



# Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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## October Events

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Whatever Floats your Boat-FSU Coastal & Marine Lab** in St. Teresa [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) /outreach/regatta Noon until 3 pm

**Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Lantern Making Workshops** at the Crooked River Lighthouse 1-4 pm (850) 697-2732 or [carrabelleighthouse@gmail.com](mailto:carrabelleighthouse@gmail.com) to reserve a spot. Suggested donation of \$ 5 for materials, to be displayed at Lantern Fest

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Winter Garden Workshop** Carrabelle Library 11 am-1 pm (850) 697-2366

**Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Endemic birds and biodiversity of Cuba-FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Conservation Lecture Series**, St. Teresa 7 pm (850) 697-4120 [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu)

**Thurs 10<sup>th</sup> Festive finale Celebration for RiverTrek 2015-Battery Park, Apalachicola** [www.riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org](http://www.riverkeeper@apalachicolariverkeeper.org)

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**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Free Blood Pressure Checks** 1-3 pm Carrabelle Library (850) 697-2366

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Sixth Annual Sharks & Chablis-A benefit for Gulf Specimen Aquarium** 2-7 pm Tkts \$ 45 (850) 984-5297 or [www.gulfspecimen.org](http://www.gulfspecimen.org) /sharks-and-Chablis/

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Regan Day Dinner-a Low Country Boil** hosted by FC REC 6 pm Tkts \$ 35 Nature Reserve in Eastpoint [www.franklincountyreplicans.com](http://www.franklincountyreplicans.com) For more information

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival** at the Franklin County Senior Center 10 am-3 pm (850) 697-3760

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup>-Lantern Fest** at the Crooked River Lighthouse 6-10 pm (850) 697-2732 or [www.crookedriverlighthouse.org](http://www.crookedriverlighthouse.org)

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Stargazing with the Tallahassee Astronomical Society** 7:30-11 pm as a special part of Lantern Fest-Carrabelle Public Beach Pavilions on Hwy 98

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> Fourth Saturday Paddle** Apalachicola Riverkeeper (850) 653-8936 or email [georgiaackerman@earthlink.net](mailto:georgiaackerman@earthlink.net) Oct 24-Chattahoochee to Bristol, upper river; Nov 28-Fort Gadsden exploration, lower river

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Camp Gordon Johnson WWII Museum Movie** "when Trumpets Fade" 28<sup>th</sup> division at Hurtgen forest.10:15 am FREE popcorn!

## The Pearl of the Panhandle



Friday, Oct. 2, 2015



CGJ Association President, Tony Minichiello, presents boat builder Martin Benbaruch a certificate of appreciation for his support of Camp Gordon Johnston WWII Museum. The Higgins Boat was, by far, the most photographed display at the museum on Sat. the 26<sup>th</sup> Smithsonian Magazine Museum Day



Brian Lessley, Ken Carden, and Karen Brooks from Western Sky Media came to Carrabelle last weekend on a pre-production tour around town to absorb the local charisma of our unique community and the people who live here. They are here scouting the area and it's "stories" for a pilot show for the TV series called "They're Playing Our Song". They will be filming the process of creating a song about Carrabelle by Nashville Grammy songwriters this spring.

## Gwen Graham Office Hours Near You - FRANKLIN COUNTY

On **Tuesday, October 6th**, representatives from my staff will be available to hear your concerns and assist you with problems you may be having with federal agencies. Our mobile office hours in Franklin County will be at the **Franklin County Courthouse in the Clerk Conference Room (second floor)** located at **33 Market Street in Apalachicola from 10:00 to 12:00 noon EST**. We're holding office hours here at this time on the first Tuesday of every month. Our office may be able to assist you with issues related to Social Security, Medicare, veterans' benefits and other services administered by the federal government.

Tallahassee Office, 300 South Adams Street, Suite A-3, Tallahassee, FL 32301  
 Phone: (850) 891-8610 <https://graham.house.gov/schedule>

See our website [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) under  
 “Things to Do” Entertainment/Events for More info  
 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)

(Reminder: Members please forward your events for the next  
 month by the third week of the prior month in order for them to be  
 included in the Coastline Newspaper under area events)

**Executive Board**

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Back from lunch at the Senior Center on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> and just in time to see a motorcycle tour group (37 bikes) from Germany stop at the World's Smallest Police Station! Thomas, the tour organizer, brings 3-4 groups through each year! This group started in Atlanta and is touring along the coast. Lunch plans were already scheduled for Eastpoint, but I tried!

**WHATEVER FLOATS YOUR BOAT REGATTA TO  
 FEATURE AN AFTERNOON OF INGENUITY,  
 FAILURE AND LAUGHS**

Florida State University’s [Coastal & Marine Laboratory](http://www.fsu.edu/coastal-marine-laboratory) (FSUCML) invites you this Saturday to witness the thrills and spills of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta in the beautiful coastal area of St. Teresa, Fla. located in the Big Bend region.

The regatta features “boats” made from scratch by participating teams that are raced around a predetermined course for fun and prizes. Stressing an environmental conservation theme, each “boat” must be created from a list of approved recyclable materials and, at least initially, should be able to float. Past regattas have included boats made entirely out of materials such as aluminum cans and plastic bottles, and featured boat shapes ranging from canoes to giant sea turtles.

“Protecting our coastline and beaches is a serious task, but it doesn’t mean we can’t teach people the importance of conservation in fun and exciting ways,” said Felicia Coleman, director of the FSUCML. “This year’s regatta is poised to be our best yet and I can’t wait to see what our participants have in store for us as they race around the track, trying feverishly to keep their boats above water.”

With race objectives and prizes aimed more at staying afloat than being the fastest to the finish line, fun and laughter are the themes of the day.

Prize categories for regatta participants include:

- Most creative use of materials
- First boat to cross the finish line
- Titanic award for the most spectacular failure
- People’s Choice award

The regatta will also feature a special treat this year with members of the FSUCML building and racing their own recycled material-based boat alongside community participants.

Public viewing of the boats is from noon to 1:00 p.m. with the races beginning shortly after. The race will be fully visible from various shoreline vantage points around the Marine Lab and the nearby boat basin. Food will be available for purchase from Coastal Restaurant.

To register for the regatta, or just learn more about the event, visit the [www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta/](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta/)



**NOTE:** All materials on the boat must be securely fastened so that no loose objects fall off into Apalachee Bay during the regatta. If any piece of your boat falls into the water, it is your responsibility to retrieve it.

It is the racing crew's responsibility to "leave behind no trace" of your boat. Whatever you carry in, you carry out.

	Visitor’s Center			Brochures Sent		
	2014	2015	% Inc	2014	2015	% Inc
Jan	51	106	208	30	75	250
Feb	111	167	150	27	63	233
Mar	163	171	105	25	74	296
Apr	118	178	151	41	47	115
May	66	137	208	26	79	304
Jun	64	153	239	66	90	136
Jul	80	133	166	36	66	183
Aug	52	125	240	36	70	194
Sept	56	109	195	21	37	176
Oct	76			22		
Nov	79			19		
Dec	62			32		
Totals	978			381		

Total Web Website Visitors Jan 1-Sept 27: 127,757

Total New Members Year-to-date: 48

(Includes return Memberships of pre-2014 Members)

**Chamber Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

**Closed Sunday**

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