

The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter

Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

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Prez Says

NOW is a great time to be spending in Bay Harbor. The fishing reaches its peak and the weather, well, all is good.

Its great seeing neighbors out and about taking care of their property. It speaks well of the entire community when all of us exhibit a little care about the look of our surroundings. A big thank you goes out to Jimmy Choate for his community efforts. Jimmy can be observed giving of his time and effort working around the first street entry sign and keeping it presentable. A lot of effort went into cleaning around the Fourth Street entry sign and both entries now are in great shape. Keep in mind folks the community association has several "common" properties, the end caps, First and Fourth Street entries, and the marina. Please, if you see something which needs attention in those areas, take matters into you own hands and do the "community thing." A little mowing and a little weed-eating works wonders in those areas.

Bay Harbor is all about neighbor helping neighbor. We are probably the oldest West End community on the island and one of the smallest. Being small does have its advantages. One advantage is the fact that we all get to know each other. Getting to know your neighbor and their family is a key to promoting security for all of us. Several of us have happened by a neighbors' home and noticed something that needs the owner's attention, i.e. water running out of the house. It's nice that neighbors know who to call or they shut off the water for the neighbor. I have said it before and I'll say it again...get to know your neighbors. One of the best opportunities for you to do this is attend the Annual Meeting during the summer. You'll be given plenty of notice of the meeting time and place.

In closing, I wish to express my appreciation to those who take the time to contact me personally regarding activities or issues in our community.

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I have proven in the past that I **WILL** respond quickly as I feel it is important to illustrate that **EVERY** comment and/or request of our community is important. Keep it up. If I don't have an answer for you then I will surely refer you to the appropriate person for an answer.

Thank you for your participation in our community.

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Join us for laughter and maybe a scare or two
at the **SpOOkTaCuLar**



BAY HARBOR HALLOWEEN PARTY !!



Saturday, October 26
7 - 10 pm

3901 5th Street



Home of Richard and Debbie Kaminski



BYOB and your favorite snack or dessert.

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BOO by October 23rd



Debbie K. at 409-974-4823
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BAY HARBOR GARDEN CLUB

Hello Bay Harbor Neighbors

Welcome everyone, "Gathering in the Garden" is our theme for October and December. "Gathering" is the most important aspect of the next two meetings.



Hopefully, everyone will attend our next meeting, October 26, 10 a.m. at 3917 First Street. We are excited to have Eulas and Lake Stafford, members of the Plumeria Society of America. Our guest speakers will cover such topics as propagation, identification, insects & diseases and winter storage of Plumerias.



Our next "Gathering" will be the annual Christmas Dinner and Party, December 7th, 6 p.m. at 3814 Port Trinidad. A donation would be appreciated to help with expenses. Just drop it in the "Money Jar" at the party. We will also have a "White Elephant" exchange. Just something ten dollars or less, wrap it up, and bring it with you. Hope to see everyone.

Come and have fun. We want you to mark down the dates and be ready to enjoy yourself!

10:00 a.m. on Saturday, Oct.26th

6:00 p.m. on Saturday, Dec.7th

Regards, Jill Seay (President)



Beautiful Hibiscus grown by August meeting guest speakers, Greg and Marti Graves of the American Hibiscus Society.



Bay Harbor Fishing Rodeo

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WINNERS



Adult 1st Place Winners

Speckled Trout	Dale Mohn
Flounder	Betsy Redfield
Redfish	Danny Kurtin

Everyone had fun at the Bay Harbor Labor Day fishing tournament! Around 30 anglers braved the heat and fished from Friday night through Saturday morning. Each adult 1st place winner received a cash reward and the remaining winners received credits for Bay Harbor merchandise. Many thanks to Mark Bloom for coordinating the event, to Charlie Winsor and friends for raising the tent, Cathy Winsor and Tish Bloom for handling the registration, to Bill Hand for providing fish and cooking at the after party, to all of the participants and to our neighbors who provided food for the fish fry. The event resulted in a profit of \$340 for the Bay Harbor Improvement Association.



Junior Division 1st Place Winner

Jason Sparks with his winning speckled trout



Fun at the Fishing Rodeo Fish Fry

MANGROVE SNAPPER

One of our neighbors recently reported catching a Mangrove Snapper in one of our Bay Harbor canals. While this was a rare catch, the Mangrove Snapper have been showing up around here for a few years. Here is what they look like if you catch a strange looking fish that you have never seen before.

Appearance: Mangrove Snapper (Gray Snapper) are shaped similarly to Red Snapper, but are greyish-green in overall appearance, with varying amounts of brick-red shading. They also sport a pair of formidable canine teeth.

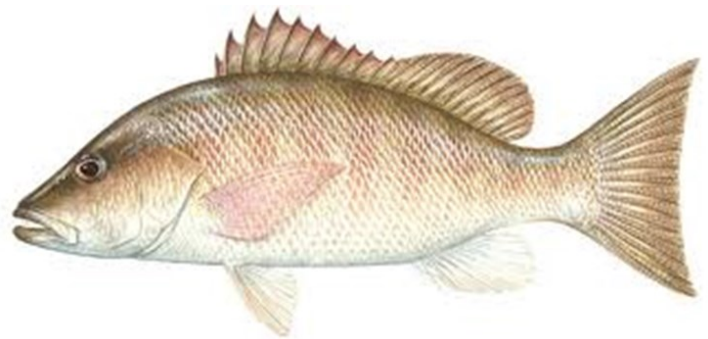
Size: The average size of Mangrove Snapper taken inshore ranges from 8 to 12 inches, although 16 to 18 inch fish aren't uncommon in certain areas.

Where it's found: Mangrove Snapper spend the majority of their time hanging tight to structure such as jetties, bridge pilings and docks.

What it eats: Mangrove Snapper dine primarily on shrimp, crab and small baitfish.

Top lures & baits: Live shrimp, small crabs and finger mullet are good natural baits. Small jigs and swimbaits are the best artificial lures.

How it tastes: Mangrove Snapper are excellent eating.



Bay Harbor Fall 2013 Fishing Report
by Capt. Bill Hand

We have had a long hot summer and I think that most of us are more than ready for a little cool fall fishing weather. As I am writing this, the first "Cold Front" is approaching Galveston with predicted night time temperatures in the high 50's. This is the time of year when we can expect some kind of front about once a week. These cool fronts combined with shorter days cool the bay waters and can really turn on the fishing. September always brings tides that are higher than normal which tends to scatter the fish all over the bay. I have not heard any exceptional fishing reports from our neighbors for the last two months. You can go out and if you fish hard and cover a lot of water, most folks can catch at least enough for a fresh fish dinner.



Jimmy Choate's Big One
Caught September 2013

Now is the time we start seeing a lot of Sand Trout and Croaker in the bay. You can get your kids or grandkids in the action by using a double drop rig baited with any kind of durable cut bait. I like to use small Sand Trout as cut bait to catch Sand Trout. There are a lot of very large Gafftop in the middle of the bay right now. Just look for diving Pelicans and you will find all (or more) action that you want with those tackle busting Gafftop. This is also the time of year when Redfish are out there with the Gafftop, so don't be surprised if you hook into a large Red amongst all those Gafftop.

With all the rain that we have had in the past two weeks, the shrimp should be heading out into the bay. Now is the time to have a set of binoculars on every trip. Scan the horizon for working sea gulls diving for bait and you will find Specks, Reds and of course those pesky Gafftop under them. Please don't just run right up in the middle of the birds. If another boat is already fishing those birds, then keep your distant or look for other birds. The nice thing about our end of the bay is that it rarely gets too crowded with boats chasing birds.



Teaching them young!

As always, pay attention to the weather, which can change rapidly this time of year and be careful out there on the water.

Tight lines!.....Capt. Bill

Bay Harbor Marsh Mania 2013.

By Phillip Martin

September 23rd of this year marked the second time that Bay Harbor has participated in the annual Marsh Mania event, which takes place on National Estuaries Day. Since the event started in 1999, over 7,000 community volunteers have participated in the event and have planted over 200 acres of marsh habitat.

The Bay Harbor event had 89 volunteers who planted 48 18-gallon buckets of Smooth cord grass, covering approximately 0.8 acres. All plants were donated by NRG at a value of \$6,000. The plants are grown at a nature preserved owned and managed by NRG near their Cedar Bayou generation facility.



As the attached pictures show, not only do these efforts help the Galveston Bay environment in general, they greatly enhance our very own bird island. In case you were wondering, after the restoration of the island, and with the completion our first Marsh Mania, these are the bird totals just on our island:

- 345 nesting pairs of Black skimmers
- 19 nesting pairs of gull-billed terns
- 281 nesting pairs of royal terns
- 134 nesting pairs of Sandwich terns
- 188 nesting pairs of laughing gulls
- 2 nesting pairs of white Ibis'



On my visits this spring and summer, the number seemed much greater. If you go when the birds are there, remember to stay completely away from their nesting areas.

Thanks also to the Galveston Bay Foundation and all the many sponsors who make this possible.

Special thanks to our Bay Harbor boat captains and all the Bay harbor volunteers. Finally, watch this newsletter next year. We may participate one more time.

MARSH MANIA



**FROM PHILIP SMITH, DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION
GALVESTON BAY FOUNDATION**

Hi all,

Just wanted to pass along the link below to the wired in video and photos from the event Saturday. We had a great turn out and want to again thank y'all for all your support for the event!

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FOR SALE

Beautiful tuxedo style, custom made sofa (105 inches) for sell in Galveston. The sofa was recovered in a navy blue weave about 6 years ago. The back cushions are goose down and polyester and the seat cushions are foam and polyester.

Asking price is \$500.00 but any offer will be considered.

Contact Susan Fister lsfister@sbcglobal.net

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FREE OLEANDERS & PALMS *for Galveston Residents* SUNDAY OCTOBER 20, 2013

Moody Gardens is offering Galveston Island residents **FREE Oleanders & Palms** to plant in their yards in order to help with the beautification of our island.

STEP 1 Register at moodygardens.org/giveaway by 10/18/13

STEP 2 A voucher will be emailed to you by 10/18/13

STEP 3 Bring it to Moody Gardens on **October 20, 2013**
between **11am-2pm** to claim your Oleander/Palm

All participants must be 18 years or older. Participants will be asked to present a driver's license or state identification card as proof of Island residency. Must present voucher on October 20, 2013 between 11am-2pm in front of the Moody Gardens Visitor Center to receive free Oleander/Palm.

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Upcoming Events

October

- 12 BHIA Board Meeting 10am, 3810 Port Trinidad
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 19 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 20 Oleander and Palm Tree Giveaway 9a at Moody Gardens
- 26 Garden Club Meeting 10am, 3917 1st St.
- 26 Annual Bay Harbor Halloween Party 7pm, 3901 5th St

November

- 16 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 21 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 28 HAPPY THANKSGIVING !!

December

- 07 B.H.I.A. Board Meeting 10am, 3917 1st St
- 07 Bay Harbor Garden Club sponsored Christmas Party 6pm, 3814 Port Trinidad
- 19 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 21 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club