



# Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce

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## The Pearl of the Panhandle



### August

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> AANF Senior Service Counseling Day** 10 am-1 pm  
Franklin County Senior Center, 201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle (850) 697-3760 FREE counseling & assistance Medicare, Medicaid, Long Term Care, Food Assistance SNAP, & elder abuse prevention program.

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup> & Sat 27<sup>th</sup> An Evening of Magic with Matthew Holtzclaw** 7:30 (Central) Amelia G. Tapper Center for the Arts Theatre Lab at the Panama City Gulf coast State College campus. (850) 872-3886 or [jhedden@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:jhedden@gulfcoast.edu)

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Drive to "Stuff the Bus" with school supplies** 9 am-1 pm Carrabelle-in front of Dollar General store, Eastpoint-in front of Dollar General store, Apalachicola-across from Burger King. "Wish" lists are available at the Carrabelle Chamber. If you would like to drop off items earlier, please feel free to drop off here, will be picked up on the 26<sup>th</sup>. All donations welcome!

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> FSUCML Workshop- Florida's Nighttime Chorus** 7 pm  
Registration is required, space limited. Price: \$15 adult, \$ 10 student (850) 697-4120 or [fsucml@gsu.edu](mailto:fsucml@gsu.edu)

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Carrabelle Dixie Youth Sports Banquet** 2-4 pm at Will Kendrick Sports Complex. Hamburgers, Hot dogs, Cake & snacks. Wear your swimsuits for water slides & water balloons!

### September

**Thurs 1st-Deadline to register for Putt Master Mini Golf Tournament** (see Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> below for more info)

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Third Annual Franklin County Locals Rib Cook-Off to benefit the 2016 Pink Out & Franklin Needs.** 11 am Regatta Park, St. George Island. Registration deadline: Mon 8/29 at Harry A's or Paddy's Raw Bar, (SGI)

**Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Your Nonfiction Book Proposal: A Workshop by the Sea** 9 am-2:30 pm Registration is required, Space is limited. FSU Coastal & Marine Laboratory Workshop, 3618 Coastal Hwy 98, St. Teresa \$ 110 Adult, \$ 95 Student (850) 697-4120 or [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu)

**Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting at the Franklin County Senior Center** 2 pm  
201 NW Ave F, Carrabelle (850) 697-3760

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Franklin County Coastal Cleanup** 8:30-11:30 am For more info, see our website under "Things to do/Event calendar" or call Ada Long (850) 927-3776 or email [adalong@uab.edu](mailto:adalong@uab.edu)

**Sat 24<sup>th</sup> The Fifth Annual Whatever Floats Your Boat Regatta** 12 pm-3pm FSU Coastal & Marine Lab. Time for you to rise to the challenge! Just build 'em & they will float...more or less.... (850) 697-4120 or go to <https://marinelab.fsu.edu/outreach/regatta/> to register online!

Friday, Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Welcome New Member:**  
**Rhonda Millender Skipper, CFA, Property Appraiser**



1<sup>st</sup> Place: Team Dasta Crew of Hahira, Georgia won with a 47.5 kingfish



"Fishing for a Cure" \$ 60,000 donated for research for a cure of Leukemia. Tournament has raised over \$ 865,000

### Kingfish Shootout at C-Quarters Marina

Once again the sponsors and anglers helped us present a check for \$60,000 to The Leukemia Research Foundation. Total raised in the past 13 years is in excess of \$865,000. Thank you to everyone for their support! A special thank you to the following people for their help with the Shootout: Paula Mauney, Suzanne and Thomas Lee Brannon, Rodney Kelly and all the people from Lanark Village that help with selling raffle tickets.

To view the Final Leaderboard, go to [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)



*Wanted--Actors, theater techs, and stage hands for the 2016 October Lantern Fest production*

Have you thought about being in a play? We want you! There are a variety of unique characters, for all levels of acting experience (even none) & both lead roles & bit parts. If you would like to audition or volunteer for this exciting play (1767-Shipwrecked on Dog Island), contact Don at [dondenig@yahoo.com](mailto:dondenig@yahoo.com) Anyone interested in being a part of this exciting play can attend a meeting this Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at the Crooked River Lighthouse.

**October**

**Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Sixth Annual Putt-Masters Mini Golf Tournament** noon – until...Red Pirate Family Grill & Oyster Bar, Eastpoint. An event to benefit the Franklin County Public Library. For more info, contact Adele Colston (704) 975-7035 or [colston\\_adele@yahoo.com](mailto:colston_adele@yahoo.com)

**Sat 8<sup>th</sup> Fall Festival** Carrabelle Senior Center

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> Lantern Fest t the Crooked River Lighthouse

**Sat 15<sup>th</sup> Gumbo Cook off & Car Show for the Franklin County Fire Victim Relief Fund.** The Red Pirate, Eastpoint. Contact Richard Wade (850) 370-0655 or Jimmy Sapp (850) 670-1090 for more info.

**Attention all Boaters!**

**Mark your calendars NOW for Sat. December 10<sup>th</sup>**

***The 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday on the Harbor & Boat Parade***

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

**Entertainment/Events for More info**

**Events Further afield:**

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**Total [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) Website Visitors: Jan 1-Aug 7: 101,017**

**Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 17**

**Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50**

**Visitors at our Visitor's Center**

**Carrabelle Brochures Sent**

|        | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>% Inc</u> | <u>2014</u> | <u>2015</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>% Inc</u> |
|--------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| Jan    | 51          | 106         | 131         | 1.24         | 30          | 75          | 56          | .75          |
| Feb    | 111         | 167         | 233         | 1.40         | 27          | 63          | 56          | .89          |
| Mar    | 163         | 171         | 248         | 1.45         | 25          | 74          | 73          | .99          |
| Apr    | 118         | 178         | 226         | 1.27         | 41          | 47          | 77          | 1.64         |
| May    | 66          | 137         | 160         | 1.17         | 26          | 79          | 69          | .87          |
| Jun    | 64          | 153         | 171         | 1.12         | 66          | 90          | 74          | .82          |
| Jul    | 80          | 133         | 188         | 1.41         | 36          | 66          | 46          | .70          |
| Aug    | 52          | 125         |             |              | 36          | 70          |             |              |
| Sept   | 56          | 109         |             |              | 21          | 37          |             |              |
| Oct    | 76          | 152         |             |              | 22          | 25          |             |              |
| Nov    | 79          | 113         |             |              | 19          | 31          |             |              |
| Dec    | <u>62</u>   | <u>142</u>  |             |              | <u>32</u>   | <u>26</u>   |             |              |
| Totals | 978         | 1,686       |             |              | 381         | 683         |             |              |

**GCSC's new Unmanned Vehicle Systems program earns accreditation**

**Panama City, FL** – Gulf Coast State College has received approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) to offer an **Associate in Science in Unmanned Vehicle Systems** that will begin this Fall. SACS is the regional accrediting body for GCSC and other institutions throughout the South. This required approval allows students to receive financial aid assistance, including the G.I. Bill, and ensures that credits will transfer to any state college or university in Florida.

The program is designed to prepare students in the repair, use of sensor data and operations of unmanned platforms, and they will receive their “Remote Pilot” airman certificate allowing them to operate drones commercially. The number of students enrolling in the program is expected to increase in the coming semesters as high school students in Bay, Gulf and Franklin counties participate in dual enrollment courses through Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

“Students in the program will perform hands-on training exercises to simulate real-world scenarios and they will be guided to earn various industry certifications that fit their educational goals,” said José Lopez-Baquero, GISP, GEOINT, UVS Program Manager. “In addition, we are also forming various partnerships with companies locally and out-of-state to keep our training in-line with industry requirements and develop internship opportunities.”

The UVS program is focused on land, air and sea vehicles covering Autonomous System Design, Drone Pilots, Drone Geospatial Intelligence and Drone Maintenance and Repair. Based on the strength of the curriculum, instructors are also working to develop professional certificates for industries that can benefit from UVS including law enforcement, firefighters and emergency operations, surveyors, engineers, imagery analysts, cartographers and cinematographers.

For questions or additional information about the UVS program, please contact Lopez-Baquero at 769.1551, ext. 4012 or [jlopezbaq@gulfcoast.edu](mailto:jlopezbaq@gulfcoast.edu).

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