



# Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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*The Pearl of the Panhandle*



Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Welcome to our New Member:

Viv's Artwork, Photographer

### June

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Saltwater Fishing Tournament** The Tallahassee Builders Association & C-Quarters Marina. (850) 697-8400 or [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament** Entry is FREE for kids 16 & under. Call (850) 670-8808 for more info.

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> License-free freshwater days** Fishing license requirement is waived for all recreational anglers (residents and non-residents). All other rules (e.g., seasons, bag and size limits) apply.

**Sat 11<sup>th</sup> & Sun 12<sup>th</sup> The Forgotten Coast Open at St. James Bay Golf Resort** (850) 697-9606 or [www.stjamesbay.com](http://www.stjamesbay.com)

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup> -Sun 19<sup>th</sup> The 27<sup>th</sup> Annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic** hosted by The Moorings of Carrabelle [www.saltwaterclassic.com](http://www.saltwaterclassic.com)

### July

**Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks display on the Carrabelle Harbor presented by the Carrabelle CRA.**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Candidates Forum** A Franklin County Candidates Forum sponsored by the Franklin County Republican Part 5 pm at Fort Coombs Armory, Apalachicola. All candidates-Democrat, Republican & Independent. Meet & greet 5 pm, Forum 6 pm. Tkts \$ 15-lite dinner plate will be served. Cash bar. Contact [calallen2@yahoo.com](mailto:calallen2@yahoo.com) [sising@fairpoint.net](mailto:sising@fairpoint.net) or [tthorn3813@aol.com](mailto:tthorn3813@aol.com) for more info or tkts.

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament** Ages 16 & younger (850) 697-8400 or [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)

### August

**Sat 6<sup>th</sup> & Sun 7<sup>th</sup> The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Kingfish Shootout at C-Quarters Marina.** Captains meet at the marina on the 5<sup>th</sup>. (850) 697-8400 or [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)

### Magazine Media Coverage: Available at the Chamber/VC

**Must See Magazine**-10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition-Old photos (one of the Beachtrader); Article: The Tragic Demise of Cerberus Tate; Article: Our Towns; A Regional History-includes Rio Carrabelle (now Carrabelle) & Apalachicola.

**The Montreal Journal** 5/17/16-42-Vacation section: 42 hours from Tallahassee-7 days of cycling Sunday to Apalach, photos with commentary of Carrabelle "On the Big Bend (us 98), the village of Carrabelle resists the passage of time, with colorful small boats in its port"

Please feel free to drop off any articles you may come across.



### Chamber's Mix it up Mixer-May 26<sup>th</sup>

Best turnout ever, about 45 people attended. Thank you to Sunset Isle RV & Yacht for hosting the event. Everyone enjoyed some great munchies provided by The Marine Street Grill, our newest place in Carrabelle that serves great food! (They also do catering) Debi Jordan provided some great background music with her entertaining banter as we held the drawings for door prizes. Thank you everyone for the great door prizes! We had t-shirts donated from WOYS Radio, Carrabelle RV Resort, & the Chamber. Gift certificates were donated by Hog Wild Bar-B-Que, Marine Street Grill, & Forgotten Coast Paddlesports. Gift items were donated by Christie's Cottage Living, Carol Blaha, & the Crooked River Lighthouse. The grand prize was \$ 150 advertising in the Coastline Newspaper generously donated by Chuck Spicer! Jimmy from Sunset Isle RV & Yacht Club-Thank you for the great photos!

**Look forward to the next one in July....hope to see you then!**



Before



After

### Commemorative Brick Wall at Carrabelle's Veterans Park is restored!

Over the past two years, Carrabelle's Veterans Park has painstakingly undergone repairs & upgrades. Recently the Commemorative Brick Wall was restored by the masonry crew of Jones Stucco with 280 new commemorative bricks. The bricks were funded by donations collected by Carrabelle Cares. The Jones Stucco crew also placed five new bronze military seals, mounted above four bricks bearing the names of four local veterans who died while in service. The crew repaired the paver patio, walkways, & pressure washed everything; all funded by the CRA. Please visit our Veterans Park to honor & share in the memory of those who served to protect our Country & our Freedom.

B. La Paz, Mayor, City of Carrabelle

**Events on Multiple Dates:**

**Franklin County Public Library Summer Reading Program** 6/20-7/23 Ages 12 & under. Register today! Carrabelle (850) 697-2366

**FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Workshops: Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea** 6-9 pm 6/18; 7/2; 7/17; 7/30; 8/17; 8/27 FSUCML St. Teresa. Registration closes one week before the class, or until full. Price \$ 40 adult, \$ 30 student; (850) 697-4120 [fsucml@fsu.edu](mailto:fsucml@fsu.edu)  
[www.marinelab.fus.edu](http://www.marinelab.fus.edu)

**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***

**We want YOU, YOUR CREW & your Decorated Vessel in our Boat Parade...2015 we had 28 decorated boats representing 7 marinas. FREE to enter...Trophies awarded ! Raise some money for your organization by having a booth! More details available soon....**

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) or [www.saltyflorida.com](http://www.saltyflorida.com)

**Executive Board**

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**Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel  
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**Pamela McCreery**/The Beachtrader

**Executive Director**-Lisa Munson

**Representatives**

**Chester Reese**-FC Tourist Development Council  
**David Butler**-Big Bend Scenic Byway Board  
**Total [www.carrabelle.org](http://www.carrabelle.org) Website Visitors: Jan 1-June5: 68,030**  
**Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 13**  
**Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50**

	Visitors at our Visitor's Center				Carrabelle Brochures Sent			
	2014	2015	2016	% Inc	2014	2015	2016	% Inc
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			66	90		
Jul	80	133			36	66		
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		



**Florida 511 Provides Real-time Road Conditions During Severe Weather**

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) reminds travelers in Florida to prepare for severe weather by adding [Florida's 511 Traveler Information System](#) to their emergency plans before Tropical Storm Colin makes landfall. Florida's 511 system provides information on traffic conditions, including road closures, emergency alerts, evacuation routes, toll suspensions and more before, during and after severe weather.

From planning an evacuation route to receiving real-time traffic alerts, Florida 511 is the number one source for drivers during a severe weather emergency. "If you are in your car and you know severe weather is imminent, the first thing I would recommend is FL511," said Trooper Steven Montiero of the Florida Highway Patrol. "Check to see if the major roadways are clear, if there are major traffic incidents on the roadway and prepare for any disaster that might take place."

There are five convenient ways for all motorists to receive traffic updates:

- Download the free Florida 511 mobile app available on [Google Play](#) or [Apple App Store](#).
- Call 511 toll free for updates in English and Spanish.
- Visit [FL511.com](http://FL511.com) for interactive roadway maps showing traffic congestion and crashes, travel times and traffic camera views.
- Sign up for a "My Florida 511" account at [FL511.com](http://FL511.com) to create custom routes and register for email, text or phone alerts.
- Follow one of the 13 statewide, regional or roadway-specific [Twitter](#) feeds ([#FL511](#)).

In addition, FL511.com provides links to county emergency resources, weather reports and advisories. The "Emergency Info" tab on FL511.com also may provide additional information on major road closures and alternate routes. Through FL511.com, individuals can make safety plans ahead of time by creating custom evacuation routes for themselves or a group. By making a [My Florida 511](#) account, users can create multiple evacuation routes throughout the state and sign up for time and route-specific text message, email or phone call alerts

FDOT reminds all travelers to check 511 before traveling, have a passenger check 511 or pull over to avoid distracted driving.

**Safety Tips**

- Drive slowly and turn on your lights in low visibility conditions including rain (do not use your hazards).
- Do not drive through flooded areas – the area could contain dangers such as debris, tree branches or power lines.
- Follow instructions by local officials and law enforcement during evacuations.
- Always wear a safety belt.
- Don't drink and drive.

**Florida's 511 Features**

- Traffic information on all interstate highways, toll roads and many other metropolitan roadways.
- Public transit, airport and seaport information.
- AMBER, Silver and LEO Alerts (America's Missing: Broadcast Emergency Response (AMBER) Alerts notify the public of the most serious child-abduction cases. Silver Alerts notify the public when law enforcement agencies are searching for missing adults or citizens with cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia. Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) Alerts notify the public when law enforcement officers are searching for an offender(s) who has seriously injured or killed a law enforcement officer.)
- Travel information and traffic camera views
- Voice-activated and touch-tone navigation available when calling 511.