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Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



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The Prez Says....

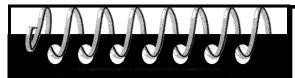
What a great St. Patrick's Day golf cart parade and fish fry we had! Bay Harbor was blessed with beautiful weather for the event and had lots of participation by residents in the parade and/or the fish fry. 1st place for best decorated golf cart (and self) was Gail Choate complete with her leprechaun shoes. I see so many golf carts in the community and hope that even more will participate next year. We played music to draw attention to the parade and tried to parade past every home where people came out. It is great fun, and kids (and "kids" of all ages) enjoy the festivities. Many thanks to Bill Hand, who hosted the fish fry at his home, donated all the fish, and was the master fryer. Thanks to all those who came and delicious sides such and/or desserts to share. Hope to see you there next year!

Now, we focus on the Annual Meeting coming up Saturday, JUNE 13, 2015 AT 5 P.M. This is the weekend after the always interesting East End Sandcastle Building competition and the weekend before Father's Day.

As usual, we always begin with a great SILENT AUCTION and time for mixing and mingling prior to the start of the meeting. Each executive board member is securing three (3) items each for the silent auction. We are asking each member of the Bay Harbor Association to submit at least one (1) item for the auction. These items could something the member makes something obtained from a business. It is important that if you have an item for the auction that you contact Cathy Winsor at 281-995-8502 or cathyfwinsor@gmail.com before the day of the meeting with WHAT the item is, its VALUE and your SUG-GESTED OPENING BID. This information is important for Cathy to have PRIOR to the meeting, as she creates bid sheets with the information regarding the item on the sheet. It would also be helpful for you to either bring the item to the Winsor home at 3814 Port Trinidad any time between now and June 13, or bring the item to the marina between 4 and 4:30 p.m. the day of the meeting, since setting out the items and bid sheets takes some time.

A meal with tea, water, or soft drink will be provided free for members and meals for attending non-members will be a great deal at \$5 each.

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This is the meeting each year where members are able to learn more about activities in and around the community, meet more Bay Harbor neighbors, and review the budget. The budget for 2015-2016 was adopted at the board of directors meeting in March. Also at the Annual Meeting board members for the upcoming year will be elected. Anyone may run for a position on the Board, and we encourage participation by anyone who is interested. If you are interested in running for a position you may contact the secretary, Gail Choate, 409-737-1707, or you may express your desire at the Annual Meeting in June.

We're hoping to see you all at the Annual Meeting this year. Please......MARK YOUR CALENDAR for June 13!

Charlie Winsor, President

Dues Reminder & Lost Key Fee

Just a reminder that if you have not paid your Bay Harbor Improvement Association dues for 2015, please remit them to:

Bay Harbor Improvement Assn (BHIA) RT 4. Box 190 B26, Galveston, TX 77554

The dues are just \$150 per year and will entitle you to a key to the boat ramp and fishing pier which you can pick up at my home at $4016 \ 4^{th} \ St$.

As stated in our Bay Harbor by-laws, when you pick up the current years' key, you should have a key to turn in or there will be a lost key charge of \$25, unless this is the first year for you to get a key.

Any questions please call or email me.

Gail Choate, Secretary/Treasurer BHIA 409-737-1707 gschoate@sbcglobal.net



BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB

On February the 28th we had our first Bay Harbor Garden Club meeting of the new growing season. Thank you Theron and Annette Moore for letting us use your beautiful home for that occasion.

The guest speaker, Carol Curtiss, educated us on composting and soil preparation...a very informative and interesting meeting.

The next Garden Club meeting is scheduled for April 25th...and the location...the newly remodeled home of John and Becky Dundee at 4110 2nd Street.

Becky Dundee and Elzbieta Lyons, Co-Presidents

Bay Harbor Improvement Association ANNUAL MEETING!!!

June 13, 2015 5pm BAY HARBOR BOAT BASIN

Be sure and mark your calendar for this year's annual meeting! Besides visiting and dining with your Bay Harbor neighbors, you can share a great time hearing the latest news of the neighborhood and participate in the election of our new board members.

Along with the business portion of the meeting, a delicious catered meal will be served and items provided by our members and local merchants will be auctioned to help raise funds for the association.

Bay Harbor's Own Bluebonnet Canvas
Picture Provided By Bob Seay





Bay Harbor Spring 2015 Fishing Report by Capt. Bill Hand

It looks like spring has finally arrived in Bay Harbor following a fairly mild winter. That being said, with the clouds and the north wind of winter, it has taken a while for the water to warm up enough for the fish to move in the places where they typically hang out in the summer. When I checked this morning the water temperature was around 70 degrees, which is the magic number for things to start happening any day. The SW winds are another thing we have to deal with every spring and hopefully they will not be around as long as they were last year at this time. According to my rain gauge, we have had around 10 inches of rain over the past couple of months. This fresh water inflow into the marsh is always good for those estuaries, where most of the critters in the Bay and the Gulf begin their lives.



The canals are full of small Shad (Menhaden/Pogies). There is also a good hatch of small shrimp in the canals, which will move into the bay and attract schools of Specks and Reds. Crabbing has also been excellent in the canals and around the boat basin for the past few days. A really good place to take kids crabbing is right behind the cleaning table near the boat ramp. This is where people dump the remains of fish cleaning and the Rusty Hook dumps their used water from the live shrimp tanks. Several years ago a kid caught the record Sheephead in that spot for the CCA Kid's Star Tournament.

That was a \$50,000 scholarship prize fish!

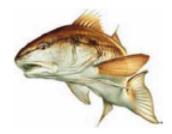
Around mid to late April is the time to start scanning the horizon for working birds homing in on the new hatch of small bait fish and shrimp. Best place to start is to the east around Jamaica Beach.

The coves like Snake Island and Maggie's are covered with plush sea grass and gin clear water. Now is the time to slip quietly into those coves on the back side of the island early in the morning or late in the evening and wade slowly using top water baits like the "She Dog". My favorite color is bone or chartreuse. Those coves are also loaded with Stingrays, so be careful and shuffle your feet.

Hope to see you on the bay soon.

Tight Lines!

Capt. Bill



Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

MAY 22nd & 23rd, 2015



Starts: 8:00 PM Friday May 22nd Ends: 1:30 PM Saturday May 23rd Weigh-in: 12:30 PM to 1:30 PM Saturday

Prizes awarded and tailgate fish fry party at the marina: 2:30 PM Saturday

DIVISIONS and PRIZES

Adult (17 and Over) - Entry Fee \$25.00

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Speckled Trout (1st Place = $60 Cash, 2nd Place = $30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3nd Place = $20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)
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Redfish (1st Place = $60 Cash, 2nd Place = $30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3nd Place = $20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)
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Flounder (1st Place = \$60 Cash, 2nd Place = \$30 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise, 3nd Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Youth (Ages 11-16) - Entry Fee \$15.00

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Speckled Trout (1st Place = $40 Cash, 2nd Place = $25 Cash, 3nd Place = $20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Redfish (1st Place = $40 Cash, 2nd Place = $25 Cash, 3nd Place = $20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Flounder (1st Place = $40 Cash, 2nd Place = $25 Cash
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3rd Place = \$20 credit for Bay Harbor Merchandise)

Small Fry (Ages under 10) - Entry Fee \$5.00

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Prizes for the
Biggest fish ($20 Cash),
2<sup>nd</sup> biggest fish ($15 Cash)
3<sup>rd</sup> biggest fish ($10 Cash)
Most Unusual Species ($10 Cash)
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from the following list: Gafftop (14" - no limit), Redfish (20" to 28" - no tagged Redfish), Speckled Trout (15" - 25", 1 oversize), Sheepshead (14" - no limit), Flounder (14" - no limit), Drum, black (14" - 30"), Shark (24" - no limit), Sand Trout, Croaker, Whiting, Spadefish



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Rates: For a 2" wide, \$2.00 per line (minimum of 3 lines).



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Upcoming Events

APRIL

JULY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!

GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion

WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club

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25 26	Bay Harbor Garden Club Meeting 10p at 4110 2nd St. Ironman 70.3 Bike Race - Galveston
	MAY
16 20 22/23	WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion BAY HARBOR FISHING RODEO AND FISH FRY-12p Weigh-in at Boat Basin
13 22 17 20	JUNE BAY HARBOR ANNUAL MEETING 5P AT BOAT BASIN Father's Day GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club