

# Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce

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*The Pearl of the Panhandle*



Friday, June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**Welcome to our New Members:**

**AJ Smith, Candidate for FC Sheriff**

**Terry Martin, Candidate for FC Sheriff**

**June**

**Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Seahawk Scramble Golf Tournament** 9 am shotgun. 4-player teams. St. James Bay Golf Resort. \$ 80 per player. Help support the FC School boys and girls golf teams! For more info, please contact Scott Collins [scollins@franklin.k12.fl.us](mailto:scollins@franklin.k12.fl.us)

**July**

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

**Mon. 4<sup>th</sup> St. James Bay Golf Resort will have regular hours for the golf course.**

**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Candidates Forum** 5 pm- Fort Coombs Armory sponsored by the FC Republican Party. All candidates: Democrat, Republican & Independent. For more info: [sising@fairpoint.net](mailto:sising@fairpoint.net) or (850) 670-8261

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Fishing Clinic for C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament** 6 pm

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual C-Quarters Youth Fishing Tournament** Ages 16 & younger 8-4 pm River & Bay Fishing only (850) 697-8400 or [www.c-quartersmarina.com](http://www.c-quartersmarina.com)



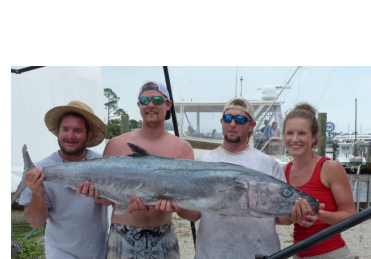
## A full weekend of Celebration in the area!

**Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Sopchoppy** 10 am-9:30 pm Myron B. Hodge City Park. Starts with a parade followed by an all-day & all night festival. Spectacular fireworks display! Call City Hall at (850) 962-4611 for more info.

**Sun 3<sup>rd</sup> Apalachicola** 5 pm on waterfront. Live music, fabulous seafood & culminating with a fabulous fireworks display over the river. Parade around 6:30 pm & live auction.

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> SGI Parade** around 10 am downtown. Bring super-soakers, but NO water balloons please!

**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Carrabelle Riverfront Fireworks display** at dark thirty.



**Available Now! Pick one up today & support a great cause!**

**SUPPORT**

12th Annual  
C-QUARTERS MARINA  
YOUTH FISHING TOURNAMENT

JULY 16, 2016

PURCHASE A WATERMELON  
C-Quarters Marina  
\$5.00



Your purchase helps us provide kids with free shirts, visors, fishing rod combos and trophies.

**The Big Bend Saltwater Classic** was held last weekend and is a family oriented fishing tournament. Launched in 1989 by The Organization for Artificial Reefs, Inc. (OAR), a private, non-profit, marine interest group based in Tallahassee, all of the proceeds derived from the event are used to expand and develop a system of artificial reefs in the NE Gulf of Mexico. According to Florida Sportsman Magazine, the tournament ranks among the top saltwater fishing tournaments, by participation, with an average of 700 competitors in recent years. The first tournament was held at Shield's Marina in St. Marks. This was changed in 1990 to Panacea Harbor Marina, then in 1991 **The Moorings of Carrabelle**. During the years of 2006 to 2012, the tournament was held at **The Carrabelle Boat Club**. In 2013, **The Moorings of Carrabelle** once again became the headquarters for the 25th annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic. Since 1990, the Tournament has been a three-day event set on Father's Day Weekend. To see this year's results, go to: [http://saltwaterclassic.com/leaderboards\\_2016/index.html](http://saltwaterclassic.com/leaderboards_2016/index.html)

**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 offering Emergency First Responder One Day Workshops** 9/17 CPR, First Aid, Automated External Defibrillator, & Oxygen Administration [www.marinelab.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.edu) or (850) 697-4120

**FSU Coastal & Marine Lab Workshops: Exploring Nature: Evening at the Edge of the Sea** 6-9 pm 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.fsu.edu](http://www.marinelab.fsu.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*

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**

President-**Cher Novaria**/At Your Service Concierge  
 Vice President- **Lewis Christie**/Christie's Cottage Living  
 Secretary-**Dr. Lois Mendez Catlin**-Phoenix Family Health Care Center  
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**Directors**

**Sheila Hauser**/Century 21 Collins Realty  
**Tonia Chisholm**/FC Public Library-Carrabelle  
**Skip Frink**/Old Carrabelle Hotel  
**Bo May**/Rio Carrabelle  
**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-June 19: 75,151**  
**Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2016: 14**  
**Total New Carrabelle Area Chamber Members 2015: 50**

The Tallahassee Builder's Association would like to give a warm THANK YOU to all those who helped, sponsored, and participated in this year's tournament! TBA's **28th Annual SALTWATER FISHING TOURNAMENT** held at **C-Quarters Marina, Carrabelle, Sat., June 11, 2016** <http://tallyba.com/saltwater-fishing-tournament/nggallery/thumbnails/page/1>



**New brochure available at the Chamber/Visitor Center! "Road Map to Recreation Guide-A guide to exploring the recreation opportunities of the Apalachicola River & Bay Basin"** This guide includes hiking, biking & paddling trails; picnic spots; prime birding & wildlife viewing locations; boat launches & fishing areas from St. Vincent's Island to Carrabelle & points north. A huge thank you to the Apalachicola National Estuarine Research Reserve & the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection for this comprehensive & useful guide!

**Road paving is resumed on Marine Street & will keep you posted on progress.** A huge thank-you to the City of Carrabelle for working their schedule around our winter/spring festivals!!

**New location in Carrabelle! Beginning on June 1, 2016--- Marxsen Accounting merged with Roberson & Associates, PA, Certified Public Accountants.** Roberson & Associates currently has offices in Port St. Joe and Apalachicola, and will now have an additional office in Carrabelle, located in the same building at 108 SE Ave B, next door to old Carrabelle City Hall and behind the Marathon station, where Mr. Marxsen has been for 20 years. This merger will give him additional resources and allow him to offer and expanded variety of services should the need arise. (850) 697-2542 or [paul@rapacpas.com](mailto:paul@rapacpas.com)

**Big Bend Hospice is relocating to the old Flying Sea Monkey location!** (Over the bridge on Hwy 98 in strip mall with NHC, Marshall Marine, pizza place) They are in the process of setting up & I'll keep you posted about a ribbon cutting. Fran Pybus, Community Resource Coordinator, will gladly speak at your event....Call her at 850-408-7810.

**The Governor Stone** sends out a thousand thanks to Captain Patrick & Sea Tow Panama City for rounding up & supplying comfortable new life jackets for programs on board this historic vessel.

Stop by the **Carrabelle History Museum** any Thursday, Friday or Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm to see the new mural of the Carrabelle Harbor from 1880 to 1920. "Where the Virgin Forest Met the Natural Deepwater Port" Artist Ray Andersen is still calling it a work in progress. See if you can find the 1,000 pound pig! (And a few other things...)

**St. James Health & Rehab will host a Back to School Bash** to kick off this next school year. In order to make this happen, they are reaching out to any & all, local/community partners, organizations, and individuals who would like to assist in donating school supplies, backpacks, gift cards, etc. (I'll have a drop off box here at the Chamber) They have reached out to Franklin County Health Dept. to see if it is possible to set up a clinic at their facility for free immunizations & school physicals. The plan is to also reach out to local physicians to assist with getting these done as well. They are also reaching out to local hair dressers/stylists to see if anyone is interested in donating their time to provide free Back to School haircuts at the event, or to donate gift certificates for students to come in for a free cut. Any questions, please contact Kristine Bause, LPN, Admissions/Marketing Director at (850) 697-2020

	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		