

Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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The Pearl of the Panhandle



July

Fri 21st The Role Seagrass Plays in Protecting our Bays 11 am-3 pm Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve, Eastpoint. Class is \$ 25 per person and ticket purchase is required before coming to class. Participants must be able to swim and are responsible for bringing their own snorkeling gear, water bottle, and towel. Visit www.anerrseagrass.eventbrite.com to register. For more info, Call (850) 670-7743 or email

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Sat 22nd The 13th Annual C-Quarters Marina Youth Fishing Tournament 8 am-4 pm Free to youth 16 years old & younger. Free rod & reel combinations, shirt & visor for the first 125 kids registered. Register at C-Quarters Marina. All kids must attend fishing clinic with parent or guardian Fri, the 21st 6 pm. For more info call (850) 697-8400. Delicious watermelons are available NOW for only \$ 5 to help support this event. Pick one up today!

Fri 28th Tampa Taiko Japanese Drumming 1 pm Eastpoint Branch & 3 pm-Carrabelle Branch of the FC Library. Part of the Summer Reading Program. Free & kid-friendly. For more info, call Eastpoint: (850) 670-8151 or Carrabelle: (850) 697-2366

Sat 29th 2nd Annual Crab Cake Cookoff At the Marine Street Grill Live music with Slim Fatz! More details will follow as available. All proceeds to benefit the re-building of **The Carrabella** pirate playground at the Crooked River Lighthouse Park.

Call (850) 697-2732 or go to carrabellelighthouse@gmail.com for more info.

August

Thurs 3rd Open House at the Franklin County School 3-6 pm. Students will be able to pick up their class schedules, meet their teachers, and visit classrooms. The transportation department and nursing staff will be in the media center to answer questions. Seniors will also be able to purchase their parking permits for \$ 10.

Sat 5th & Sun 6th The 14th Annual Kingfish Shootout Fishing Tournament. **Captain's Meeting at C-Quarters Marina the night of August 4th.** This weekend event hosted by C-Quarters Marina gives everyone an opportunity to enjoy themselves while advocating a wonderful cause that helps so many. Guaranteed payouts. All proceeds go to the Leukemia Research Foundation. More than \$ 850,000 has been donated so far. For more info, call (850) 697-8400 or go to www.c-quartersmarina.com

Friday, July 21, 2017

Welcome to our newest member:

Crooked River Charters

With Capt. Russell Lee---30 Years Experience
Half and whole day fishing trips available

(850) 251-6736 or e-mail captlee68@yahoo.com



You may have asked yourself, what exactly IS a Chamber of Commerce?

Well, here in Carrabelle, we are an independent non-profit 501c6-Business League made up of a team of businesses, individuals, and professional firms united to make Carrabelle a better place to work, live and visit. We provide a variety of ways to share information about your products, services or events that affect not only Members, but also our visitors and treasured local community through our website, Facebook postings, and bi-weekly Newsletter. We host the Forgotten Coast Cruisers Car Show in April & the Holiday on the Harbor and Boat Parade of Lights in December. We need your help to develop Carrabelle's tremendous potential. The extent to which we succeed is directly determined by the amount of community support that's channeled through the Chamber. Referrals and low-cost advertising are just two of the many benefits which accompany Carrabelle Chamber Investment. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to visit the Chamber. Come see us today on Hwy 98 across from the World's Smallest Police Station, call us at 697-2585, or visit us at Carrabelle.org and get hooked on Carrabelle!



Animal Tales was at the Franklin County Libraries June 10th!

Thanks Vicki for a great show and explaining how not to be afraid of Reptiles: Scales & Tails (and some slimy critters too!) And some in Carrabelle were not afraid of anything...even the snakes! Way to go! But it was okay for those of us who just wanted to look and not touch. We enjoyed the show just as much.

Wed 5th Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Workshops 6 pm-9 pm \$ 15 per person. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Call (850) 697-4120 or go to www.marinelab.fsu.edu for more information.

Tues 8th Preparing a Bird Friendly Landscape-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director 1-30 pm Free & open to the public. Eastpoint Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 670-8151 for info.

Tues 15th Getting Ready for Your Fall Garden-Presenter Les Harrison, Wakulla County Extension Director 1-30 pm Free & open to the public. Carrabelle Branch of the FC Public Library. Call (850) 697-2366 for info.

Sat 26th 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 for more info.

Events on multiple dates:

Weekly Sea Turtle Talks at the Apalachicola Research Reserve (Nature Center), Eastpoint. 2-3 pm 7/26; 8/2; 8/9; 8/16; 8/23; 8/30. Registration is not required, but seating is limited. Call (850) 670-7700 or email gibby.conrad@dep.state.fl.us for more info.

Franklin County Public Library: Summer Reading Programs
Ages K-6

Eastpoint Kids- The Three C's: Compassion, Contribute, Construct—We are building a city. June 14th through July 28th Wednesdays at 3 pm (except July 4th week) For more info, call (850) 670-8151

Carrabelle Kids-Seed, Sow, & Grow June 14th through July 28th Wednesdays at 3 pm (except July 4th week) For more info, call (850) 697-2366

For More info on any Carrabelle Chamber member events & activities

See our website 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 or www.forgottencoastline.com or www.saltyflorida.com

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Total www.carrabelle.org Website Visitors: Jan 1-July 16: 136,110

From the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve:

Last Friday, the **Little St. George Island sea turtle monitoring crew** conducted the first hatchling success evaluations of the season! Of the **268 total nests on LSGI**, 262 have been loggerhead sea turtles and 6 have been green sea turtles. About 2 months after each nest is laid, trained staff keep an eye out for signs of hatching. Several days after a hatch is first observed (not all hatchlings emerge at the same time), the nest is excavated and measured, and the number of hatched and unhatched turtle eggs are counted. Occasionally, some live hatchlings are found and collected for release at a safe time. Our nesting data contributes to a state-wide database by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission that is updated every year.

Coastal Realty Group has opened our newest and expanded office at 202 Reid Avenue, Port St. Joe. You must stop by and see our unique conference table that is made from 2000 year old Cypress wood which was pulled from the Apalachicola River!

Red Snapper Season Re-opened

Department of Commerce Announces Changes to the 2017 Gulf of Mexico Red Snapper Private Angler Recreational Season

For the first time in a decade, Federal authorities and the five Gulf States have agreed to align Federal and State private angler red snapper fishing seasons for the remainder of the summer, and the Department of Commerce has re-opened the 2017 private angler recreational season for 39 weekend days and holidays.

The new rule will re-open the 2017 Federal recreational season for red snapper by the private angling component on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays from June 16, 2017, through Labor Day, September 4, 2017. During this time, the season will be closed Monday through Thursday with the exception of September 4.

So come on down catch some snapper and meet with one of our professionals and let us find your piece of paradise on Florida's Forgotten Coast.

A draft Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve Management Plan has been prepared by the Florida Coastal Office. The draft plan is available for viewing or download at

:<http://publicfiles.dep.state.fl.us/CAMA/plans/aquatic/Alligator-Harbor-AP-Management-Plan.pdf>.

You are cordially invited to attend the Florida Coastal Office's public meeting to hear about the Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve, current and future management, and to provide comment on the draft management plan. Members of the Alligator Harbor Aquatic Preserve Management Plan Advisory Committee have also been invited to attend.

Meeting Date and Location

- **Tuesday, August 15, 2017, 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
Florida State University's Coastal and Marine Laboratory
3618 Coastal Highway 98
St. Teresa, FL 32358

Written comments are welcome and can be submitted by mail to Jon Brucker, 108 Island Drive, Eastpoint, FL 32328 or by email to FloridaCoasts@dep.state.fl.us by Tuesday, August 29, 2017.