

# The Heron

Bay Harbor Newsletter  
Bay Harbor - The Friendly Subdivision



Pam Williams, Editor

Fall Edition 2017

## THE PREZ SEZ...

**GREETINGS:** From our front deck In Bay Harbor...

Fall has always been one of our favorite seasons. After Labor Day weekend, I'm ready to leave the buzzy energy of summer for the low-key vibes of autumn. This year, I'm even more ready for fall than usual. That's because we have weathered two devastating hurricanes. As some of our neighbors have had disastrous damage to their homes in Houston and surrounding areas. It's times like this that underscores the power of human kindness. We have a lot to be grateful for, a warm meal, a comfortable place to call home, time with family and friends, of course, good health.

And now as Thanksgiving approaches it is a good time to think about all these things and start winterizing your home, changing your smoke alarm batteries, setting clocks back for our fall time change and spending more time at the beach because there are so many wonderful things happening....especially in the Bay Harbor world!!

**Exhibit A: Our Website.** Webmaster, Cathy Winsor, has redesigned "Bay Harbor's Website" adding new and interesting ways to disseminate information to our community. [www.bhiatx.org](http://www.bhiatx.org)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Board Meetings, Garden Club, and Improvement Association Dues

**PAVILION: Use Guidelines** (For BHIA members and rental fee requirement for non-members)  
We also have new signage at the Boat Basin to communicate specific usage.

**RENTER AND NEIGHBOR COURTESIES**

**BOAT LAUNCH** (After launching a boat, many times trailers run over the "chains" when the chains are not stretched tight when reattached.)

We hope everyone has a safe and fun holiday season and we look forward to seeing you at our Bay Harbor Christmas Party taking place December 2nd.

If you have any suggestions to improve our community email me at [robsea1234@aol.com](mailto:robsea1234@aol.com)

**WAY TO GO ASTROS!**, **World Series Champs!**

Bob Seay, President  
Bay Harbor Improvement Association



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**Website: [WWW.BHIATX.ORG](http://WWW.BHIATX.ORG)**

**Bay Harbor Christmas Party**



**Sponsored by the  
Bay Harbor Garden Club**

**Dec 2 at 6pm**

**Home of Margaret and David Labee  
3715 5th Street**

**Open to all Bay Harbor residents!**

**Appetizers will be first be served followed  
by a delicious Italian dinner planned by  
Margaret Labbe and Dana Kurtin.**

**Bring a nice seaside or holiday gift with a limit  
of around \$15 for a gift exchange that  
will take place after dinner!**

**There is no charge for dinner but donations to  
defer costs are happily accepted!**

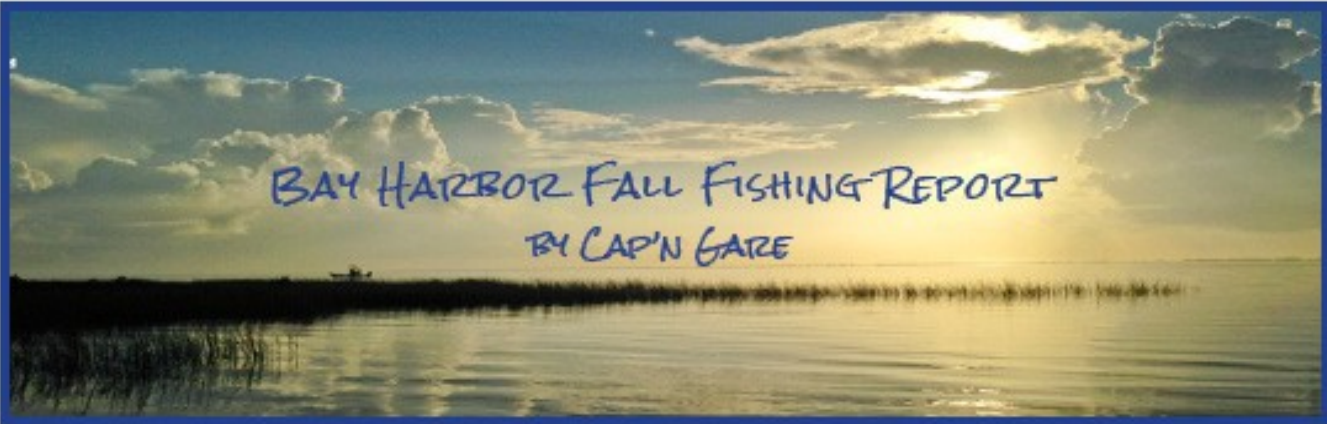
**RSVPs 409-750-2400 Pam Williams**

**NEW SIGNAGE**

As you might have seen, there are new signs at the areas of the pavilion, cleaning station and boat launch. The signs were needed as more and more residents that are not members of the Bay Harbor Improvement Association have been observed using our facilities. The pavilion, fishing pier, cleaning station, and boat launch are for MEMBERS OF BHIA and their invited guests only. MEMBERS of BHIA paid dues to construct these facilities and pay dues to maintain them from wear and tear. "No Trespassing" is posted on the facilities' signage, as in neighboring communities, so that there is legal recourse, including Galveston police assistance, if intervention is needed to remove trespassers, or if trespassers are injured on the premises. The Galveston Police non-emergency number is also posted, so if you witness a situation in the BHIA marina area in which police intervention is needed, you know both the 911 emergency number and can easily find on the signs the non-emergency number, whichever the situation calls for. If you see posts painted purple on any property, this also serves as a universal No Trespassing sign, but we know there is less awareness of that and signs allowed us to provide additional information.

Please invite any resident who is not yet a member and would like to use the marina area facilities to join BHIA. The dues is only \$150 a year and includes additional benefits.

**Charlie Winsor**



## BAY HARBOR FALL FISHING REPORT

BY CAP'N GARE

Pretty safe to say bay fishing is still in recovery from Harvey. As is the entire Texas coast from Corpus to Sabine Pass. God Bless you if you're dealing with TWIA. Sorry, I digress. If you love to fish, I've got some great news. Fall fishing is on..., Fall catching...? Hmm...keeper size fish are few and far between. There's been about a ten to one ratio of juvenile fish to keeper size fish. Red fish have been our go to fish and saved many a trip from the proverbial skunk factor.

Instead of calling this an excuse I'm going to frame this as my hypothesis. The fifty-one inches of rain, sixty inches in some areas, Harvey left behind eventually drained into Galveston Bay. Salinity levels fell severely. Seawater is classified as thirty-five parts per thousand. Galveston Bay water was tested at three to five parts per thousand for weeks on end after this one in every one thousand year flood event. Call me crazy, but I believe we didn't get our annual influx of tide runners because the fish new ahead of time that the deluge was coming. Adult fish that did enter the bay in the annual spring migration were pushed out by Harvey's fresh water influx. The marsh was also purged, pushing out all those juvenile fish (Trout & Reds) that normally grow up in brackish water and they remain in the bay today. Twelve to fourteen inch Trout and sixteen to eighteen inch Red Fish are the norm and that's a good thing. Baring a freeze this winter or another flood event this summer fishing should gradually improve to phenomenal beginning this spring and into next fall.

Fishing is not horrendous right now; you can catch some decent fish. There are many other positive aspects that go along with a fishing trip other than the number of fish in the box. In fact, I find there are very few people that are dissatisfied with a handful of fresh fish for dinner and a day on the bay with family and friends. How many Baggies of freezer burned trout do you need to throw away before you figure out that things need or have changed? Personally I've never seen a bag of frozen trout filets spawn into a bag of live trout. The days of filling igloos with fish as a way of feeding the family inexpensively are over. The expenses associated with fishing tackle alone can't compete with a quick trip to the local seafood market. Mother Nature herself regulates the resource. When's the last time you caught a limit of trout? Yes, you probably can point out that trip you limited out just a week ago or twice over the summer but that was four to six times two to three summers ago. The beach front is good for a couple of limits a year when the weather cooperates. A limit of Reds is within the realm of possibilities but that's three fish. TP&W claims one fish per person, per trip, is the average catch these days.

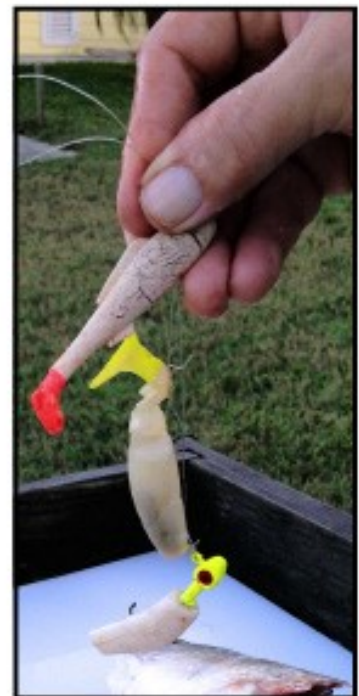
The hero shot with multiple ten fish stringers and decks covered in fish have become embarrassingly ignorant. If you spend any time on the water at all the last several years you realize the increase in fishing pressure and the reduction in your catch rate has been exponential. TP&W reports over the past ten years an increase of over seven hundred thousand saltwater fishing licenses sold and Galveston Bay is sixty minutes away from the fourth most populated area in the country. Do the math, the ten fish stringer for Galveston Bay is not sustainable. By the time TP&W reduces the ten trout limit to five it probably should be three. I would hope the very people who are the most passionate and knowledgeable about the resource would be the most benevolent. There's no law against catch and release. Maybe... Just keep five?



LIMIT OF REDS



BIG RED SMILE



STOMACH CONTENTS



**B.H.I.A.  
FISH FRY  
OCT 14**

**Good food shared,  
new neighbors met,  
much enjoyment had!**



**Even the birds ate well !!!**



# Garden Club



Due to Hurricane Harvey, the August meeting was rescheduled to September 23rd, taking place at the home of Cathy and Charlie Winsor. Around 25 residents attended to listen to our guest speaker, Joanne Woolsey of Jimbo's Nursery. Joanne shared her extensive knowledge about the many varieties of bromeliads and she brought many plants to display. The members were so enthusiastic that many of the bromeliads and other air plants were purchased.

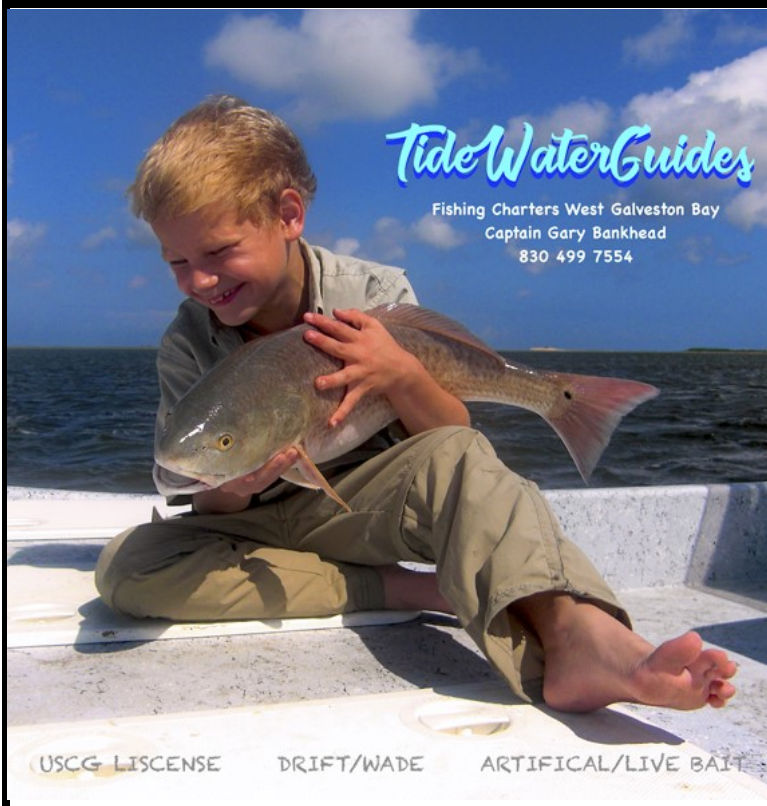


If you visit Jimbo's in Santa Fe, Joanne is happy to help with purchases and transplanting or mounting pups from mature plants. A couple of plants were given away and won by the niece of Irene Burgess and May Bonno who said she was donating her plant to Jennifer Beckett whose home in Sugarland was flooded.



October's Meeting was held October 28 at Tom Thumb nursery. We were greeted by owner, Peggy Cornelius, who provided refreshments and spoke about the fall garden. After answering many questions and the care and feeding of various plants, Peggy took us on a tour of the nursery and pointed out plants and herbs that were available for fall planting and would survive in the cooler weather. The holiday décor was beautiful. After the meeting, we adjourned to Pho 20 for lunch.





Let us know what you would like to hear about or see in our neighborhood newsletter.

We happily welcome articles of any kind ...have a restaurant review?! ...met a neighbor with an interesting job or hobby?! ...have a Galveston picture to share

Send anything you find interesting to [pwilliams0601@sbcglobal.net!](mailto:pwilliams0601@sbcglobal.net)

**ECLIPSE !!!**

A few friends and neighbors made a party out of watching this year's eclipse with special glasses provided by May Bonno.



Recently there have been some pretty lively parties with loud music playing into the wee hours of the morning. Please know that there is a noise ordinance that outlines a decibel limit after 11p. Noise problems and the like can be reported by anyone to the police directly via the non-emergency number 409-765-3702. If you rent your home, please advise your guests that we are part of the City of Galveston and must abide by their ordinances. Rental agencies that are members of GARM have a support line for such instances. Please consider your neighbors at all times, sound travels far at night!

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 (409) 750-2400 or [pwilliams0601@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pwilliams0601@sbcglobal.net)

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## Upcoming Events

### NOVEMBER

- 15 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 18 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody Mansion
- 23 HAPPY THANKSGIVING !
- 25 Galveston Art Walk 6-9p

### DECEMBER

- 02 Bay Harbor Board Meeting-Home of Mark Bloom-3810 Port Trinidad
- 02 Bay Harbor Christmas Party-Home of David & Margaret Labbe-3717 5th St
- 2-3 Dickens on the Strand
- 16 GAIN meeting 5:30am at Moody Mansion
- 20 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club
- 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS !!

### JANUARY

- 01 HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!
- 06 Galveston Art Walk 6-9p
- 13-21 Galveston Restaurant Week
- 20-21 Yaga's Chili Quest and Beer Fest
- 17 GAIN meeting 5:30pm at Moody
- 20 WGIPOA meeting 9am at Galveston Country Club Mansion

Happy  
Holidays!