

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Winter Edition 2015

Prez Says

As of the writing of this article, our winter has not been so bad as some have been in the past. We've had several good rains which will mean lush vegetation this upcoming springtime. It's becoming a great time to be outside and enjoy our Galveston weather again.

Please be advised your Board Members have been hard at work attending to Bay Harbor business and making decisions which will only improve our community. Bob Seay is diligent with the city regarding potholes in our streets. Bob is paying special attention to the road up to and surrounding the mailboxes. It would help the entire community for all citizens to call the city when they observe something needing attention like potholes, high grass, etc. to increase the quantity of the voices they hear.

Please notice the repaired gate at the fishing pier. It was repaired a few months ago and now should be easier to unlock and enter. Also, the chains at the boat launch have been replaced by smaller

and easier managed chains. However, one has already been cut by an unknown individual. Please be observant when out and about in the community. Someone dumped trash at the boat launch a few weeks ago. If you are touring around the marina and notice either the fishing pier gate open or a chain on the launch not locked, please stop and lock the gate and/or the launch chain. Bob Seay and I cleaned up the area, and I am asking each of you to do the same. When you see something "out of place" like trash, please help keep the area clean and pick it up.

Beginning very soon, the shrubs, trees, and grass are all going to begin to sprout. Keep ahead of the mowing, especially in areas where there are drainage ditches in front of the property. Tall grass is unsightly, blocks drainage, and breeds mosquitoes. Keeping lots and ditches cut will help greatly promote drainage and help with mosquito problems.

I received an invitation from Mr. Bob Dolgin who is the President of the Sandhill Shores POA to join a committee again focused on golf cart beach access. Mr. Dolgin has gathered the support of various homeowners' organizations including Sea Isle, Terramar Beach, Sunset Cove and others in his effort

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**Bay Harbor
9th Annual St. Paddy's Day
Celebration
Saturday, March 14 3pm**

Come celebrate the end of winter at our annual St. Patrick's Day Parade and Party. Decorate your golf cart, bicycle, motor cycle or anything else on wheels and join us for the parade.

We'll meet at the boat basin at 3 p.m., give a prize for the best decorated wheels then take out up and down the streets of Bay Harbor, ending where we started at the boat basin.

Afterwards we'll have a fish fry. Bring an appetizer, side dish, dessert and join in the fun. We will have a few soft drinks and cold beers available for a small donation or you can bring your own beverages.

It's great fun for children and adults so hope to see you there!

Prez Sez con't.

to have it be legal for golf carts to be driven on the beaches IF the driver is 65 or older. Mr. Dolgin and others have met as a committee with George P. Bush, the current Land Commissioner, and he was leaning in favor of Mr. Dolgin's efforts. I will be presenting the issue to the Bay Harbor Improvement Association board at our upcoming meeting Saturday for their vote in support.

**Charlie Winsor
President, B.H.I.A.**

BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB

2014 Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange



If you missed the annual Christmas Party held at the home of Trish and Mark Bloom, you missed a great time. The company and food were both excellent.

After a great Mexican themed dinner, we had a drawing to award the "perfect attendance" prize. There were three people who were eligible in the drawing: Pam Williams, Annette Moore and Elzbieta Lyons. Annette Moore won the drawing! After that we had the annual Chinese Gift Exchange.

It is a new year and I would like take this time to say I have enjoyed being your president and would like to introduce your new presidents! Yes we have co-presidents this year: Becky Dundee and Elzbieta Lyons.

I know that they are planning some great meetings. Please make plans to join the club this year and don't miss the first meeting, there will a perfect attendance award again this year. We usually met on the last Saturday of February, April, June, August, October and end the year with our annual Christmas party in December. As usual we will send out emails about the upcoming meetings. If you are not receiving them, please forward your current e-mail to maybonno@att.net to be added to the fun.



"2015" NEW YEAR FOR THE GARDEN CLUB

The next Bay Harbor Garden Club meeting is scheduled for February 28th at 10 AM
At the home of Annette and Theron Moore, 4117 Second Street.



We have scheduled a speaker on the subject of composting and soil preparation.
All neighbors and friends of Bay Harbor are cordially invited.

Since this is a beginning of our new growing season, please bring any extra seeds, bulbs or seedlings you might have to share with your neighbors.

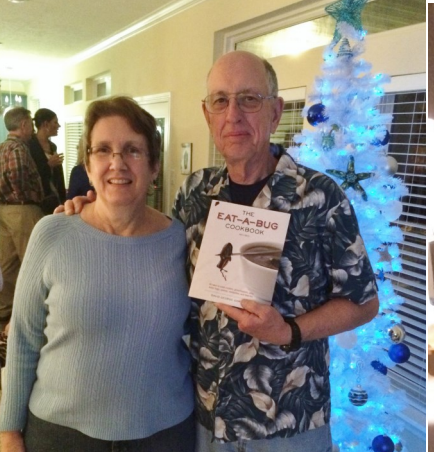


We hope to see you there!

Becky Dundee and Elzbieta Lyons



**MAKING MERRY AT THE
BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB
2014 CHRISTMAS PARTY**



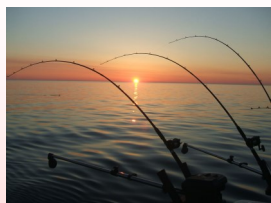
Bay Harbor Winter 2015 Fishing Report
by Capt. Bill Hand

Not much fishing activity to report this time of year. There have been a few schools of oversize (28 inches plus) Bull Reds working under the birds near San Luis Pass when the weather and tide conditions are just perfect. I did hear a recent report of one of our neighbors catching a few flounder off his bulkhead. That means that all of the flounder did not leave the bay for the winter.

The water temperature in the bay and on the beach has been around the mid-50s for a while and until it warms up to the mid-60s fishing will probably remain pretty slow. We have had a lot of rain compared to the past few years and that usually makes for a very good fishing season starting in the spring around mid-April or maybe sooner if the weather stays as warm as it has been the past few weeks. A good fresh water inflow into the marsh is very good for all of the marine life that begin their life there. Hopefully we will have a very good shrimp hatch that will eventually move into the bay. I am sure that hungry Specks will be waiting and the Gulls will signal their location. That action can start as early as April in West Bay.

Don't be fooled by the warm sunny days on land this time of year. Take more clothing than you think you will need if you venture out on the bay. My policy during the winter is to have enough clothing to keep you warm just in case you have a problem and have to spend the night on the bay after that warm sun goes down.

Tight Lines!
Capt. Bill



Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

June 5-6, 2015



**Same weekend as the annual meeting
...stay tuned!**



Bill Hand got a new camera for Christmas... these are some of the beautiful pictures he took around the west end, most in our Bay Harbor neighborhood!





SAVE THE DATE !!!!

The B.H.I.A. Annual Meeting

June 6 at 5pm

At the Bay Harbor Boat Basin

*Fun, Food and
a Fishing Tournament !*



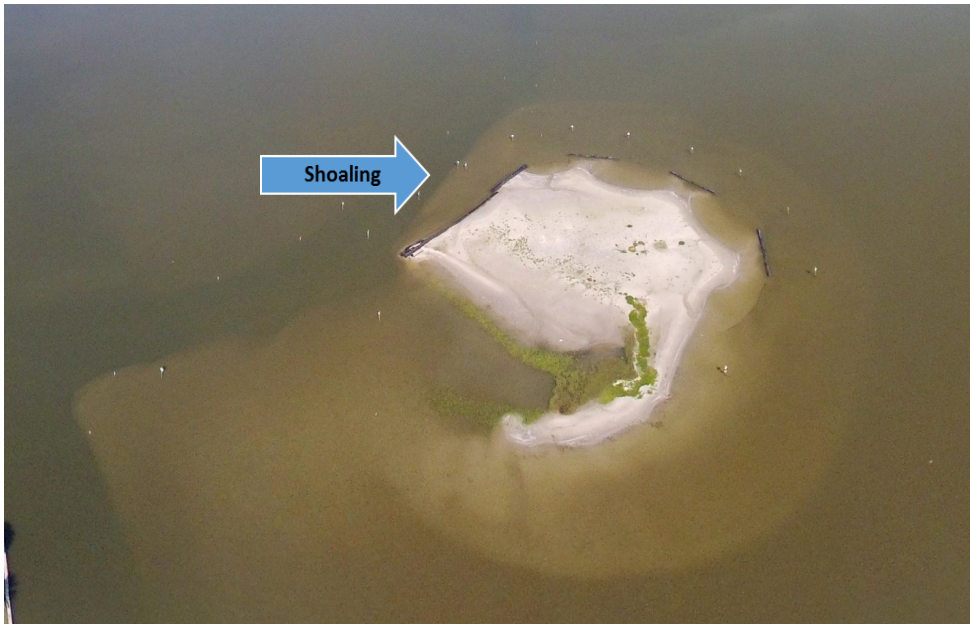
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LOCAL NOTICE TO BAY HARBOR MARINERS

If you are navigating the Bay Harbor Channel outbound from the boat ramp and marina, be advised that severe shoaling has occurred just passed the end of the island restoration project. On a low tide the water can be less than one foot all the way across the channel.



The water can be less than one foot all the way across the channel. The white small diameter PVC markers near the center of the channel no longer mark the channel in that area. Before you get to that area and about 30 yards past that area the channel gets a little deeper.

The strong north winds pushing against the north side of the Island are most likely the cause of this shoaling. The strong tides that run generally parallel to the shore line are probably also a factor.

NESTING SEASON ON THE BAY HARBOR ISLAND - 2015

Nesting season is quickly approaching and lots of birds have already taken up residence on the Bay Harbor Island. As a reminder, it is very important that the nesting birds not be disturbed until they have completed this annual event which is usually over in late September.

The USFWS during their bird count recorded record numbers of many varieties of shore birds last year and it is expected to be another record nesting season on the island this year.

There are signs posted around the island warning people not to land or walk on the island during nesting season, but it is also very important to tell visitors, children and teens the importance of staying off the island during nesting season. It is a violation of both State and Federal Law to disturb nesting birds. But it is really about education. If we can all work together to educate folks of the importance of leaving our feathered friends alone to take care of their reproductive needs, then the world will be a better place for all of us and future generations.



THANK YOU!

GIRLS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN !!!!!

← Restaurant Week



Galveston Mardi Gras →

YOUR BOARD AT WORK



Many thanks to Prez Charlie Winsor and VP Bob Seay for the
← cleaning up of the boat basin and repairing the chain at the boat launch



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Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY

- 21 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 10a, 4117 2nd St.
- 28 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10a, 4117 2nd St.

MARCH

- 14 Bay Harbor Annual St. Patty's Day Parade and Fish Fry, 3pm Boat Basin
- 14 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 9am, 3814 Port Trinidad
- 18 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club

APRIL

- 5 **Happy Easter!!**
- 14 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 18 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 25 Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10a, location TBA