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Architectural Violation Enforcement

Tina M. Reeves CMCA, AMS, PCAM

Architectural violations are on the rise. While the FIPOA realizes that many homeowners are struggling during these difficult economic times, it is important that all owners do what they can to keep their property in top condition. It only takes one unsightly home to bring a neighborhood's property value down.

It is up to the property owners of Fripp Island to keep the island's neighborhoods places that all can be proud of. With the declining real-estate market and the downturn in the economy property value protection is of the utmost importance. Most property owners purchased property on Fripp Island because of its natural beauty and its southern charm, welcoming all who come.

For the protection of each and every property owner, your association must be ever diligent, working with property owners to keep their properties and houses in tiptop shape.

The most frequent and egregious violations are listed below. The ARB and Property Enhancement Committee members are continually touring the community noting homes that are in need of repair work.

- ✓ Property owners who make architectural changes to their property without going through the application and approval process. For simplicity's sake, the Architectural Guidelines and Amended and Restated Covenants require that any exterior change must first go through the architectural application process and receive approval for the Architectural Review Board (ARB), whether it be construction, painting, staining, maintenance, landscape changes or tree removals. Anything except interior changes must come before the ARB.
- ✓ Many homes are in need of painting.
- ✓ Yards and non-developed lots are poorly maintained. Many homes have debris on the property and lots have been piled with yard debris. Some properties have yellowing grass. While we are ever diligent about saving water, a good water program set up through your landscaper can maintain the integrity of your lawn while saving water.
- ✓ Yard art is becoming more and more prevalent on the island. All yard art must be approved by the ARB before it can be placed on any single-family property on Fripp Island. Some examples of yard art are: birdbaths, bird feeders, statuaries, glass reflecting balls, tree ornaments, large pots and water features.
- ✓ Mailbox posts without a mailbox. Post should be removed or a mailbox should be added. You can find the specific mailbox regulations for your area at <http://www.fipoa.org/ARB/ARBGuidelines.pdf> or by contacting Tina Reeves, Assistant General

Manager and ARB Administrator at treesfipoa@islc.net or (843) 838-4155.

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As a result of the architectural violations, many letters have and will be sent to property owners reminding them of the items that need to be addressed on their property. Fines will be levied if these items are not addressed in a timely manner.

It is not the desire of the FIPOA to collect fines. It is our wish that everyone follow the covenants that run with single-family properties.

If you would like to report an unsightly property, you may do so by contacting Tina Reeves at treesfipoa@islc.net or (843) 838-4155.

The ARB meets the first and third Thursday of the month. Application submission must be received in Administrative offices of the FIPOA the Monday prior to the meeting by 4:30 PM.

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Deadline for the September

TRAWLER is August 30th.

FIPOA Board Meeting Schedule

August 13, 2011 - 9:00 am

September 10, 2011 - 9:00 am

All regular meetings are held at the
FIPOA Administrative Office

(This schedule is subject to change.)

All meetings are open.

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FIPOA

Splinters from the Board

Carol Young, Administrative Assistant

At the May 14, 2011 meeting, the Board approved Resolution 571, to amend the bylaws regarding basic assessment limitation language and to add to the annual \$100 road and bridge assessment without accumulation limitation and send to the members in good standing for a vote. The ballots to amend the bylaws were mailed June 15th and are due back by July 18th. Resolution 572, to amend the Architectural Review Board (ARB) Guidelines was approved and includes new language regarding the new home-based business rule. Resolution 574 was approved, to adopt a program to have mailboxes painted annually. The painting was done by Boy Scout Troop 1108.



Board officers were elected. They are: Micki McCormick, President; Tom Hindes, Vice-President; David Case, Secretary; Bob Davidson Treasurer. Joe Brown, Ernie Taylor and Mike Jahn were appointed to the ARB to replace Budd Catlin, Steve McKay and Bob Young.

At the June 11th meeting, Resolution 573, to establish procedures to appoint replacement members to the Architectural Review Board was approved. Several resolutions were approved regarding appointments and reappointments of standing and non-standing POA committees.

To see the General Manager's report and full minutes of these and other FIPOA meetings, please go to <http://www.fipoa.org/minutes.html>.

IN MEMORIAM

Christine Flynn

Mary Jane Russell

Gwen Hudetz

Nancy Towe

Jane Welborn

New Owners on Fripp

5/5/11 thru 7/5/11

707 Silverside LLC c/o Rob Echols, Columbia SC

Scott & Kathleen Henderson, Wantagh NY

Kelly & Courtney Napier, Franklin TN

Renee Mulvihill, Columbia SC

Michael & Sheri Pitcher, Suwanee GA

Louis & Maryellen Stracquadanio, Morganville NJ

Edward & Veronica Wetzel, Gallatin TN

Joseph & Rebecca Wetzel, St. Clairsville OH



Fourth of July on Fripp Island

In the 4th of July parade, the 1st Place winner, “America’s Firefighters—Amazing Heroes,” an antique fire truck, was a true family affair for Joe & Johnsie Brown. It was created and designed by their oldest grandchildren, Caite age 14, and Ted age 11, who live in Doha, Qatar and spend their summer time here at Fripp. Actual construction was completed with help from Joe’s brother Ab. The smaller 3 grandchildren, Quincy, Alden, and Rhys, who live in Kennesaw, Gaorgia, arrived in time to help with the painting.

The fire truck was made out of Styrofoam and paper maché and the Brown family worked on it for approximately four hours a day for ten days. All five grandchildren (plus Michael Freeman, grandson of Bob and Linda Freeman) were decked out in firemen’s costumes and led the fire truck thru the parade route.



Banner preceding the winning golf cart float.

There is a family tradition of volunteerism in the fire service. Joe’s dad, Ted, was a volunteer fire chief in a small town in North Carolina for 40 years; Joe was a volunteer fire chief in the same town for 10 years, and his brother Ab served in the same capacity for 5 years.

Grandson Ted wore the metal fire chief’s hat that had been worn by his great-grandfather in the 30’s, 40’s, and 50’s with the name “TED” printed on the back. They also used the same 6-volt siren made in 1939 that was used on his personal car for all those years. Granddaughter Caite wore Ab’s most recent fire chief’s hat made of white fiberglass. Both Caite and Ted wore actual firefighter’s turn-out gear to include rubber insulated boots.

Pictures here, and more on page 11, by Julie of Fripp Island Photography



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The FIPOA Bylaw Ballot Amendments Votes Are In – One Passes, One Fails

The Bylaw amendment to incorporate the \$100 Special Road and Bridge Assessment into the Bylaws as an "Annual Assessment" and remove the cap which had heretofore restricted the accumulation of these funds passed by the two thirds vote required by the Bylaws.

The amendment to permit the Board to approve increases in the Annual Basic Assessment, by an amount of up to 5% or the percentage increase in federal Consumer Price Index ("CPI"), whichever is greater did not pass.

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ISLAND SERVICES

CHIEF'S CORNER

Security Chief Mike Binkowski

There has been a change in the golf cart regulations this year; please be sure that you and your guests are familiar with this change.

The current golf cart regulations are as follows:

- A valid driver's license is required to operate a golf cart on Fripp Island.
- A learner's permit is allowed only if accompanied by a licensed individual 21 years of age or older.
- Golf cart curfew is 12:00 AM – 5:00 AM for anyone under 21 years of age.
- All minors under the age of 18 shall be off common property between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM unless accompanied by their parent or guardian.
- A parent or guardian will be held responsible for minors in violation.

New **golf cart regulation decals** are available at the Security Office.

It has been brought to my attention that many motorists are failing to stop and allow pedestrians to cross the street in designated crosswalks. Please be considerate and allow them to cross the road safely.



Our goal at the Fripp Island Patrol is to provide a safe environment for homeowners and guests. This is only possible with your cooperation and participation. If you see something or hear something out of the ordinary, call us at 838-2334 anytime day or night. We will respond with an officer and determine the situation. Don't let the sight of something out of the ordinary slip by. Don't say "it's not my problem." Security needs your eyes and ears out there. We encourage your calls!

If you have any ideas or suggestions that can improve our services or the quality of life on the island, please contact me. I welcome you to stop by my office to discuss your ideas or any problems that you may be experiencing. You can also reach me via telephone at 838-2334 or via e-mail at fipoasec@islc.net. I look forward to speaking with you.

FIPOA Assistant General Manager Tina M. Reeves Receives Highest Level of Professional Recognition in Community Management by Earning her PCAM



Tina M. Reeves, Assistant General Manager of Fripp Island Property Owners Association, recently joined the elite group of community association managers who have earned the Professional Community Association Manager (PCAM) designation from Community Association Institute (CAI). Mrs. Reeves is one of more than 1,200 managers nationwide who have earned the highest level of professional recognition in the community association field.

Mrs. Reeves has worked on Fripp Island for twelve years. She spent six years with the Fripp Island Resort where she earned her Property Management License. She has been with the Fripp Island Property Owners Association for the past six years, holding the title of Assistant General Manager and earning her Certified Manager of Community Associations (CMCA) and Association Management Specialist designations.

To earn the PCAM designation, managers must have five years of community association management experience and complete more than 100 hours of course work. In addition, PCAM designees must fulfill continuing education and service requirements and adhere to a code of ethics.

Professional managers provide administrative, operational and managerial counsel to community association boards. They typically are responsible for managing budgets and contractors, directing association personnel and overseeing compliance with association covenants and restrictions.

**The FIPOA is always looking for volunteers! Committees, ARB, or Folding/Stuffing...
If you have an interest in helping your POA, please [CLICK HERE](#)
or call 838-4155 and let us know.**

ISLAND SERVICES CONT.

State Bans Disposal of Electronics at Landfills/Convenience Centers

Section 48-60-90 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, as amended, Environmental Protection and Conservation, bans computers, computer monitors, printers and televisions from disposal in landfills, which means residents may no longer bring these items to Beaufort County Solid Waste and Recycling Convenience Centers.

The ban, which goes into effect July 1, is intended to reduce the amount of harmful materials in the environment. Electronics contain such toxic matter as cadmium, lead and mercury. County officials hope citizens will hold on to their old electronics until they can attend one of four public collection events. These collection events will take place at the public works facilities at 140 Shanklin Road, Beaufort and at 102 Benton Field Road, Bluffton on these dates:

August 6th, 2011 February 4th, 2012
November 5th, 2011 May 5th, 2012

Jim Minor, the County's Solid Waste & recycling Division

Manager, encourages people to attend a collection event and help make the electronics disposal ban a success. "By capturing valuable materials for reuse and reducing our dependence on landfills, electronics recycling can help us achieve both our environmental and economic development goals."

Appliances, lead-acid batteries, motor oil and whole tires are also banned from disposal. Bans have resulted in increased recycling of these items and helped spur further growth in the state's recycling economy. As with previous, similar measures, enforcement of the electronics disposal ban will focus on disposal facilities such as landfills and County convenience centers.

All manufacturers are required to offer free mail-back for their own equipment. A number of local retailers also offer recycling of electronics, as do some nonprofit groups. A comprehensive list of recycling options can be found at: www.scdhec.gov/e-cycle. Residents should call retailers and find out more about their recycling programs before returning items.

ISLAND CLUBS

Fripp Island Women's Club News

Anne Hoyle

A big thanks to Sheila Tindall, her committee, and all the volunteers who helped to make the July 4th Cake Walk a huge success! There were lots of delicious cakes and generous donations for this annual event. This fun event would not be possible without the great support from the Fripp community.

The new Fripp Island telephone directory and the "hot off the press" Fripp Island cookbook, Fripp Island Cooks! made their debuts at the July 4th Cake Walk. If you have not purchased your new telephone directory or Fripp Island Cookbook, they are available for purchase at the FIPOA office. The new cookbooks will also be on sale at the monthly Women's Club meetings. Thanks to Barbara Cotter and her hard working committee for this updated telephone directory, and huge thanks to Rita Merrill, Linda Burchfield, Karen Natoli, and Bonnie Combes for their collaborative efforts on our new cookbook. Both of these committees did a remarkable job producing quality products!

This year's Community Outreach chairperson is Betsy Richards. The Thumbs Up program, an after school program for children, is the main Outreach program for the coming year.

Joyce Bergh, Vice-President, is hard at work planning the programming for the year with many interesting speakers. If any Women's Club members are interested in helping Joyce, please let her know.

The Women's Club does not meet during the summer. The first meeting will be held at the Community Centre on October 19. Don't miss it! We will be sampling some recipes from the new cookbook, plus Harry Merrill, Jr. will provide a cooking demonstration with some of his great recipes. See you there!



ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

GREAT SEASON PLANNED FOR FRIENDS OF MUSIC — JOIN US!

Bob Freeman

We've got a terrific lineup of musical entertainment on tap for our 28th season, offering GREAT music to Lowcountry audiences "for a song"!

And you know, if you've attended performances for the past couple seasons as a member or visitor, there've been some electrifying performances that have left the audience smiling with satisfaction and applauding wildly in appreciation of true virtuosity. In this vein, PIANIST THOMAS PANDOLFI IS BACK! We guarantee he will thrill you with his versatility and superlative technical skills as he interprets works by Gershwin, Chopin, Liszt and Mozart. Other treats are in store for you, as well.

And it is not just spectacular artists such as Pandolfi that you'll enjoy when you attend our "Island of Music," but each performance is capped with a complimentary reception where performers and patrons mingle accompanied by delicious morsels from

Harold's Catering, as well as pleasing beverages, of course. Harry is a master in his own right. So without doubt, attendance at a concert brings enjoyment for all your senses.

But even better, today, when funding for the arts in South Carolina is in question, we've managed to hold the line on costs, making a Friends of Music concert experience a "best value" in the Lowcountry, or perhaps anywhere. **There will be no increase in membership dues or non-member admissions for 2011-12.** This is a rare performing arts bargain! You can show up at the Fripp Community Centre and treat yourself to a single concert for a mere \$20!

But you can also join us: **couples' memberships are only \$125 for the six-concert season.** All proceeds go to support a tax exempt, non-profit enterprise that does much more than provide an enjoyable concert series, but supports young musical artists in

Beaufort County through music scholarships and substantial grants to the Youth Orchestra and Youth Chorale. We also arrange for our artists to perform in Beaufort County schools, helping expose Lowcountry youngsters to a wider world.

Here's our fabulous 2011-12 concert season; all performances Sundays at 5 pm:

September 25th **Hotlanta**

Dixieland / Bourbon Street

October 23rd **Susan Conant**

Flautist, original chamber music

December 4th **Thomas Pandolfi**

Pianist, classical and 20th Century

January 29th **Poinsett Piano Trio**

International chamber ensemble

February 26th **Emma Steele**

Young, vibrant violinist

March 25th **Jesse Winchester**

Country/bluegrass/folk singer

More information or membership: Gary Zimmerman, (843) 838-2060 or garyz47@embarqmail.com.

Fripp Island Supports Wounded Warriors

They fought for us—let's fight for them!

If you were in the crowds at the Fripp 4th of July celebration, you witnessed the kickoff of the island's campaign to support those of our nation's troops most severely wounded in the War on Terrorism. You learned that Fripp's donations would be funneled through the nationally recognized, non-profit Independence Fund. Of course, you know what that's all about because one of its biggest backers, actor Gary Sinise ("Lt. Dan" in the movie *Forrest Gump*) puts on the yearly "Lt. Dan Band" event in downtown Beaufort to benefit the Independence Fund. The Fund provides grievously injured veterans with therapies, service dog, and advanced equipment to help them recover mobility and independence. Examples include the \$25,000+ iBOT robotic wheelchair. The Independence Fund is run by combat veterans without a paid staff or overhead for office space.

To commemorate the 10th anniversary of 9/11, a group of Fripp military veterans formed "The Fripp Island Supports Wounded Warriors Committee" to advance the terrific work undertaken by the Independence Fund, intending to present a fat Fripp check at Beaufort's Lt. Dan event in mid-September. The Committee has garnered support from the Fripp Island Women's Club, the Men's and Women's Golf



Associations and the Saturday Morning Tennis Women's Group (that now has graciously opened its ranks to men). Other Fripp groups will be jumping aboard as well.

Fripp's Wounded Warriors Committee is sponsoring events to raise funds in support of severely wounded veterans and invites one and all to participate. All proceeds will go to the Independence Fund:

- August 29th, the Men's and Women's Golf Associations will hold a scramble golf tournament with all golfers on the island invited. The suggested donation is \$15.00.
- September 10th, the Saturday Morning Tennis Women's Group will host a round robin tennis social

ISLAND CLUBS CONT.

Fripp Island Independence Fund *cont.*

from 9–11 am, followed by a tennis exhibition featuring John Dunphy, a Marine Corps aviator, and Charlie Davis, a Naval aviator. These “Wizened Warriors” will be paired with the tennis pros. All are invited to sit in the stands and root for the pair of your choice. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and sandwiches will be on hand—GRATIS for ALL! \$10.00 donation entry is suggested for both players and spectators.

- Sunday, 9/11/11, the 10th anniversary of the attack on our country, there will be a gala benefit at the Creek House at 6:30 pm. It will feature entertainment, patriotic music, deserts, drinks, live and silent auctions, and special drawings for valuable prizes. The donation for this event is \$30.00 per person.

- Other fundraising activities are anticipated and will be publicized as they are “penciled-in” on the Fripp events calendar. The contributions collected from all events will be presented to the Independence Fund at a public ceremony in Beaufort.

For more information or to make a contribution, contact Charlie Richman, (843) 838-9889 or richman@wfu.edu.

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ISLAND SPORTS



Men's Golf Association

Paul Hummer

We've had a very busy spring with great participation. In addition to our regular Monday games, we had three special events: The annual North/South Challenge was played on April 15. The North team, led by General "Black Jack" Purcell was victorious over the South team led by General "Beauregard" Houseal, with victory coming to the North in the last battle of the day.

On May 16th and 18th, we had our Memorial Tournament. Larry Mathias prevailed as the overall winner. He beat John Reaves and Dick Briggs on a scorecard playoff.

On June 27th, we had The Fripp Cup. This is a partnership event and is one of the most difficult events we have because the format is six holes of best ball, six holes of alternate shot and six holes of a scramble. This year's winners were Clay Bush and John Dunphy who posted a narrow victory over Dan McCormick and Jim Quarforth.

Our next major event is the flight championship scheduled for September 12th.

During July and August, we'll have our normal Monday events.

ISLAND SPORTS CONT.

Nine-Hole Men's Golf

Dana Dudley

Weekly tournament winners included: Mike Freeman, Jim Quarforth, Dana Dudley, Bob Kurkjian, Wayne Kemmerer, Duffy Howard, Jim Purcell, Mike Jahn, Don Dashiell, Perminder Bindra, Mike Wilt, Ed Hroncich, Ralph Burchfield, Jim Connell, Gary Bond, Don Aldrich, Ron Grabarczyk, Ed Smith, Dick Briggs, Harry Merrill, John Dunphy, Tom Hunter, Jim Price, Bob Stag, Mark Gelslechter, Mike Ashby, Pete Simone, Charles Middleton, Bob Smith, Don Brink, Dave Martin, Joe Studer, Mike Virostek, Rick DiSerafino, Jim Crysel, Jim Wolbrink, John Reaves, Fred Steele, Rick Friesen, Brian Jordan, Buck Matthews and Dick Morrison.

Game coordinators were Mike Jahn for May, Ralph Burchfield for June, and Duffy Howard for July.

Upcoming events are:

- **September 11** Annual Meeting with Golf and Meal Sanctuary Golf Club, Cat Island
- **November 16** Fripp at Callawassie



Join us for a relaxed round of golf every Wednesday morning. All players are welcome. **New Website Address:** www.fripper.com/golfhandicapprep/ort/frippgolfclub.aspx. Remember, you must sign up by Tuesday noon. The website can be used for both regular and special event signup and provides additional information on all of our activities. Also remember that 9-hole scores are being posted by the Coordinating Committee. If you play an additional 9 holes, please enter that score only.

Fripp Island Women's Golf Association

Eunice Caro



The Fripp Island Women's Golf Association got off to a great start in May. On May 3rd, we had our annual Member/Guest Tournament. Our chairs, Patti Mathews and Barbara Sealey did a superb job and everyone had an enjoyable time with old friends or new ones from around the states. Our 1st place winners (Gross) were: Barb Hess, Nancy Hartman, Sally Robbins and Mary Stag. First place (Net) were Zan Dukes, Peggy Sutcliffe, Tee Cooper, and Carol Baxter. Closest to the pin winners were, Jenny



Barb Sealey & Chris Assaf / Fripp Cup winners

Brymer, Nancy Zimar, Jean Franks, & Joyce Zanone. Longest drive were Holly Fischer and Carol Baxter. Longest putt were Jenny Brymer, Judy Newby, Holly Fischer & Barb Hess. MVP award was to Tee Cooper and Carolyn Collins. They all received lovely prizes at the luncheon that followed upstairs at the Beach Club. The Club did an exceptional job and we were entertained during lunch by the 'Beaufort Belles' ladies singing Group. The Beaufort Belles are a "ladies barbershop type" group that sang many of our old familiar tunes. Some of the Belles also played golf with us.

On May 24th we hosted the Dataw Island Eighteen Holvers for a "Home and Home" match followed by another delicious luncheon arranged by Rita Michaels. The first place winners were: Nancy Connell, Zan Dukes, Laura Sherman and Joan Silvestri.

Congratulations to our ladies playing in the Forsyth Cup. Fripp Island came in 3rd for the season. Forsyth Cup is comprised of players with a 20.1 index or lower. Other clubs in the league are Sanctuary, Bray's Island, Sun City, Dataw Island, and Lady's Island.




Pat Howard Hole-in-one #8 Ocean Creek

The month of June was a hot one; however, playing at 8:30 am makes it more bearable. In July we will be starting at 8:00 am. Let's all try to get out there and enjoy our beautiful courses.



Nancy Zimar, winner; Joan Burke, runner-up / Memorial Tournament



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We are partnering again with the Keyserling Cancer Center this fall to bring two exciting charity events to Fripp Island. All proceeds will benefit the Keyserling Cancer Center, a not for profit division of Beaufort Memorial Hospital. (The center is also affiliated with Duke University). The Center has provided Fripp residents with a much more convenient location for radiation and chemotherapy. And just as important, we constantly hear rave reviews about the wonderful, caring staff at Keyserling. Many Fripp Island residents have told us that Keyserling made their battle against cancer much easier.

We have planned:

- * Fore for a Cure - Charity Golf Tournament on Tuesday October 18th
- * Fripp Island Beach Party & Charity Raffle on Thursday evening October 20th

We hope you will mark your calendar and save these dates and plan to participate. Registration information for these events will be sent by e-mail later this summer.

Finally, as with any events of this magnitude, volunteer help and financial sponsors are essential. If you are able to assist in any way, please contact us as soon as possible. We welcome any and all help.

Let's come together to make this year's Fripp for a Cure as successful as it can be.

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NATURE

The Fripp Island Turtle Patrol and a vacationing family save the life of this beautiful Sea Turtle!



While visiting Fripp Island, the Craven family found this loggerhead sea turtle trapped under a personal beach access. The family promptly called 911 and started to dig out this beautiful creature of the sea. After 45 minutes of hard work the turtle was free. The Turtle Patrol reached the location in enough time to take a few measurements.



You can almost see the smile on her face as she returns to the ocean. A BIG thank you goes out to the Craven family and all of the men and women of the Fripp Island Turtle Patrol, who volunteer their time to ensure that Fripp Island is a safe haven for these majestic creatures.



**Fripp Island Security reminds you once again—
A fed Gator is a dead Gator**



It is a violation of state law to feed any wild creature on Fripp Island. Alligators will become habituated to humans if you feed them. They can become aggressive nuisance animals and then must be destroyed.

BOATING & FISHING

SUMMER BRINGS HOT FISHING

Captain Ralph Goodison

Fripp Island has had some of the best fishing in recent years. Fishermen and fisherwomen alike have been filling their coolers. You may find it unusual that I said fisherwomen, but I have observed numerous boats captained by gals and many more fishing with the guys. There is no question they know fish, and most importantly they know how to catch. Many fishermen go fishing but don't do much catching. Fripp Island charter fishermen Captain Eddy (441-2184), Captain George (575-8169) and Captain Don (838-7088), have been having great catches this summer and will help you fill your coolers.

The weather again caused the cancellation of a fishing tournament. The Fripp Island Fireworks Fishing Tournament was canceled due to adverse weather and off shore storms.

The 21st Fripp Island Kingfish Tournament will highlight the September 2nd and 3rd Labor Day weekend. There will be a Captains' meeting and Low Country Cookout by Chef Doolittle on Friday and fishing on Saturday. A cash payout of over \$5,000 will be some of the prize money for the tournament, with a great Saturday weigh-in event being planned. For more information, call the Marina at 843-838-1517.

FISHING FORECAST:

INSHORE: LARGE REDFISH, FLOUNDER AND WHITING – GOOD; SHARKS AND TARPON –FAIR.

NEAR-SHORE: SPANISH –EXCELLENT; BLUEFISH –GOOD.

OFFSHORE BOTTOM FISHING: LARGE BLACK BASS –VERY GOOD; TRIGGER –GOOD; COBIA –SHOWING.

DEEP WATER AND STREAM: DOLPHIN AND KINGFISH – GOOD; WAHOO –SLOW.



Evidence of good dolphin (mahi mahi) catches



Hamp Manning and the dolphin he caught out in The Stream

More 4th of July 2011 photos



SEA RESCUE

FRIPP ISLAND REPORT

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For the May-June period, our unit was involved in seven cases including 21 persons, vessels ranging from a 6 ft. life raft to a 23 ft. outboard and one Coast Guard helicopter. One case related to a lady who launched a raft from Harbor Island only to have strong currents take her some four miles into St. Helena Sound. She drifted for some five hours before a passing boater took her aboard. We assisted that boater and returned the lady to her residence after a brief medical check.



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Our training program with Coast Guard helicopters from Air Station Savannah continues to be conducted during nighttime hours in Fripp Inlet.

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