



# Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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## The Pearl of the Panhandle



### August

**Fri Aug 25<sup>th</sup> Seagrass Exploration** at the Nature Center in Eastpoint 11-3 pm Fee \$ 25, call (850) 670-7743 or register at [www.anerseagrass.eventbrite.com](http://www.anerseagrass.eventbrite.com). Attendees must know how to swim & bring their own snorkeling gear.

**Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Fourth Saturday Paddling Trip** with the Apalachicola Riverkeepers in and around the Apalachicola River & Bay. Free to members, \$ 30 for non-members. Call (850) 653-8936 or go to [www.riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org](http://www.riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org) for more info.

**Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Deadline to register for the Annual Putt Masters Mini golf Tournament** at the Red Pirate in Eastpoint in support of our local Libraries. For info contact Pam Tullous (214) or [pam\\_tullous@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pam_tullous@sbcglobal.net)

### September

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Happy Labor Day!** Stop in & see me at the Chamber/Visitor Center! Open 9am-5 pm (regular hours)

**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. Glenn Bass Golf Tournament at Golden Eagle Country Club** Proceeds this year will be used to support unfunded programs at **Big Bend Hospice**. For more info, call Nigel Allen (850) 701-1301 or Leila McClure at (850) 671-6096

**Tues 12<sup>th</sup> Getting Ready for Fall Garden-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director** 1-3 pm Free & open to the public. Eastpoint Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 670-8151 for info.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> Franklin County Coastal Cleanup** 8:30 am – 11:30 am Several locations, call Ada Long (850) 927-3776/email [adalng@uab.edu](mailto:adalng@uab.edu) or <http://carrabelle.org/things-to-do/events-calendar/franklin-county-coastal-cleanup/700/> for more info.

**Tues 19<sup>th</sup> Growing Citrus and Other Fruit Successfully-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director** 1-3 pm Free & open to the public. Carrabelle Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 697-2366 for info.

**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Bay-Friendly Landscaping** 1-3 pm Nature Center (ANERR) in Eastpoint. The class is free, but rain barrels are \$ 20 per barrel. Please register for the class in advance. For more info, contact Anita Grove (850) 670-7708 or Emily Jackson at (850) 670-7743 or online at [www.anerrbayfriendlylandscaping.eventbrite.com](http://www.anerrbayfriendlylandscaping.eventbrite.com)

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> National Estuaries Day** at the Nature Center in Eastpoint. Time TBA. Free public event, reservation is not required. For more info, call ANERR's main number (850) 670-7700

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Workin' on the Railroad** with musician/folklorist Frank Lindamood & Nelson Martin. 10 am-12 at C-Quarters Marina. A free program presented by the Carrabelle History Museum. For more info, call (850) 697-2141

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#### Events on multiple dates:

**Weekly Sea Turtle Talks at the Apalachicola Research Reserve** (Nature Center), Eastpoint. 2-3 pm 8/23; 8/30. Registration is not required, but seating is limited. Call (850) 670-7700 or email [gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us) for more info.

Friday, August 18, 2017

## Welcome to our newest member:



Plans for dinner tonight? Check out our newest member:

**Pirate's Cove Restaurant, Bar & Marina**

at 275 Timber Island Road in Carrabelle

Open Wednesday Through Monday 11 am till 10 pm

Enjoy a relaxing meal inside or al fresco with a spectacular view of the Carrabelle River. Patio area is pet friendly. Kids (and big kids) can create their own souvenir pictures with the pirate outside or Capt. Chris inside. Create your own atmosphere in the evening by requesting a blue tooth enabled table lantern to enjoy your own music from your playlist as you dine. A separate building on the river can be reserved for private parties and accommodates 50-60 people.



First place Kingfish weighed in at 47 lbs. caught by Team "Bill Collector" of Crawfordville, FL They won \$5,000!



Kudos to C-Quarters Marina & all the volunteers & fishing crews that participated in spite of the weather!



Capt. of Team Neil Brooks Electric  
1st Spanish Mackerel

"Fishing for a Cure" this year allowed the C-Quarters Marina Shootout to donate \$50,000 more to the Leukemia Research Foundation. Total for 14 years of fishing now exceeds \$915,000! Plan to join us next year and help us reach the \$1,000,000 mark. Remember the Shootout is always held the 1st week-end in August. See you in 2018 for our 15th year!

For More info on any Carrabelle Chamber member events & activities  
 See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) under "Things to Do" Events  
 Calendar or the Community Calendar  
**Events Further afield:** Listen to WOYS 100.5 FM Oyster Radio  
 Or go to  
[www.oysterradio.com](http://www.oysterradio.com) or [www.forgottencoastline.com](http://www.forgottencoastline.com) or  
[www.saltyflorida.com](http://www.saltyflorida.com)



**From Gulf Coast State College:**

Congratulations to our Paramedic & Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) graduates! We're proud of your accomplishments and appreciate your service to our community!



Members from the **Big Bend Hospice Wakulla/Franklin Team** were honored to be a part of a special recognition for one of our patients who served our country. James Stefanko was a Seaman in the US Navy and a survivor on the USS Hobson shipwreck. A Valor Ceremony was led by volunteers Jack Pittman and Henry Gunn. It began with The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag donated by Woodsmen Life, included several recognitions and patriotic music, and ended with the highest honor one veteran can give to another veteran-the salute.

Those in attendance for **Mr. Stefanko's Valor Ceremony** were Ashley Hall, Music Therapist; Gunn and Pittman, Valor Volunteers; his granddaughter, Brook and daughter, Patricia Hale. Not pictured, Ed Lyon, BBH Spiritual Counselor. If you would like to know more about our Valor Program, go to [www.bigbendhospice.org/volunteer/valor-program](http://www.bigbendhospice.org/volunteer/valor-program).

**Executive Board**

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**Lewis Christie**/Christie's Cottage Living

**Executive Director**-Lisa Munson

**Total [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) Website Visitors: Jan 1-Aug 13: 154,808**



Sid McOmie-Peoples Choice Award



Jon Johnson-Judges Choice Award



Sean O'Shea of Harry's-Thank you!



Judges had a full plate and a hard decision at the Crab Cake Cookoff!



The second annual **Crab Cake Cook-Off** on July 29<sup>th</sup> was a smashing success, elbow to elbow with about 85 people! Congratulations to **Sid McOmie** for the **People's Choice Award** and **Jon Johnson** for the **Judge's Choice Award**. Some pretty stiff competition this year! We raised \$1,132 for the rebuilding of *The Carrabelle* pirate ship playground and we all had a wonderful time. A few months ago **Harry's Bar** invited the **Carrabelle Lighthouse Association** to remove most of the dollar bills that were tacked up on their walls over a 20 year period. Sean accepted a certificate of appreciation for their \$3,400 donation to the fund to rebuild *The Carrabelle* pirate ship playground. (And a bag of foreign and not-so-legal currency we found.) Special thanks to Kathleen Oman for organizing it, Harry's Bar for the venue, and Millender's Seafood for the crab....and all the chefs, of course. We also want to thank Harry's employees and their many generous patrons.

**Franklin County Library**, Carrabelle Branch is proud of their newly painted library sign - what a transformation! A round of applause and a HUGE THANK YOU goes to Tina Povich and her mighty helper Joe for enduring and waiting through a storm to complete the sign. Thank you Tina and Joe for supporting your community by donating your time and the supplies to the local library. Great Job!

**Visitors at our Visitor's Center**

**Phone Inquiries & Referrals**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Jan	51	106	131	215	14	71	86	58
Feb	111	167	233	233	19	61	85	93
Mar	163	171	248	428	23	69	157	87
Apr	118	178	226	268	45	84	119	81
May	66	137	160	176	18	83	85	76
Jun	64	153	171	172	30	109	94	75
Jul	80	133	188	261	26	118	118	84
Aug	52	125	93		28	89	92	
Sept	56	109	111		32	73	102	
Oct	76	152	147		30	98	96	
Nov	79	113	203		12	67	102	
Dec	<u>62</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>189</u>		<u>82</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>162</u>	
Totals	978	1,686	2,100	1,753	359	1,061	1,298	554