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Hammer Point's Newsletter

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If you spot a crocodile in Hammer Point canals, try to get a picture of it and call FWC Nuisance Alligator and Crocodile Division (866.392-4286) register a complaint as to its location, date of sighting and then email the picture including the complaint number to snap@myfwc.com. They will ask if you want the animal removed.

We will keep you advised and informed of activities and events in and around our area, but we need your help. Not all of us live full time in Hammer Point, therefore we do not always read the local newspapers. If you know of activities and / or events that you think would be of interest, let us know. The email address is hpnewsletter@aol.com. Please get the information to us by the 25th of the month so we have time to include it. Items can be submitted anonymous or not.

Iguanas have become a regular in our canals and on our docks and now we are receiving complaints of chickens roaming and rooster crowing. It turns out that both of these animals have something in common besides being pests. They both can carry diseases that can be infectious to humans.

Thought for the day: "It had long since come to my attention that people of accomplishment rarely sat back and let things happen to them. They went out and happened to things." **Leonardo Da Vinci**

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Daylight savings time ends Sunday November 6th at 2 AM, remember to "Fall back" so you can get that extra hour of sleep.

Tuesday November the 8th is General Election Day, remember to vote. If you don't vote you have no right to complain.

Items of interest:

FWC creates hotline to address thousands of vessels displaced by Hurricane Ian

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has established a hotline for reporting displaced vessels still on Florida state waters because of Hurricane Ian.

When Hurricane Ian swept across the state, thousands of vessels were displaced by wind and storm surge. Some were pushed ashore, some damaged in marinas and private docks, others relocated but still afloat and some partially or fully sunken.

"We take this matter seriously and understand the hardship that Hurricane Ian has placed upon our residents," said **Boating and Waterways Section Leader Maj. Rob Beaton**. "FWC officers are diligently working to determine the current number and ownership of storm-related displaced vessels across the state. We are committed to helping boat owners find their vessels and facilitate the removal of vessels from state waters that are posing a threat to the environment or blocking waterways."

The FWC and partner agencies including the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Environmental Protection, Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, Department of Transportation, Division of Emergency Management and other federal, state and local agencies are working with vessel owners to remove or relocate these vessels.

The public can report vessels on Florida waters that are displaced or damaged by calling the Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline at 850-488-5600, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Callers should be prepared to provide the vessel's registration number, current location and detailed description.

"These efforts will take time. While the majority of displaced vessels are in Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties, there are multiple counties affected on both coasts of the state," said **Coast Guard Cdr.**

Melanie Burnham, Incident Commander for the Marine Environmental Response. "We appreciate the cooperation of the boating public during this unprecedented recovery effort."

Vessel owners are encouraged to hire a salvage company to recover their vessel to provide the safest method possible for the vessel and the environment. The removal of displaced vessels can hasten the recovery and overall resilience of native marine plants and animals.

Owners of vessels that have become derelict have 45 days from the day the hurricane passed over the state to either remove their boats from waters of the state or bring it into a non-derelict condition. It's important for boat owners to know that they have options regarding the future of their vessel.

Owners of displaced vessels who lack the resources to have their boat repaired, or if their vessel is determined to be beyond repair, may release ownership of their vessel. This process can be initiated by contacting the FWC through the Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline at 850-488-5600 and requesting to turn over a displaced vessel. An FWC representative will then contact the owner to explain the waiver process and facilitate the potential turnover of ownership.

Here we are at the end of October, shorter and hopefully cooler days, Halloween is next Monday, Oct 31, so watch out for the "trick or treaters" that evening.

Things to do in November

Tuesday Nov 1, 2022, 4 to 7 P.M. **West Marine** (103400 Overseas Highway #124, Key Largo, FL), **Presents Catching Sailfish with Scott Walker from Into the Blue**

Captain Scott Walker will give a seminar on Sailfish Fishing! You will learn tips, tricks, how-to's and the latest in equipment!

Let's kick off Sailfish Fishing season the right way! Few gamefish are so intimately associated with South Florida as the mighty Atlantic Sailfish. Anglers of all experience levels travel to South Florida from all over the world for the chance to tangle with this beautiful, acrobatic and lightning-fast species.

Captain Scott Walker will be joining us to speak to sailfish fishing tips, tricks, how-to's and the latest in equipment to best suit you up for your next sailfish fishing trip!

Monday Nov. 7, 2022, **Key Largo School Pops In The Park: Rehearsals Start!**

We'll still play some of the audience favorites. Folders will be ready a few weeks before that if you would like to start practicing earlier. We are looking for new members, so please share as you'd like. Especially clarinet and saxophone instruments can be provided.

Practice starts at 7pm. 6:30 arrival time for meet and greet!

If you have any questions, please text Susan Bazin @305-394-1123 for fastest response.

Friday Nov. 11, 2022, at 6:30 P.M. MarrVelous Pet Resources presents The 11th Annual **Spayghetti & No Balls Gala at Snooks Bayside**. Dinner, dancing and Auction. Start the night off right with a complimentary drink from the champagne bar, followed by live music, silent and live auction, appetizers and much much more! Delicious dinner presented by Snook's, fully stocked tiki cash bars and our favorite desserts by the incredible Chef Michael all lead up to a mega dance party!

General Admission Entry begins at 6:30pm and includes: Appetizers, complimentary wine at dinner, admission to silent & live auction, buffet dinner & dessert, cash bar, live entertainment & much more. You will have the option to upgrade to a VIP in the last step of the ticket purchase. VIP Pre-Pawty starts at 5:30pm.

The VIP package upgrades you to reserved seating, early auction bidding, first at buffet, keepsake gift and more!!

Dress is Keys Formal & our event is for Humans Only. For more information go to www.Spayghetti.com.

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