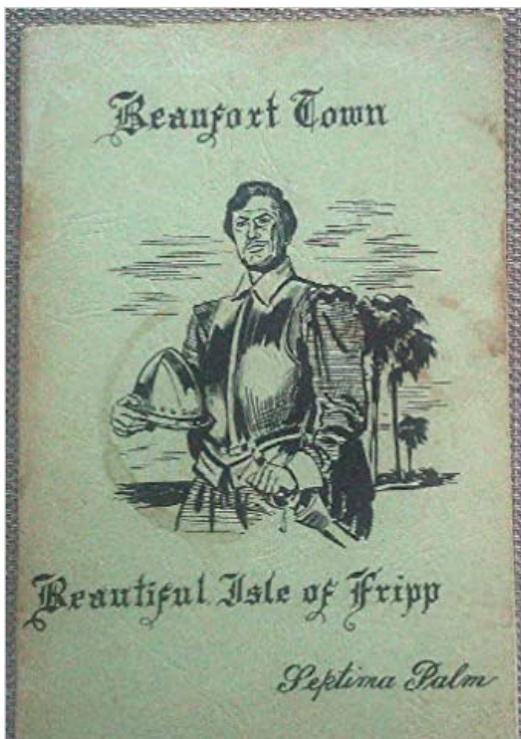
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*A poem written and published in January of 1970 in a collection of 16 other writings in **Beaufort Town, Beautiful Isle of Fripp**, By: **Septima Palm**.*

*This collection of writings was provided in a box of archives compiled by Page Putnam Miller.*

# FRIPP AUDUBON CLUB



*Contributed By:  
Megan Grams, Head Naturlist FIR*

The club goal is to provide the opportunities for study, observation, and conservation of the flora and fauna of the South Carolina low country. All of the programs are open to the public.

The Fripp Island Audubon Club was created in 1978 by island resident, Dixie Winter who formed the club and organized local and overnight club trips.

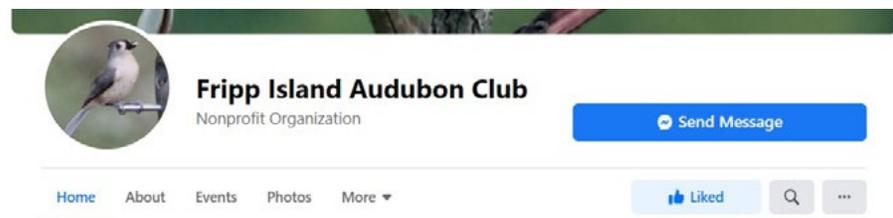
If you are a nature lover, you might enjoy the Fripp Island Audubon Club. Beyond field trips, the club organizes and hosts workshops to educate and encourage people who love nature and those who want to know more about the Lowcountry fauna and flora.



Why not make it a goal to get involved in the Fripp Island community by joining the Fripp Audubon Club this year.

Please visit the [Fripp Island Audubon Club website](#) or fill out the [membership application](#) to become a member.

You can also connect with and follow the Fripp Island Audubon activities on Facebook.



# FRIPP ISLAND ON THE AIRWAVES

*Contributed by Louise Flynn, Sean & Nicole Flynn (and Charley)*

*\*Thank you to the Flynn Family for sharing their story. What a great way to celebrate Fripp Island. \**

Louise Flynn (Resident of Fripp Island) came into the FIPOA office and regaled us with a fun story about her granddaughter being on a podcast and talking about her favorite place in the World: Fripp Island. We simply had to share it with the Fripp Island family.



The following story was provided by Sean and Nicole Flynn (Louise's Son and Daughter-in-Law) on how this unique opportunity came about.

Our relationship with Fripp Island is very special. Sean

introduced me (Nicole) to Fripp 12 years ago when we started dating on our first vacation together. He then proposed to me on Fripp in 2012 as it had solidified itself as our favorite destination. We would vacation there a couple times a year, sometimes bringing friends and other times on family vacations with the Flynn's. When we had Charley, we spent a month of my maternity leave on Fripp. We repeated the tradition when Lulu was born, so Fripp became a special place for the girls. We can't wait to visit Brian and Louise in August.

"We'd always wanted to move home, especially after the birth of our second (Lulu), but felt tied to our jobs and friends in CA. COVID hit, and all the reasons we wanted to move back East were really amplified, with family topping the list, and easy access to Fripp being top 3. Fripp is, to us, impossibly beautiful and comfortable and unpretentious and warm and all of the things I would say make for paradise.

In the Bay Area, we'd been able to walk 30 seconds to Charley/Lulu's daycare -- it was right across the street. Upon moving to Connecticut, we were/are faced with a 10 minute drive to daycare; not daunting in and of itself, but a challenge for two little girls who haven't spent much time in the car in the last year.

One day, I typed "kids short stories" into Spotify to see if there was a way to kill some time on our way to school. Jim's podcast of that name came up. When Googling it after a couple of weeks, I learned that he lives in Fort Mill, SC. In any case, he began to take submissions for stories, and Charley loves stories. We tell at least one every night, and so she was excited to see if one of ours could get read on Jim's podcast.

She gave me all the ideas for the story herself, and we crafted them into a story, which was a fun exercise itself. I submitted it in January, and we tuned in every day to see if it'd gotten picked up. I don't think Charley had any expectation that it would (not sure she understood it), but on one morning in April, Jim's voice welcomed us to our morning commute by saying that he'd gotten a story submission from Charley & Lulu from Connecticut. Dad freaked out, Charley needed some explanation, and Lulu just giggled. We listened to it on both the ride to and from school every day for a week."

Take a moment and listen to the podcast of [Charle and Lulu save Their Grandparents from a Sea Monster](#). I think we can all agree we re-discover Fripp Island again through a child's eyes.

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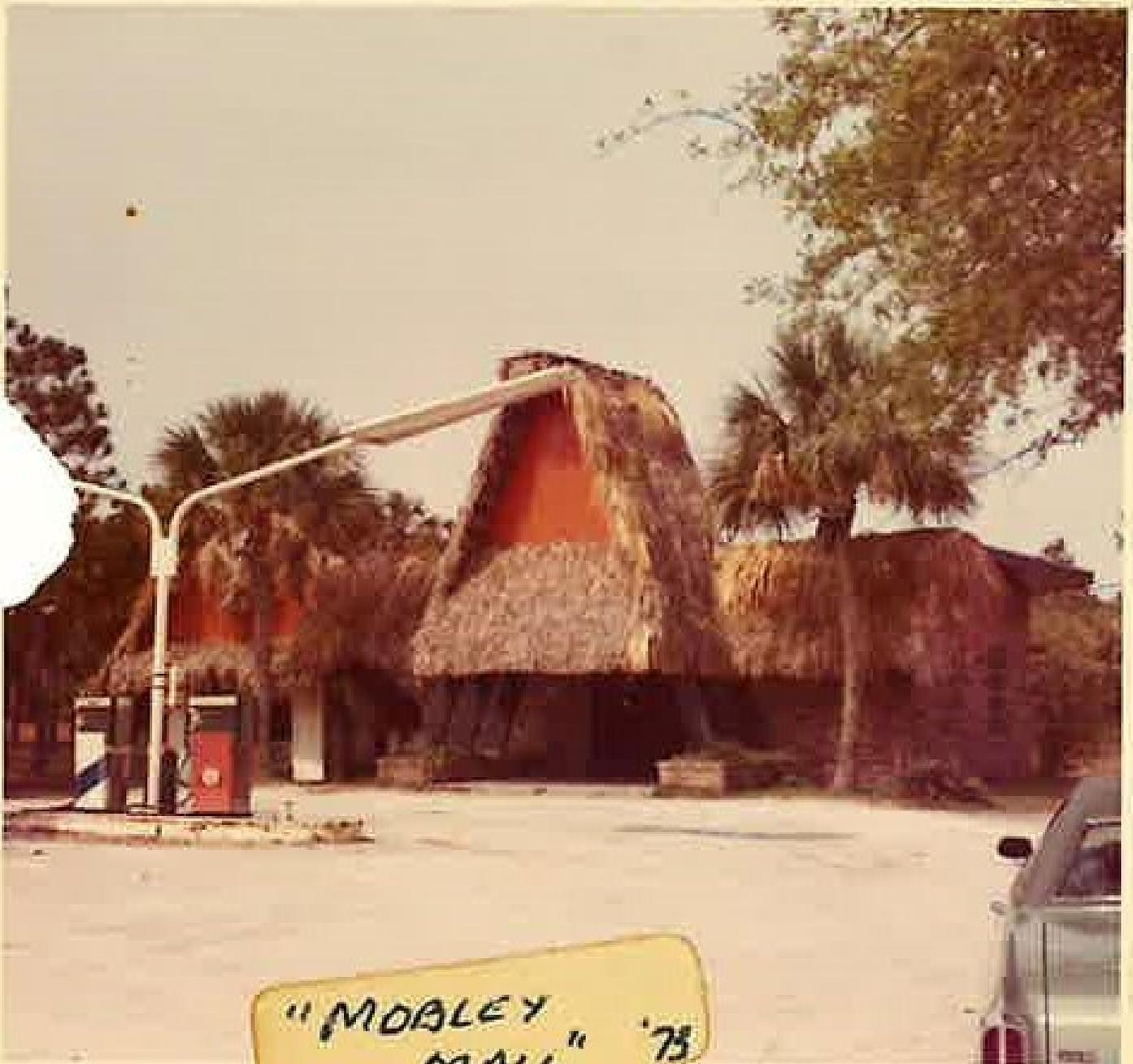


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# THREE EARLY FRIPP LANDMARKS THAT SOON VANISHED

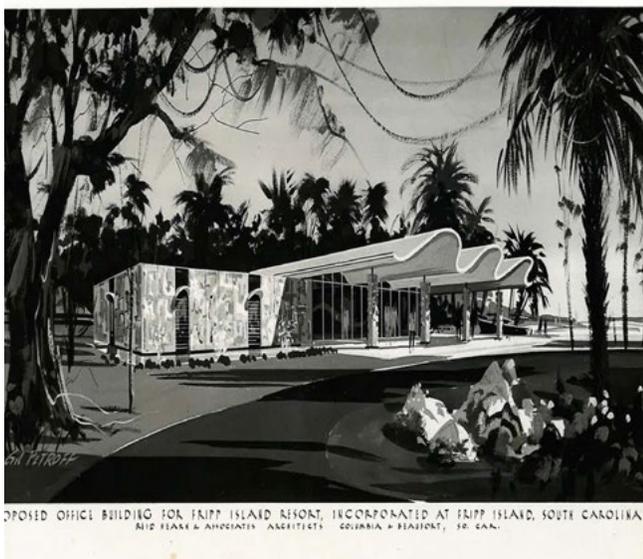
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The Fripp Resort Administration Building, the 19th Hole Pro Shop, and Mobley's Mall were three of the most popular spots on Fripp in the 1960s. However, for various reasons none survived the test of time.

Jack Kilgore, the developer of the Fripp Resort, dreamed of making Fripp



a premiere destination and conceived of a corporate headquarters at the entrance to the island that would make a dramatic statement. He selected Reid Hearn, a distinguished architect who had offices in Beaufort and Columbia, to head up the project, which was the first building constructed on the Fripp Resort. Completed in the summer of 1964, the roof presented undulations and a free-flowing profile that recalled the waves of the surf. The most innovative feature was the fifty-one exterior panels inspired

by ancient stone carvings and using sand sculptured reliefs that depicted birds, nautical objects, and shells. The sand-casting technique involved placing cement in sand molds and thus imparting the texture of the sand. A moat partially surrounded the building and flowed inside to the lobby's sunken fish pool that contained a model of the island. Central to the Fripp Resort's marketing efforts and the hub of administrative planning, the headquarters also served as a gathering place for residents. Before Fripp residents had individual mail boxes, all mail was arranged alphabetically around the edge of the sunken fish pool in the lobby. It was indeed an innovative and imaginative building. However, after a decade

**“It was indeed an innovative and imaginative building.”**

the sand sculptured panels began to disintegrate. When the coalition of Savings and Loans purchased the resort

in 1972, they made a number of upgrades and one included replacing the building in 1978 with a new office and general store, now the location of Fripp Island Real Estate office and Spring Tide Market.

From the beginning Kilgore envisioned a golf course with ocean views and a clubhouse. On September 26, 1964 soon after the completion of the Fripp Resort Administration Building, the first nine holes of the golf course opened. Designed by nationally renowned golf course architect, George Cobb, all 18 holes were ready for play just two months later. The dredging to make lagoons provided dirt to fill in areas of marshland and an overflow area for storm water.

The construction of the clubhouse began in 1965 on a vantage point on the northeastern tip of the island, where Newhaven condos currently stand. Harry Demosthenes of Sumter, who was the architect, said that as a golfer he knew that “The impression a golf course pro shop makes is most important.” He chose a contemporary design with exposed beams and natural wood siding with a six-point roof line that suggested a choppy sea for the building that was

named The 19th Hole Pro Shop. An open patio connected the pro shop, locker rooms



for men and women and a snack area. While the new Administration Building disintegrated over several years, The 19th Hole vanished in less than thirty minutes when it burned down during gale force winds. There was no way to control the blaze.

The first Fripp store and gas station, dubbed Mobley's Mall, was located near the entrance to the island where today is the parking lot for Spring Tide Village. Although several different men operated the store, Mr. Mobley had the job for the longest period. Gini Reese, who moved to Fripp in 1968, recently recalled that Mobley's Mall was very tiny but extremely important for it provided two essentials for island residents, gas and liquor. Mobley, described as a character, would sit in his rocker, chew tobacco and tell about the latest developments and gossip on the island. Folks often gathered, Dixie Winter recalled, in late afternoon at Mobley's Mall to visit with one another and learn what fish were running and where. Mobley was an ardent Clemson supporter while Kilgore was a University of South Carolina graduate. There was a lively tradition between them that when the two teams played each other, the flag of the winning team would fly over Mobley's Mall. In 1974 the Fripp Resort, then under the management of a coalition of savings and loans, closed Mobley's Mall.

Kilgore's Polynesian look was being replaced with a more sophisticated look. That same year the early logo featuring a man paddling a Polynesian outrigger canoe was abandoned for the stylish shell that represented the ship of privateer Captain John Fripp and which is still part of the Fripp logo. The gas station and the general store moved to the marina.

Thus three buildings that played a key role in the early days of the Fripp resort vanished from the landscape in the 1970s. Since I did not visit Fripp until 1989, I know of these structures only through my research. If anyone reading this had first-hand experience with these buildings, I would enjoy talking to you. Please contact me at [ppm40@aol.com](mailto:ppm40@aol.com).



# ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club Makes Plans for In-Person Meetings Starting September 2021

*Contributed By:  
Jack Sims*

The ROMEIO Men's Lunch Club is a friendly, community minded, casual gathering of mostly retired men who, since 1992, have met monthly

September-November and January-April to enjoy each other's company, have a great meal catered by Harold's Chef Services and hear from noteworthy special guests along with Q&A.



We meet at the Fripp Island Community Centre, average 44 monthly attendees, convene for fellowship at 11:30 am, lunch at 12 Noon and adjourn promptly at 1:00 pm and as we did during Covid-19, plan to provide a way for women to pick up a "take home" lunch at 1:15 pm. A monthly e-mail is sent for RSVPs 10 days prior to the lunch and attendees pay by cash at their table.

Also, ROMEIO volunteers host the January, Fripp Island Community Dinner with the net proceeds from that dinner and from the monthly lunches supporting the Community Centre.



If you are not currently receiving email invitations, email [jacksims198@gmail.com](mailto:jacksims198@gmail.com) or call 814-392-9045.

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# DISCOVERING FRIPP ISLAND

*Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison*

Fripp Island is a treasure on the Atlantic Coast. We have great golf courses, tennis courts, great pools, and a fantastic oceanfront island. But have we discovered that Fripp Island sits in the middle of the largest, most fantastic pristine estuary on the east coast. This estuary was the home of early settlers, pirates, and now the home of us that call Fripp Island home or our 2nd home.

Many of us are focused on the golf or beach and miss the treasure around Fripp Island. Great fishing, boating, unbelievable wildlife, and flora and fauna. Our Fripp Island Marina and Excursions is the ticket to discovering our beautiful Island. Excursions rent a center style with all kinds of watercraft and land transportation and fishing rods.

Our marina sponsors four world-class fishing tournaments, fishing captains, and fisherman that have some of the best fishing on the east coast. It is home to the Fripp Island Yacht Club and Fripp Island Sea Rescue.

Fripper 11 has carried congressman, senators, HGTV, American Idol TV, and it can carry you to unbelievable areas in our waterways where you discover hidden spots teeming with wildlife. Hidden to many is Nalu, a world-class Paddle Board Center. From paddleboard tours to paddleboard rentals and even beach Yoga. Nalu brings a discovery in our backwaters that very few ever see.

Fripp Island is being discovered by many, and they are finding out what a treasure Fripp truly is.





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# MENS

## Nine Hole Golf League

*Contributed By: Mike Wilt*

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There is nothing like warmer weather to bring more players back to the nine-hole men's golf group. As April has ended the number of people playing on Wednesday mornings has continued to increase. In addition, more and more people have been vaccinated against

COVID and are feeling more comfortable playing with the group, a trend that is expected to continue. Playing on Wednesday mornings offers an opportunity for men to play just nine holes in a shorter time commitment than the 18-hole leagues in a fun environment.

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Perhaps more importantly it provides an opportunity to get outside, get some exercise and turn off the world events for a while. Unfortunately, no outside tournaments or social activities that had become an integral part of the group have occurred in the past year, but it is hoped some of these can resume in the months ahead.

The group experienced good weather for the most part during the March and April time period, and managed to play seven out of seven Wednesdays, not losing any outings due to weather. Games during this two-month time frame were Team Stableford, One Low Net, One Low Gross, Bear Creek and Reverse Bear Creek, Points for Par, Flags, and Two Low Net.

Rick Stein led the way as he was on a winning team four times, followed by Joe Sullivan, Richard Ward, and Frank Golden three times each and Don Dashiell twice. Winning once were Ed Smith, Mike Virostek, Duffy Howard, Steve Schnobrich, Charles Middleton, Brian Flynn, John Dunphy, Bob Smith, Ken Anton, and Jim Wolbrink. Closest to the pin was Steve Schnobrich twice, and Don Brink, Mike Wilt, Frank Golden and Leiter Doolittle once each.

The group will play at Ocean Creek golf course in May with a starting time at 8:30 am to accommodate the weather getting warmer and will return to Ocean Point in June. The current roster of the men's nine-hole group stands at 30. Annual dues remain a bargain at only \$15 per year. The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group, and you need to register before noon on any Tuesday before the Wednesday event.

To sign up to play every  
Wednesday morning  
go to the website at  
[http://web.foretees.com/  
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# Fripp Island Ladies Nine Hole Golf

**Come join a fun group of ladies  
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## **Schedule:**

**Tuesday: play your own game**

**Thursday: tournament play with a  
Different game weekly**

**Often meet for lunch after play**

**Yearly luncheon**

**Prizes awarded**

**Alternate play on Ocean Creek  
and Ocean Point course**

**Yearly dues: \$35**

**Can join anytime**

**For info Contact:**

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**Carrie Gibson: [fripp2017@gmail.com](mailto:fripp2017@gmail.com)**





# LADIES NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

*Contributed By: Carrie Gibson*

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After a beautiful morning of golf, The Fripp Island Women's Nine Hole League held their annual luncheon at Peg Legs. It was a fun time as many women were able to reunite after time apart due to covid 19.

We encourage beginners and seasoned players to check out the WGA 9-hole group. If you are new to golf this is the place to sharpen your skills while getting lots of encouragement from the seasoned players. The WGA 9 is just starting their summer season of golf.

For info on WGA 9 contact Louise Flynn at [Lflynn52@hotmail.com](mailto:Lflynn52@hotmail.com) or Carrie Gibson at [Fripp2017@gmail.com](mailto:Fripp2017@gmail.com).

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

*With Mary Jacobs*

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Dear Readers:

I am thrilled to be writing about Community!!

Happy! Happy! Spring! And welcome to summer!!

Once I read a poem that was all about the phrase....AND THEN SOME...

As I reflect on the friends on Fripp Island and the strong sense of support and family like feeling I am thrilled to be a part of this community. Fripp somehow has set the tone for... AND THEN SOME! There are so many opportunities to serve our community. I even recall around Christmas time a little girl made shells to sell in order to help buy toys for underprivileged children. They range from the communities we live in to the organized clubs. There is certainly a place for all of us to serve and give back.

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Child Assignment:

1. Keep a daily journal/log of ways you can serve our Island. You may wish to ask an adult to help you.
2. Write a story about what you like about Fripp Island Community and share it with two other friends or family members. And then draw a picture to go along with your story.

Parent Assignment:

1. Talk to your child about gratitude and why it is important to be a person of service.
  2. Model giving back to the community and explain how this helps our island.
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Acrostic: CHALLENGE Assignment

Write a word for each letter in Community

C=

O=

M=

M=

U=

N=

I=

T=

Y=

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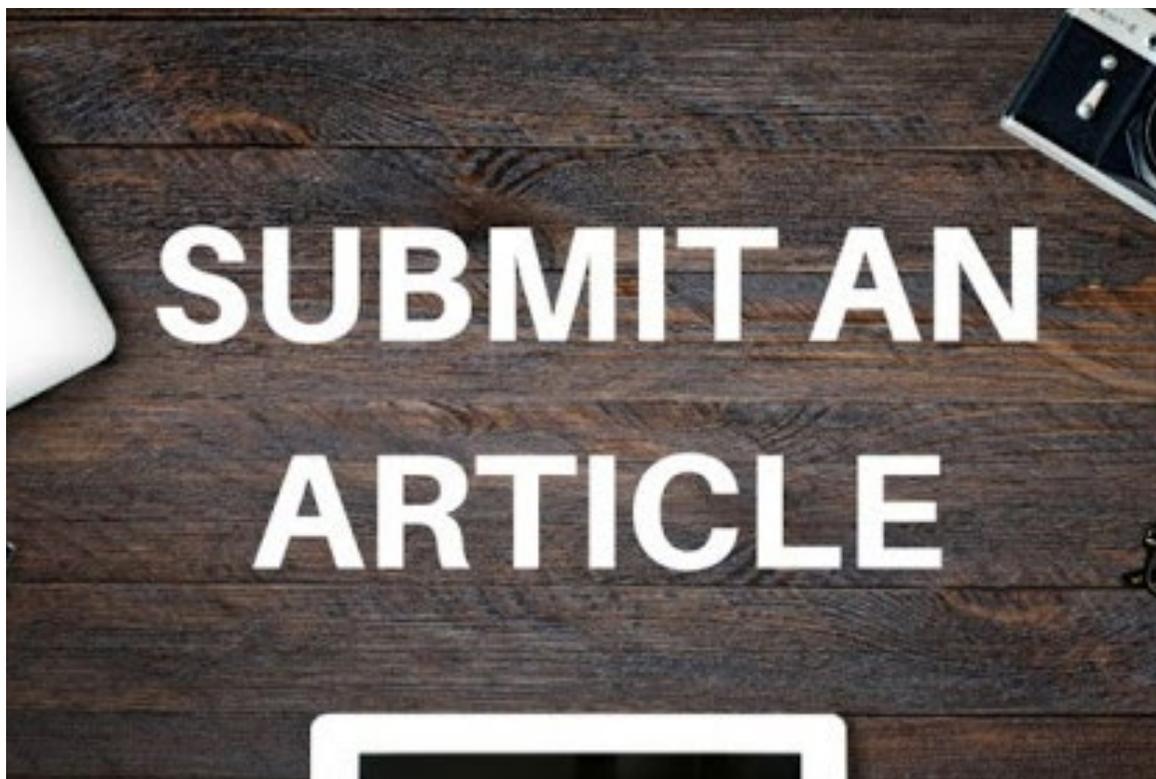
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Submissions should be no longer than 1000 words.

Graphics should be submitted separately and in their final form.

### 2021 Schedule, Theme and Submission Dates

July: Summer Fun

*Submission Date:* June 30TH

September: Fall and Change

*Submission Date:* August 30TH

December: Holiday Edition TBD

*Submission Date:* November 19th





# Captain Ralphs Cooking Corner

## COOKING CRAB'S THE EASY WAY

Crab season is here and whether you buy, catch in traps or crab lines here's a little secret.

( FIELD STRIP THEM ) If the crabs are alive put them on ice, They then go to sleep.

Pull off the 2 large claws, then break away the outer shell from body, clean off crab clusters and break clusters in half. You now have a easy way to cook them.

A small pot of boiling water, add old Bay and cook the crabs until they are pink. Don't overcook! Put them in a strainer to cool.

You are now ready for a less mess and one of the Great Seafood Dinners. ENJOY

# GOOD FISHING AND FISHING TOURNAMENT SCHEDULED

*Contributed By: Captain Ralph Goodison*

## SPRING AND SUMMER FISHING LOOKS GOOD

**INSHORE:** Good catches of Black Drum, Sheepshead, Whiting and Redfish, Trout and Flounder picking up.

Maxwell Bridge, Wardle's Landing, Northampton Rocks. Recently fishing has slowed and should improve better catches of Black Drum, Redfish, Whiting and Flounder.

**NEARSHORE:** Drydock, Fripp/Tire Reef and 6HI. Sheepshead, Blackdrum, Blackbass Good; 6HI also good catches of Vermillion, Triggerfish and Grubt.

**OFFSHORE/STREAM:** Wahoo, Good and Dolphin should be improving every day, Kingfish and Tuna Showing.



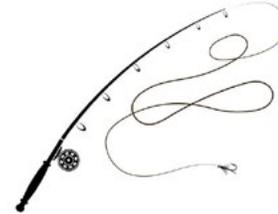
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## FRIPP ISLAND MEMORIAL FISHING TOURNAMENT

Get ready for a Block Buster Fishing with The Fripp Island Memorial Fishing Tournament happening Memorial Day Weekend. Lewis Turner, Marina Director will have all hands on deck to bring another great tournament to Fripp.

The tournament starts Thursday May 27th with registration starting at 6:00 PM followed by a Captains meeting

and a Low Country Cookout. Fishing days are Friday, and Saturday May 28th and 29th. Weigh ins, 4 to 6 each day followed by awards ceremony on Saturday. A festive event is planned with a great prize money for the largest Wahoo, Dolphin, Kingfish and Spanish. Join the best fishing of the year or watching the boats bringing in the fish.



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FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB



The Fripp Island Yacht Club is a social organization that promotes cruising, fishing, boating skills, and safe boating on our local waters. With events ranging from casual oyster roasts and picnics to overnight boat trips and the Annual Commodore's Ball, members participate in numerous interesting, educational and exciting activities.

Learn more at [frippislandyachtclub.com](http://frippislandyachtclub.com).



# The Fripp Canal

## What is it and why is it important to Fripp Island Sea Rescue?

Put simply, the Fripp Canal allows fresh water to flow from the marsh to the ocean. It is part of a larger system that drains rain and tidal water off our low-lying Island. Plants, fish and animals in the Fripp Canal are those of the ocean or salt marsh. Expect pluff mud, oyster shells, changing depth with daily tides and possibly an alligator or two. Private docks and boat lifts allow owners on the Canal to access waters in the area for boating, fishing and other pastimes.

Sea Rescue knows the Canal as one possible route to Skull Creek and Prichards Island; areas

with plenty of emergency calls and Rescue Missions each year. The southern section from Skull Creek to the Maxwell bridge is wide and deep with underwater sandbars. Watch your depth. Private docks and boat lifts are on both sides.

The Maxwell Bridge has low clearance for many boats at higher tides. North of the bridge, the canal is narrower and shallow. Marsh grass makes much of the northern section of the Canal almost impossible to navigate without significant prior experience.

Tide, weather conditions and time of day all impact response times getting a boat to the south end of Fripp from the Marina. By knowing more about the area, residents and visitors can help improve the community response to water incidents.

Place names are tricky and can cause confusion. One visitor said her whole family called South Beach, 'Ceviche Point', after a memorable dish on a picnic there. Check a map or

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*Looking north from the Maxwell Bridge.*





*Fripp Canal flows pass the Cabana Club into Skull Inlet.*



*Floating Dock on the South End of the Canal.*

*3 boat lifts on the Canal south of the Maxwell Bridge.*



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conserve battery life.

A Marine with a map who loves boating and a challenge can still get stuck in the pluff mud. Kayaking up the Fripp Canal and then around the north end of Fripp under the main bridge looked feasible it might even be possible with the right tides. This young Warrior was fortunate to have grandparents on Fripp who knew his float plan and followed his progress on their phones. They could talk if either grew concerned. The estimated 6-hour trip took much longer and he had to turn around and return home; very muddy but not beaten!

So, err on the side of caution. If things get dicey, particularly close to dark, go ahead and call 911. A “water non-emergency” dispatch gets rescue resources focused and responding. Almost as good as extra grandparents. Perhaps we’ll meet you out there some day, hot and muddy but still paddling home. No problem!

Looking Ahead. We often see fireworks or flares over the water in the summer. If you are concerned call Fripp Security or 911. It could be flares that indicate a boat in trouble. Give a good description of what you saw, how many, what color and where they were in the sky.

chart of the area where you are going and keep one in your home for reference. Most realty companies provide maps of the sea islands. Nautical charts are sold at Marinas.

If you are boating, tell someone where you expect to go and be flexible to change plans based on conditions. Have your cell phone with you and keep it dry and communicate changes back to those at home. Short calls or texts

