



# THE TRAWLER

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## Fripp Island Wishes Kate Hines Well on Her Retirement

*Linda Freeman*

The 1990's were heady times for Fripp Island. Our obscure, but decidedly photogenic barrier island became Hollywood for a time. Producers, directors, actors, cinematographers, and their entourages descended upon Fripp to shoot *Prince of Tides*, *The Jungle Book*, and *Forrest Gump*. On location, Fripp residents hobnobbed with the likes of Sally Field, Barbara Streisand, and Tom Hanks. Hollywood left, but Fripp would never be the same.

More “main-landers” were discovering Fripp was a good place to live and work.

In 1995, Kate Hines arrived on Fripp as an office staff-member. She made her mark on the island, and the next year was hired as Community Manager—and a good thing, too, because Fripp was on the brink of a huge growth spurt. Construction of The Ocean Creek Golf Course and adjacent residential neighborhoods were soon underway, not to mention additions to the Veranda Beach and Marina areas. In 1990, there were 960 dwellings on Fripp; by the millennium, the total was 1,385. Today we are at 1,676. All this growth took place while Kate was at the helm of our POA.

Islands seem to be in Kate's blood—warm and sunny islands! She escaped from the frozen Philadelphia winters of her youth to college in Florida, and Caribbean islands still call her, so why not coastal South Carolina? No matter the reason she moved here, it was the very moment that Fripp needed her hand to guide its remarkable development and transformation into the award-winning coastal community it has become.

Kate developed along with the island, moving up the ranks to General Manager, becoming a consummate professional. The national organization for community managers is the Community Associations Institute (CAI). CAI certifies professional community managers through a structured program of training and coursework, practical examinations, continuing education and field experience. Kate has earned CAI's most prestigious designations, and at every turn she has exceeded CAI's demanding requirements. She has shown herself to be a leader at CAI conferences and seminars and in various community management organizations,

earning the respect of management professionals across the nation. Kate is known at the Statehouse in Columbia as a strong advocate for Fripp and the needs of SC coastal communities.

Kate's leadership skills passed the test in early 1997, when damage to the Fripp Inlet Bridge closed Fripp's only vehicular link to the rest of the world to all traffic for five days. Our Fripp Community seemed to say, “we'll get through this together,” and did just that. In an island spirit of self-reliance, neighbor helped neighbor, and rapidly implemented creative “work-arounds” as the order of the day. To Kate, this was not a crisis, but a challenge. “Kate...is very task-oriented...,” noted Jim Yeager, here for 22



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## Splinters from the Board

The Board of Directors held two meetings since the last publication of *The Trawler*. The meetings took place on October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 30<sup>th</sup>.

To see the General Manager's report and full minutes of all FIPOA meetings, please go to: [frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/property-owners-association/poa-organization/board-meetings/board-meetings-minutes/)



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## New Owners on Fripp

10/1/17 to 10/31/17

*Nathan Sigel & Erin Barnicle, Waltham MA*

*John & Mary Jenkins, Fripp Island SC*

*Craig & Kristi Karriker, Gaffney SC*

*William & Ann MacDougall, Fripp Island SC*

*Kevin & Kathryn Mills, Macon GA*

*Jennifer & Patrick Sutton, Greenville SC*

*Shannon Clements & David Watts, Dearborn MI*

*Joseph Yonce, Johnston SC*



WELCOME

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

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Deadline for the November TRAWLER is October 30<sup>th</sup>

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

December 14, 2017 – 9:00 AM at the  
FIPOA Administrative Office

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(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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## Kate Hines (cont.)

years who "...came across many problems and dilemmas that faced the island...(and) would take the information and come back with the appropriate response or action."

Kate's knowledge, experience, contacts and persistence stood out in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew's devastation. Our island faced enormous challenges. Kate tackled them enthusiastically—at first from the POA's relocation center in Aiken, while keeping property owners informed. The Cosolas bought a home on Fripp two weeks before Matthew struck, knew nobody on Fripp, and had slept only one night in it before heading back to Atlanta. Kate's updates, they said, "...kept their stress level manageable." Praising Kate's handling of the POA's monumental clean-up, they observed, "...the professionalism and thoroughness of the recovery process was very comforting."



**Kate Hines and the newest baby on Fripp Island, Mr. Steven Michael Lee III .“Tripp” (Son of Michael Lee and Meghan Johnson)**

Kate's "roll up your sleeves and do what is needed" attitude means nobody on Fripp is surprised to see Kate piling-up debris in a parking lot. Nor was the Beaufort County Council surprised when they looked up from taking notes and saw Kate, as Fripp made its case for county and federal assistance to deal with overwhelming storm debris. It also didn't surprise any of us that we got the assistance we asked for.

The less-known Fripp of 1995 is a distant memory; but we have never lost the friendliness of those bygone days. Stepping into the POA office under Kate's leadership, you were welcomed into a "home." And better if you brought your dog with you! Kate never met a dog she didn't love and always had a canister of dog treats. "Anyone who cares as much about dogs as (Kate) does has to be a wonderful person," says David Case. Long ago, he visited the POA office and ended-up on the POA Board of Directors for six years, where he "...learned what an asset she was to the island."

With retirement now on her checklist, we expect Kate to tackle this task with the considerable skills that have made her such a Fripp asset. Her husband may wonder what happened to his placid life. Reportedly, she plans to sky dive with her daughters. Can skydiving with Larry be far behind?! We know that Kate will now have more time to enjoy her precious dogs and the backyard pool with Larry, without being anchored to the cell phone that kept Kate, our "Always-On-Call-Manager," never far from Fripp.



President of the FIPOA Board of Directors, Frank Belatti puts it this way, "Many of us have only known FIPOA with Kate at the helm. She has overseen a great deal of growth and change; she has worked with many, many property owners and Boards; and she has touched most of our lives. Speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors and her many friends, we owe Kate a great debt of gratitude for doing a job that is anything but easy, and for leading FIPOA for all these years. It is difficult to imagine FIPOA without her. Thank you Kate, and we wish you the very best life has to offer."

All of Fripp wishes you well, Kate. Enjoy your "island retirement," even on Lady's Island!



**Krista Shipes, Meghan Johnson, Kate Hines, and Tina Reeves (Left to right)**



**Larry and Kate Hines**

# ISLAND SERVICES



## CHIEF'S CORNER

*Mike Senecal, Chief of Security*

As many of you may already know, I will be leaving as the Chief of Security as a suitable replacement is found. It has been my honor to work at the Fripp Island Security these past 12 years. I have met almost all of you while at security. And I hope you call me a friend, as I call you one.

The first of the year will likely bring change to the Security Department. Change can be good, but I hope you will support the new Chief in the same way you have always supported me.

I will miss coming to this beautiful island on a daily basis and working with the officers of the Security department. They are true professionals. And, I'll miss seeing you.

In the interim, your questions and suggestions are welcome. Please do not hesitate to call us at 843-838-2334 or e-mail us at [security@frippislandliving.com](mailto:security@frippislandliving.com).



Liz Chaplin, Kate Hines, Mike Senecal 10/31/17

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# FRIPP ISLAND RESORT

## The Piping Plover



Dakota and 173 winter with a small flock of only about 10 on Fripp Island.

The Piping Plover is listed as endangered in Canada and along the Great Lakes, and threatened in the Great Plains and Northeast. Biologists track their populations and migrations by banding their legs and hoping someone reports seeing them somewhere. This is how I came to know “Dakota” and “173,” as I call them. Over the past five winters reporting her, I’ve learned that Dakota hatched in South Dakota in 2008 and returns there each year to lay her eggs. Some of her chicks, also banded, have shown up wintering on Texas beaches! Newer to the Fripp flock is 173, who hatched in 2016 on Wasaga Beach, Ontario, Canada. How these tiny two ounce birds can fly 1300 plus miles knowing exactly where to go year after year completely amazes me!

The best way to help Piping Plovers and all the other shorebirds is to give them plenty of space. Each time they

are scared by a dog chasing them or a person walking through the flock, they fly and waste valuable energy. Remember, these tiny birds are here from over a thousand miles away, and they will have to fly back. The shorebirds are just one of the many species that makes nature on Fripp so enjoyable, and I’m so happy we can share our beach with these little guys!

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Dakota is part of the threatened Great Plains population and was banded by the Virginia Tech Shorebird Program.



173 is part of the threatened Great Lakes population. His beach had a record 5 nests that year.



All of our shorebirds eat small invertebrates like worms in the wet sand.

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## Fall Creators Update (Windows 10)

Carl Koellman

First of all, apologies for writing so much about Windows. The easy answer is Windows is what I know. I spent my professional career working in it. I now have an iPhone and an Android phone, so I'm branching out, albeit baby steps.

I thought I had some corruption in my laptop that I couldn't pinpoint. I couldn't access my online banking site with any browser, Edge, Internet Explorer, Firefox, or Chrome. Thinking I screwed up some obscure Windows setting, I decided to upgrade to the Fall Creators Update from Microsoft as it was just released on October 17<sup>th</sup>. If you're already running Windows 10, you will get this update on some schedule only Microsoft knows, but you will get it. I did what's called a clean install, meaning I kept nothing from my old Windows 10. I backed up my data files and other configuration information (see Fab's Autobackup from <https://www.fpn.net.fr>, a great little product) then wiped the computer clean. After updating the new install with all the latest patches, I found out I still couldn't access my banking site <grrr!>. Sooo, I had to debug after all. Turns out it was the link to my wireless router that was the problem. To not bore you with the messy details, once I disabled the router link and went directly to my modem, all was right with the world. I'm still glad I updated to the Fall Creators Update. I'll share a few discoveries with you.

### The fun stuff:

Story Remix —turns your photos into slideshows and movies, even with 3D effects.

Video Project —add animation effects to videos.

Mixed Reality Viewer —adds 3D animations to real world scenes through your computer camera.

Emoji Keyboard —press WIN key plus semicolon and you can insert emoji in any document or screen you're working on.

OneDrive on Demand —placeholder technology is back, missing since Windows 8.1,

allowing you to access files in the cloud through "shortcuts" on your PC. The files don't have to be on your PC.

Edge PDF and eBook Reader —no longer need Adobe Reader.

Phone linking —one feature allows you to reply to texts on your phone from your PC.

### The really important stuff:

SMB1 is gone —(gone only in clean installs) this is a networking protocol that is very vulnerable to hackers.

Windows Defender Application Guard —using a "sandboxed" version of Edge you can browse and be protected from any malware on the Internet.

Windows Defender Exploit Guard —protects you against a variety of threats including zero-day exploits.

Controlled Folder Access —this is a great addition. It protects you from ransomware threats by allowing only approved programs access to system files and data folders. Before, I recommended using CryptoPrevent from Foolish It, but you might not need it with this enhancement.

Bottom line, upgrade to the Fall Creators Update when available to you for no other reason than the security enhancements.

Oh, and by the way, the free upgrade to Windows 10 from Windows 7 and 8.1 finally (really) ends December 31, 2017. If you are still on 7 and 8.1, consider upgrading before the end of the year.

That's it for now. Until next time, have fun slaying the dragons.

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## How to be a Do-It-Yourself Property Manager Turn a job you may loathe into one you'll love.

Robert Smoak

Once you've decided to transmute your beautiful Fripp Island property into a moneymaking vacation rental, you're stepping into new terrain. Fortunately, it's not uncharted territory. Many rental owners before you have been there done that, and they know what it takes to successfully manage a property. When you follow their proven best practices, you can avoid costly mistakes, save time and money, and maximize the return on your investment. Here are some basic best practices to put you on the track to success.

### Determine Your Level of Involvement

Managing a rental property is like having a part-time job. Juggling bookings, last-minute reservation changes, maintenance issues, deposits—not to mention marketing and promotion activities—all take time. Decide how much time you want to devote. Then, evaluate your options. Fortunately, you have many!

If you'd rather burden someone else with most responsibilities, or if you live a distance from your rental, you might consider hiring a full-service property management company to handle your rental business from soup-to-nuts. If you prefer a hands-on approach, you may still recruit a property management service or vacation rental specialist to perform essential managerial tasks that will simplify your life. For instance, you may want to contract with an existing online vacation rental firm to manage your reservations and booking and serve as your contact during a guest's stay, while handling on-site maintenance yourself.

The key is to rely on others for those tasks that are more time-consuming or complex or require specialized expertise, and hone in on tasks that should be yours alone.

### Be Prepared To Respond Immediately To Guest Inquiries

Guests will want to know as much about your property as they can before they rent. Being available to answer questions when guest interest is highest, usually within an hour of requesting information, will pay off in a higher volume of bookings. The quicker you respond, the better chance prospective guests will not move on to explore competing properties. Regardless of the tools you use to manage your inquiries, faster response rates result in more reservations.

### Get to Know Your Guests

After the reservation is confirmed, a major hurdle is behind you. Congratulations! But realize your responsibility is just beginning. Guests expect you to stay in touch and answer any questions they may have prior to arrival. At the very least, you'll need to inform them of entry details, such as front door keypad codes, garage door codes, and if anyone else will be on the property during their stay. For instance, if your lawn maintenance service is expected on the property during a stay, inform your guests.



In turn, guests may want to change an arrival time or date, bring an additional guest along, or have any number of last-minute questions. (“Do you provide a golf cart?” “Do you provide beach towels?” “Will you have outside lights on if we arrive late at night?”) Being available and responsive adds a personal touch that sets the tone for a more welcoming visit.

Some property management and vacation booking companies don't allow personal contact with guests, but experienced vacation homeowners prefer direct contact. Your vacation home is an expensive investment and you must protect it; getting to know your guests gives you a sense of security. An open communication line can increase the comfort level of both parties.

### Hire A Top-Notch Housekeeper And Handyman

Having a house cleaner and handyman on call is essential to a successful rental. Because both of these individuals will be relaying condition reports to you after guests leave—or during a stay, if necessary—they must be dependable, resourceful and detail-oriented. Make sure they have excellent references. Be explicit as to what you want done and the scope of their work. A thorough cleaning prior to check-in is essential.

The ideal handyman is someone who lives close to your property and can quickly be on site to check things out if a guest calls with a complaint or maintenance issue. This is a professional who should be communicative and willing to interact with guests to accommodate their needs.

### Be Reachable During Each Stay

You want guests to be comfortable contacting you—or your handyman—if something's not right. In fact, there are two good reasons to actually encourage guests to call if a problem arises. First, when guests point out concerns or otherwise complain, it gives you an opportunity to improve the stay for future guests. (“You said you had beach chairs available but we can't find them.” “The instructions for connecting to your Wi-Fi aren't clear.”

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## D.I.Y. Property Manager (cont.)

*The bed pillows are all flat and need replacing.” “The back door doesn’t shut all the way.”*) You get the point! And by the way, it’s the way you respond to these minor annoyances that can count in major ways to a guest’s level of satisfaction.

Second, even if something does go on the blink—a ceiling fan doesn’t turn on, the top to the blender is missing, the disposal is clogged, whatever—showing guests that you care about initiating repairs right away can set the stage for a positive experience that leads to a wonderful review of your property. And positive reviews are critical to successful marketing efforts.

### Reply on Property Management Tools to Make Booking and Payments a Breeze

A good property management or vacation rental website gives you access to an array of handy tools that automate booking procedures. Ideally, the site should allow you to easily keep your property listing up to date with all relevant information that guests need to reserve their stay at your home. It should give you the capability to send electronic agreements for guests to complete online, allowing guests to book instantly and securely with a credit card payment and get their security deposits returned at the end of their stay. In short, the entire booking process should be online and paperless. Today’s guests expect nothing less.

For guests, the check-in process can make or break an experience. A negative booking experience can lead to a bad guest experience.

Another convenience is the ability for the site to update your online rental calendar the moment a booking is secured, and—very important—the ability to respond in real time to quickly reply to guest inquiries.

Popular travel and accommodation websites abound. But before you commit to one or more sites, compare functionalities, ease of navigation, user friendliness, level of interaction with guests and fee structures. For instance, many sites don’t allow owners to directly contact prospective guests at all —yet as

mentioned above, that personal contact is what gives both owners and guests the high degree of comfort and security they need to finalize a booking.

### Promote Your Property Online

Travelers constantly compare available properties. Vacation rentals constitute a competitive marketplace, which is why you should constantly promote yours.

Start with a property description that is accurate, complete, and enticing. Write it in a way that will attract the most interest and differentiate your home from competitors. Steer away from boring laundry lists of amenities. Instead, create engaging imagery so prospective guests can picture themselves in your home, enjoying their surroundings. (*“Our brand new, fully equipped stainless steel kitchen is designed to make meal preparation an inspired pleasure.” “The marsh outside your bedroom window offers captivating views of wildlife and stunning sunsets.”*)

High quality photos are a key sales tool for vacation rentals. Be generous with photos! You’re proud of your property and this is your chance to show off why it will be the perfect getaway. Show the home’s interior and exterior features including the layout, the living area, the kitchen and bedrooms, back yard recreation area, and scenic views from windows. Play up special details, such as a deck with comfy lounge chairs, a grill and hot tub; or a screened-in porch.

### Request Reviews

Leave a guest book on site for people to share reactions to your property and their overall stay. But more important, after departure, ask guests to leave a review online. Testimonials are essential; the experiences of previous guests have a tremendous impact on your reservation frequency. A positive review is golden; even if something goes wrong and you jumped through hoops to make it right, guests will show their appreciation by leaving a positive impression for future guests, thus boosting reservations.

### Set an Appropriate Price

Dynamic pricing allows you to change your rates based on factors such as the season, days of the week, your competition and your personal preferences.

### Connect With Your Community

Keep abreast of the rental market. Stay up to date on rental regulations and laws. Know what your friends and neighbors are doing and share information with them. They may be competing with you for renters, but they can also be a great source for fresh ideas and advice that will benefit you and enhance the rental business for everyone.

So there you have it. DIY property management or professional property management, the choice is yours to make.

*Robert Smoak is the owner and founder of FrippVacation, Inc., a property management company specializing in South Carolina rental homes and villas.*



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## Christmas Potpourri

*Donna Cosola*

Scents are an important part of my holiday experience. I start boiling a batch of potpourri as soon as the weather gets cold, and I package it up in cellophane bags as hostess gifts through the holidays.

### Christmas Scent

- 3 (4-inch) sticks cinnamon
- 2 bay leaves
- ¼ cup whole cloves
- ½ lemon, halved
- ½ orange, halved
- 4 cups water

Combine the cinnamon, bay leaves, cloves, lemon, orange, and water in a saucepan and bring to a boil.



Reduce heat and simmer as long as needed, adding water to keep mixture from drying up. You can store in the refrigerator, tightly covered, for several days and use as desired.

## Fripp Island Real Estate Update through October 31, 2017

Sales on Fripp Island continue to improve when compared to last year-to-date. Closings are up 43% YTD.

The following figures from MLS compare year-to-date sales on Fripp Island from January 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year.

SALES	2016	2017
Homesites	9	18
Condos	12	18
Homes	53	70
Total	74	106

### **AVERAGE SALES PRICE**

Homesites	\$ 74,778	\$127,994
Condos	\$192,792	\$168,811**
Homes	\$432,041	\$488,986

\*\* Includes 3 Sunsites

### **Currently UNDER CONTRACT**

Homesites	1
Condos	0
Homes	8

According to Beaufort County MLS on October 30, 2017: There were 264 properties for sale on Fripp Island, consisting of 44 condos, 109 homesites and 111 single-family homes.

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The Community Involvement Committee works diligently  
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This should be your one-stop place to go to see  
what's happening when you are on the island.

# FRIPP FOR A CURE

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## Thank You to the Best Island in the USA!!!

We all “weathered” through an amazing year. The spirit of Fripp was shining again for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual **Fripp For A Cure**.

This amazing island raised over \$74,000 for Fripp For A Cure. These monies came from two Fishing Tournaments, a Golf Tournament, a Gala and Silent



Auction, several raffles and numerous Sponsors. Over the past eight campaigns this little island has raised over \$550,000 for Keyserling Cancer Center.

We are in awe of the generosity of the residents and non-residents. They graciously donated their time and money to make this year’s events very, very special. Numerous

sponsors overwhelmed us with their generous donations.

The great partnership with the Fripp Island Resort and golf course staff made our planning and execution of the events very smooth.

The following people were our event heroes. We want to thank them for their unselfish readiness to help with the 2017 Campaign.

### Memorial Day & Labor Day Fishing Tournaments

Lewis Turner; Bob Jordan; Carlene Rogan

### Golf Tournament Breakfast

Jan & Dan Bialas; 9 & 18 Hole Ladies Golfers for food donations

### Golf Tournament

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Joe Studer; Carlene Rogan;  
Bob Jordan

### Hole Sponsors

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Agee; Dave Manning

### Golf Luncheon

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### Beverage Cart

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### Gala “Rock the Night Away”

(photos next page)

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### Silent Auction

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## Nine Hole Men's Golf Group

*Mike Wilt*

In September and October the group was able to play on seven out of eight scheduled Wednesdays, with the only cancellation, due to Hurricane Irma, taking place on September 13.

Games during this time period included Team Stableford, Two Low Net, One Low Gross/One Low Net and Bear Creek. Of particular note during this time period was a hole-in-one recorded by Ray Atherton on September 20. This was Ray's first ever; congratulations to Ray!

Individual winners in this time period were Jim Fraser, Jim Click and Ray Atherton —three times; Howard Harmon, Rick Stein, Steve Huff and Steve Schnobrich —twice; and Dick Briggs, Dan Bialas, Tom Hunter, Don Brink, John Dunphy, Ron Pointek, Mike Jahn, Duffy Howard, Johnny Jones and Perminder Bindra - once each.

Closest to the pin had one multiple winner — Jim McElwain. Other winners were Steve Schnobrich, Ron Pointek, Johnny Jones, Perminder Bindra and Joe Sullivan.

In November the group will play at Ocean Creek and in December at Ocean Point. Starting times for November play

is at 9:00 AM. Other upcoming events include the Club Championship being held on November 6 and 7, and the Ladies Invitational to be held on November 15.

Beginning in October Dan Bialas took over as President of the Men's Nine Hole Group and Jim Click agreed to remain as Treasurer. Both positions are for the next two years. We would like to thank Steve Schnobrich for his outstanding leadership as President for the past two years, as well as Jim Click who has agreed to continue in his role as Treasurer. Jim wants to remind everyone that the \$10 annual dues are now due and that the payment should be given to him.

We end this report on a sad note as the men's group mourns the passing of Rusty Prophater. Rusty was a longtime member of the group and provided his own brand of entertainment and humor during our golf matches. We know Rusty will be talking to us as we try to putt and we will all miss him.

The Foretees website is being used for the men's nine-hole group. To sign up to play every Wednesday morning go to the website at: [web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/](http://web.foretees.com/frippislandresort/).

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If you have an interest in contributing to your POA,  
please call 843-838-4155.  
Or go to: [frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/](http://frippislandliving.com/owners/volunteer/)

# ISLAND CLUBS

## FRIPP ISLAND WOMEN'S CLUB "Back to the Future" 2017-2018

Frripp Island Women's Club reconvened in October for our new season. Frripp resident Page Miller, author of **The History of Frripp Island**, gave a very entertaining talk on the early women of Frripp Island who called themselves "the settlers." Page gave us the history of many organizations that are on Frripp and how these women were responsible for their development.

Our meeting November 8<sup>th</sup> featured a presentation on Tower Gardening (Hydroponic gardening) which promised to be deer proof.

After almost two years of hard and sometimes frustrating work, the Women's Club is proud to announce a scholarship recipient. The Frripp Island Women's Club has awarded the **Water Is Wide Pat Conroy Scholarship** to Lorrae Sherrill Evans. Lorrae is attending USCB as a senior and majoring in Hotel and Restaurant Management. The scholarship's intent is to provide financial assistance to someone whose education was interrupted, and yet who desires to return to school to continue work toward a degree that will provide better employment and financial provision for the family. Lorrae earned an Associate's Degree in Paralegal Science from the Technical College of the Lowcountry, has volunteered her services at Lowcountry Legal Volunteers, and is currently a full-time employee at the Hampton Inn on Hilton Head. She is also a full-time caretaker and sole support of her mother, who suffers from several medical conditions. Lorrae continues to pursue her dream of a Bachelor's degree and eventually work in the hospitality industry in the legal department or in quality assurance. Her future plans may involve some travel, but her heart and her home will always reside in the lowcountry. The Frripp Island Women's Club is proud to provide financial support through this scholarship to such a qualified and capable individual. Lorrae and her mother, along with members of Pat Conroy's family will be at a special Community Dinner hosted by the Women's Club in November to introduce Lorrae to the community.

In December we will be celebrating Christmas and friendship with a Christmas luncheon. Once again we will be collecting new and slightly used children's books for "Born to Read." The library at the Community Center has boxes for donations through December 13<sup>th</sup>.

The Frripp Island Women's Club is open to all women, residents and nonresidents, please feel free to join us.

2017-18 FIWC Board Members pictured at right are Co-Presidents: Laura MacArthur & Kim Mathews, Co-Vice Presidents: Pat Sims & Liz Vreeland, Secretary: Jan Bialas, and Treasurer Joyce Bergh.



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# BOATING & FISHING

FRIPP ISLAND



YACHT CLUB

Michael Beach

September 1 to October 31, 2017

## Recent Events

**Bull Point – September 16:** High winds prevented our trip to Bull Point this year; neither *The Fripper* nor the member boats would have been safe. This was a difficult year for boating events because of frequent bad weather, plus one hurricane. But, as fall moves in, the weather is once again lovely.

**'Tis the Season** – It's hard to believe, but the holidays are nearly upon us. As we go to press, stores are already stocking shelves with Christmas decorations and gifts and the weather is decidedly a bit more like fall than mid-summer.

By the time you read this, it will only be a couple of weeks until our final (and many say, best) three events of the year. So, amid all the hustle and bustle of this busy time of the year, don't forget to sign up for your Yacht Club events. Details will arrive in your email if you are a Yacht Club Member, and they will be posted on our web site: [www.frippislandyachtclub.com](http://www.frippislandyachtclub.com). If you are not yet a member, what a great time to join—membership is a yearly fee of \$35—well worth it for joining what we like to call “Fripp's largest social club with boats.”

Here's a little reminder of what you have to look forward to and some pictures from prior years.

**FIYC Annual Boat Parade – Friday, December 1:** Boats are decorated and lit, we'll party at Peg Legs. Food, fun, music, dancing, and the Resort will have a Golf Cart parade again this year with prizes! No charge!!



**Christmas Luncheon – Thursday, December 7:** An all-you-can-eat Seafood Buffet at the Tavern in Royal Pines, at Lady's Island Golf Course. This is the third year we've been at this wonderful venue and it promises to be the best year yet. Remember—bring an unwrapped toy for the tots. Salvation Army will come by and pick them up. Plus, Santa and maybe an elf will join in the fun.

**Commodore's Ball – Saturday, January 20, 2018:** Our one formal event for the year, and what a wonderful evening it will be. Held at the Beach Club; with invitations distributed at the Christmas Luncheon or mailed to members who may not be there. Target the Band will entertain for our listening and dancing pleasure. I can't wait to learn the theme this year.



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

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

# BOATING & FISHING CONT.

## GOOD OUTLOOK FOR FISHING

*Captain Ralph Goodison*

Thankfully this year's hurricane, while it caused considerable damage, was not like Matthew. Looking at my ownership on Fripp over the last 36 years, and living here for 26 years, let's hope these last two years won't be repeated for a loooooong time! Don't lose faith in our beautiful island. Our previous bad hurricane was in 1936. Let's hope we go another 80 or so years without one!



Blondes have more fun fishing for trout with Captain George

**IS fishing good at Fripp?  
Just ask Captain George on a recent  
off-shore trip.**



## FISHING REPORT

**FALL** fishing has been good, with Redfish, Trout, Black Drum, & Whiting.

Flounder & Spadefish have been slow.

**OFFSHORE:** Blackbass, Trigger, & Spanish have been good, while Grouper and Vermillion have been fair.

**OFFSHORE Deep Water:** Kingfish have been good, while Wahoo have been slow.

**Our crab season has been slow.**

**WINTER** fishing will be slower, but inshore is looking good for Redfish, Trout, Black Drum, & Whiting.

**OFFSHORE:** Blackbass & Trigger will be good. Grouper & Vermillion will probably remain fair.

**Lots of great oysters are ready for the roasts!**

# SEA RESCUE

## Fripp Island Sea Rescue Report



*Michael Beach, FISR Communications Officer*

### New Sea Rescue Members

Angie Diemont and Brooke Pearson will specialize in Base Duty; taking emergency calls from the 911 center, dispatching the Boat Duty rescue crew, communicating and coordinating using radio and phone with all involved in the Rescue Mission, and tracking and documenting each Mission as it takes place.



Our newest members are currently training on Base Duty requirements, radio and equipment operation, plus familiarization with Rescue boats R1 and R2, FISR territory and capabilities.

Brooke and Angie will join other Sea Rescue Members on the duty schedule this month.

The photos on this page are Brooke and Angie observing CG and FISC training mission from Russ Point Landing on October 26.

Please welcome them aboard.



### Rescue Mission Activity

There have been four Rescue Missions since September 1.

**September 2:** At 2:00 PM, FISR Base received a call from Dispatch, advising Barry Stean that a boat with four adults and two children was aground in the Fripp Inlet. John Dunphy was alerted to prepare to launch, but within a few minutes Dispatch advised to stand down as the situation was resolved.

**September 2:** At 4:00 PM, a second call that day from Dispatch alerted Barry Stean that a man on Hunting Island was seen clinging to a tree stump near No. 3 Cabin Road in the creek that runs from the Fripp Inlet to the interior of Hunting Island. Jim Candee was alerted and, with Dick Work, launched in R1. R2 was also launched with Robbie White and Tee Cooper to join the search. Four Park Rangers and DNR were also searching for the man. Beaufort Water Search and Rescue called to advise that the person involved was a member of BWS&R and requested updates. Within about 45 minutes the search was called off as Dick Work was advised on the scene that the man had swam safely from the tree stump back to shore and then left in his car. That information was delayed in getting to the rescue teams, but fortunately there was no injury or loss of life and FISR and other responders were quickly there when needed. Obviously, swimming across open water without flotation is not a safe practice.

**September 4:** At 5:55 PM, Michael Beach on Base Duty received a call from DNR Skipper in Fripp Inlet with motor trouble. He restarted, but then called back and was dead in the water. At 6:08 PM, Dan Dunne headed to the Marina. At 6:20 PM, joined by Jim Candee and R1 departed dock. By 6:35 PM, they had the DNR boat on tow. At 7:10 PM, back to Marina dock and mission complete.

**September 6:** At 11:11 AM, Dispatch paged both Robbie White on Base Duty for Sea Rescue and Fripp Fire for a water emergency on Harbor Island. Jim Candee was on Boat Duty and immediately went to make the boat ready and was joined by Cliff Spann. Dispatch advised that a man on an inflatable raft had drifted off island and was being taken out to sea by the current. Robbie spoke with the man's wife, but by that time she no longer was able to see the raft. DNR, Fripp Fire, Lady's Island Fire, and the Coast Guard helicopter all responded. After an approximately 45 minute search the man was found at 12:00 PM by Fripp Fire and brought safely back to shore on their jet ski.

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# SEA RESCUE CONT.

## Rescue Mission Activity (cont.)

**October 8:** At 12:10 PM, a boat owner called Stewart DeWitt on Base Duty to advise he was stranded on Prichards Island and his boat is drifting across the creek. Bill Lyman was on Boat Duty and contacted the boater by cell phone to confirm the situation. Base advised Beaufort Dispatch, and R2 launched with Lyman and Dan Dunne. By 1:15 PM, R2 was on scene, but the boater was in the very small creek running from Skull Creek into Prichards. Low tide made the creek impassable, even with the shallow draft of R2. The boater was able to reach their boat, but it was high and dry in the creek. At 1:45, Lyman contacted Beaufort Water Search and Rescue to request help using their air boat. BWS&R arrived with the air boat and a second boat to assist. The air boat was able to reach the stranded boat and re-position it, but unable to put it afloat. With the tide out, the creek was simply too small. R2 remained on station until the captain and passenger on the stranded boat elected to stay with the boat until the tide returned, even though storms were predicted for the evening. Danny Atkinson brought gas to the end of Tarpon to refuel R2 and they returned to the dock by 4:50 PM. At 11:50 PM, Lyman phoned the captain of the stranded boat and confirmed they were safely home.

## FISR and Coast Guard Training in Fripp Inlet

Training missions typically occur once or twice a month in the evening, at about 6:30 to 7:00 PM, in Fripp Inlet based on the Coast Guard Schedule. Boats in the area should stay well clear of Sea Rescue boats and Coast Guard Helicopter operations.

Russ Point Landing is a good place to watch this training when it occurs.

Here are some pictures from recent monthly training in Fripp Inlet.



Basket drop.



FISR and Coast Guard Helo Training – Fripp Inlet – October 26



Helo in the air.

Additional pictures and information regarding FISR are on our web site: [www.fisearescue.org](http://www.fisearescue.org).

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# SEA RESCUE CONT.

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

## **Fripp Island Security Department Christmas Fund**



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