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Mayor Travis giving high five to a child learning about fire safety.



Brenda Burger of the Madeira Beach USCG Auxillary doing safety inspections.



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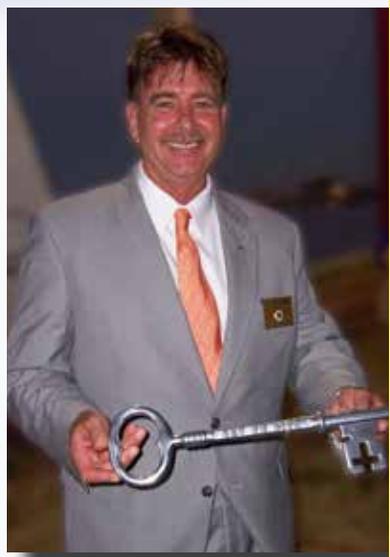
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Even though the lazy days of summer are upon us, our City is moving forward on several large projects. Your City Commission has approved more infrastructure improvements with the hiring of Deuel & Associates as our engineers who will assist in fixing our storm water drainage and repaving of our streets. The repaving of Madeira Beach streets has always been at the top of my to-do list, and I know it has taken some time to get this going, but the goal is to do it right and maintain it properly. Our City Manager hopes to have work started by the end of this calendar year. By the time you receive this we will be working on our City's Budget for the 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year. At first glance it looks very good, as our property appraisals are up four and a half percent.



*Madeira Beach is ranked in the top 7 of the 24 municipalities in Pinellas County - beating out a lot of our neighbors to the North and South as it relates to property assessment increases.*

Over the last few months, Madeira Beach has been promoting more family-friendly events, such as the new City Community Day which took place on May 25, 2013, at our Marina. The U.S Coastguard conducted “ticketless” boat inspections, our Sheriff’s department had several unusual and rare vehicles on display and open to the public, and our Fire Department was out in force demonstrating their equipment. This day was a huge success by helping families of our Sister City of Bimini, an island in the Bahamas, by collecting a truck full of clothing, school supplies, and personal toiletries to aid the school-age children there. A delegation will be visiting our sister-city later this fall to make the humanitarian donation. It was great to cook hotdogs and hamburgers for our residents, and talk with both familiar friends and meet new families that have recently moved to Madeira Beach. I was not surprised at the many donations made and to see first-hand the big hearts of our residents.

July and August should be no different with plenty of fun in store. Last year’s 4th of July event at Archibald Park Beach was extremely well attended and this year’s promises to be lots of fun with one of the largest firework shows in the area. We will continue the monthly events in August with more happenings on Madeira Way and we cannot forget the big 25th Anniversary of the Old Salts Fishing Foundation Ladies Fishing Tournament. The tournament will take place on August 1st and 3rd at the Madeira Beach City Marina so come out for a good time at another great family-friendly event and watch the Ladies show off their catch of the day. As always, the proceeds go to help local charities.

On a tourism note, over the last few weeks we have had several film crews here in Madeira Beach shooting TV shows from Mark Davis’s “Big Water Adventures” to be aired on the Outdoor Channel, to Peter Greenberg’s new program called “The Travel Detective” which will air on PBS. The Cameras were rolling and showing off our pristine beaches, a unique restaurant, John’s Pass Village, and our outstanding fishery. Yes, it’s been an exciting time here in Mad Beach!

I hope everyone has a great summer, and as always, please feel free to contact me with any questions, concerns, and suggestions.

Travis Palladeno - Mayor of Madeira Beach



**Community Day- May 25th, 2013**  
Mayor - Capt. Travis Palladeno and Old Salt Board Member Frank Jantzchak were in charge of grilling the hot dogs and hamburgers. (Photo on left)

Mayor - Capt. Travis Palladeno with a giant rusty belly during the taping of the TV Show “Big Water Adventures” (Photo on right)

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### Stormwater Reminder

We would like to remind you that the catch basins and grates you see on the sides of your streets convey the stormwater runoff directly into Boca Ciega Bay. Please do not put anything into these drains that could harm the waters or wildlife that depends on these waters. If you ever see anyone introducing something suspect into this system, please call our Code Compliance Department at (727)391-9951 ext. 235 and inform them.

It is illegal to dump toxic chemicals or waste into storm drains or anywhere else that may expose waste in the environment. To report illegal dumping, call the City's Stormwater department at (727)399-2631 or the Florida Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Waste Management at (813)632-7600 (Tampa).

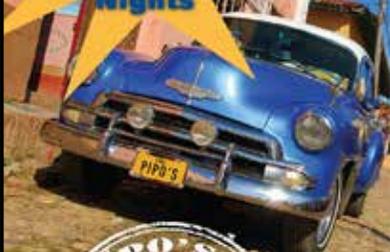
Please remember that your yard trimmings should not be blown into the streets and consequently down the stormdrains. Sometimes your yard maintenance people overlook this in an effort to 'speed' their jobs up. Do not let them get you into trouble over this. Make sure they sweep or vacuum up their debris.

Let's coordinate all our activities in an effort to keep our City a beautiful place to live.

### Monthly Meeting Schedule

Commissioners Agenda  
Setting Meeting ..... 2nd Tuesday; 5:30pm  
Board of Commissioners  
Regular Meeting ..... 2nd Tuesday; 6pm  
Planning/LPA  
Commission Meeting..... 2nd Monday; 7pm  
Special Magistrate  
Code Enforcement ..... 2nd Wednesday; 2pm  
Special Magistrate - Variance..... 4th Monday; 2pm  
Library Board (at Library) ..... 4th Monday; 4pm  
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## From the desk of the City Manager

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Hello to the residents and visitors of Madeira Beach!

It continues to be an exciting time in Madeira Beach as some of the hard work of the last 18 months is beginning to solidify out within the City. On July 2nd, a ground breaking ceremony took place for the new Marriott Hotel on American Legion Drive. As the past City Commission did everything it could to attract a flagship hotel to the City, it's gratifying to see it finally under construction.

A major concern of City Board of Commissioners and your honorable Mayor is the storm water utility within the City and the ensuing road replacements. A recent report cited that to replace the current system with modifications would cost millions of dollars and although the City Commission is prepared to do whatever necessary to improve the utility, they've chosen to "attack" the problem in a methodical fashion in an effort to be cost conscious on a drainage utility for a city approximately 3 feet above sea level. Knowing this statistic explains why when it precipitates at a high rate or we have surges that comes over the seawalls, why we experience flooding in our yards and streets. The first step is to "clean" the outfalls that drain the water into the inter-coastal waterways. These pipes are plugged with barnacle material or its possible they're at the wrong elevation as the city has evolved or as we've learned as of late, it's possible these pipes are collapsed. As these pipes are being cleaned out, they will also be viewed via a camera and recording device. As we progress with the cleaning, broken pipes will be replaced or refurbished and pipes located at the wrong elevation will be adjusted. At that point, it'll be a careful balance of more sophisticated solutions in our most problematic areas in regards to flooding and the proper engineering in replacing the City's roads. It appears that most of roads have just been paved on top of the old road which at a certain point makes curbs irrelevant and slopes erratic creating drainage problems. This entire process will begin prior to the 4th of July.

Speaking of the 4th of July, this year's celebration was successful despite 9 separate storm events that visited us throughout the day and a late substitution of barges for the purpose of shooting off the fireworks. On the Monday before the 4th, administration was informed that the barge we had reserved had to be reassigned to an emergency bridge repair. Between Monday and Wednesday, staff and Mr. Doug Speeler of Madeira Beach had solidified another barge and the scare of an absence of fireworks on the 4th had been remedied.

Due to constant rain on July 3rd, the "setup" of the celebration was a bit behind schedule as of 7am on the 4th. A large thank you goes out to all the employees and citizens that sacrificed their holiday morning to come assist in preparing for the celebration start time of 11am.

Again, throughout the day, we experienced 9 separate storm events but that didn't keep people from returning to the beach after the rain subsided. Due to the uncertain nature of the weather and the fact that thousands of people had visited the beach that day, the decision was made to continue with the fireworks. As you are aware, we had some rough seas and as the barge made its way out of John's Pass, damage was sustained between the tugboat and the barge which required the barge to make its way back into intercoastal waters. By the time the barge re-entered John's Pass and the time it took to get back to the bay behind City Hall, staff along with the assistance again of Mr. Doug Speeler, had received Coast Guard clearance to shoot the fireworks off in the safe confines of the bay. Although not ideal and completely impromptu, the decision was made to shoot the fireworks off. My personal apologies goes out to the citizens and visitors of Madeira Beach that had to search out the fireworks. As you can see by the course of events, it was a difficult day to navigate and plan for so your city staff and elected officials did the best they could do.

I'd like to thank the many residents and businesses that ensured a quality event by assisting in sponsoring this year's 4th of July party and to Squid Inc. for working with the City to throw this exceptional event.

As I close, it's my personal goal to further instill a sense of community in our great city. Just like at an airport, when you see something suspicious, you're to report it immediately. In Madeira Beach, we have adequate and competent staff but we're not in a position to be in a "monitoring" mode. We need your ideas. We want your suggestions. And when you see something that might not be just right, call in and let's get it addressed immediately. The direct phone number for city hall is 727-391-9951.

# Crabby's Fishing Corner ....



**Offshore:** Gag Grouper are back in season starting July 1st and that is welcoming news to our gulf coast anglers. This is without a doubt one of my favorite species in the Gulf

to catch and eat. Gags are one of the hardest fighting and aggressive striking fish we have in our shallow waters. They live specifically around shallow water oasis like ledges, reefs, springs and rock piles. However abundant, they are not easily caught unless certain actions are taken. The key to catching gags and most bottom fish is how and where you anchor. If you anchor to close you may get your anchor stuck in the rocks and stand less of a chance getting them away from structure. Anchoring just up current or even on the edges is the way to go. Though frozen bait like sardines, mackerel and squid will work the key to catching big gags is live bait. Hand size and larger pin fish, squirrel fish and grass grunts are candies to hungry gags waiting to ambush. Matching up your tackle is in order to stop these "SCUD missiles" from getting back to their rock. I rely on 4/0 and 6/0 reels with 7 to 8 foot fiberglass rods with lots of backbone. For mainline I use 50 to 100 pound test depending on depth and water clarity. I'll then slide on a lead that will get the bait to the bottom and two to six foot fluorocarbon leader depending on depth as well (the shallower the water the shorter the leader). Hook size depends on the bait size but a 6/0 or 9/0 circle hook will work in most situations. When a fish hits, and there is little doubt when it's a gag, you will need to reel as fast as you can and when you can't reel anymore pull up and take short pumps while gaining every inch you can. Once you feel the fish is safely away from the rock then you can take it easy until they get to the surface.

**Inshore:** The hot blistering sun during the summer months is as uncomfortable to us as it is to our shallow water species. Night fishing is much cooler and much more productive this time of year. My preferred target species inshore are Snook and Tarpon. Large numbers of Snook are found cruising the beaches and passes in the full moons. Snook will hold tight to structures such as docks, bridges, rocks, seawalls and jetties waiting to ambush prey. So, you will need to adjust your tackle accordingly. Bait can be a wide range from greenbacks, shrimp, pin fish, large grass grunts and even a foot long lady fish or mullet. Snook will often feed on the surface and free lining live bait with medium spinning tackle will do the job. However, when they are on the bottom around bridge pilings you will need to beef it up to 80 or even 100 pound conventional outfits. This will be needed especially when using a 20 inch lady fish. The Snook population has made a huge comeback since the 2010 freeze and Snook season will reopen on September 1st. The slot limit in the Gulf is between 28 and 33 inches, everything else must go back.

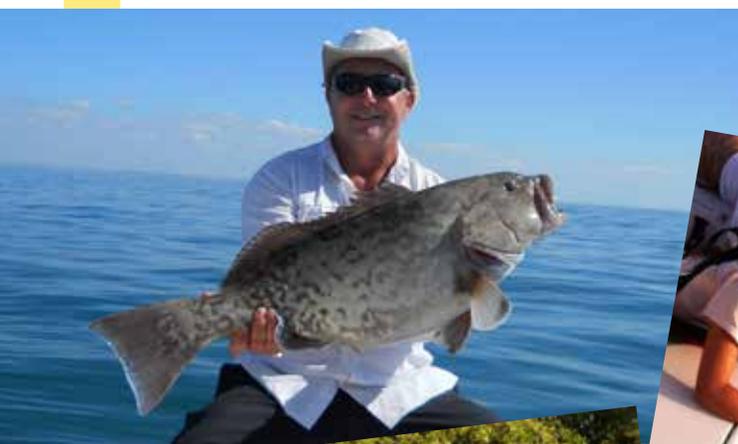
Tarpon are also very active at night when boat traffic slows down and appetites pick up. Despite what most people believe tarpon are actually scavengers and do most of their feeding on the bottom. Good places to find these fish are near the mouths of passes and the edges of sandbars on the beach. Your normal Tarpon outfits will work and you can use 80 to 100 pound mono leader, but steel leaders don't seem to bother the Tarpon at night and will prevent bite offs from sharks. Bait is pretty basic, while fresh baits work better frozen Shad, Ladyfish, Mullet and Bonita all work well too. Use a 6/0 to 8/0 3x circle hook and enough weight to keep it on the bottom. I leave my reels in gear and in the rod holder, Tarpon will inhale the bait and swim off letting the circle hook do its job. After a fish is hooked you will need to follow it, keep constant pressure and "bow" to them when they jump. Once

boat-side, get a pair of gloves and grab them by the lower jaw being careful of the fish's swinging armor plated head and always keep an eye out for the large sharks that hunt these giants. Do not bring them in the boat if they get loose they can do some serious damage to themselves and even your boat and passengers.

Be sure to keep a sharp eye towards the skies in look out for summer time thunderstorms and as always be safe and enjoy.

Thank You, Brian Crabtree

Photos: Gag Grouper - Michael Winglewich;  
Tarpon - Brook and Kris Howell;  
Snook - Capt. Jason Stock



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Mayor Travis Palladeno presenting a proclamation of support for Public Education of Boating Safety to Charles Lambeth (Flotilla Captain USCG Auxillary - Madeira Beach).



The USCG Auxillary did approximately 30 boat safety checks on Community Day.



Fire & Rescue was out giving tours of the fire truck and handing out goodies to the kids.



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# WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT FLOODS

## The Flood Hazard

All in the City of Madeira Beach is located in a "100-year floodplain". The 100 year floodplain is also known as a "Special Flood Hazard Area" which has an elevation low enough that there is a one-percent probability of flooding in any given year. This may sound like a remote possibility of flooding, but it is important to keep in mind that it is an average probability over the course of an entire year.

During the dry months, flooding is highly unlikely; but during the rainy season or any other period of intense rainfall, areas throughout the City flood. If the volume of stormwater runoff exceeds the capacity of the drainage improvements in these areas, then surrounding properties are at risk of flooding.

*Heavy rainstorms, especially in the summer months, are common in our area. Obviously, a hurricane or tropical storm would bring even heavier rainfall, driven by high winds and accompanied by a tidal storm surge which could delay normal drainage into Tampa Bay, the Intracoastal Waterway and the Gulf of Mexico. Even though Tropical Storm Josephine came ashore in the Big Bend area some 200 miles north of us on October 7, 1996, just the fringes of that storm caused heavy rain, severe flooding and major property damage in parts of Pinellas County.*

## Natural & Beneficial Functions of Local Floodplains

Floodplains perform certain natural and beneficial functions. In their natural state, flood waters can spread over large areas in floodplains which have not been developed, thereby reducing floodwater velocities and providing flood storage to reduce peak flows downstream. Natural floodplains can also reduce wind and wave impacts, and undisturbed natural vegetation such as mangroves serves to stabilize soils and minimize erosion as a result of flooding. Beyond flood control, undeveloped floodplains also improve water quality in areas where natural vegetation filters some of the sediment and impurities out of runoff, which might otherwise contaminate large bodies of water.

Floodplains moderate water temperature, reducing the possibility of adverse impacts on aquatic plants and animals. They provide a habitat for diverse species of plants and animals. Of special importance in Pinellas County and the entire Tampa Bay region, which suffers from a chronic water shortage, floodplains (preserved without significant development) can act as recharge areas for groundwater, helping to replenish the aquifer.

Unfortunately, most of the City of Madeira Beach is developed. Everyone who lives or owns property in Madeira Beach does face the risk of flood damage due to the proximity of the Gulf of Mexico and Boca Ciega Bay.

## The Warning System

In the event of an approaching hurricane or other severe weather, the Pinellas County Department of Emergency Management will issue warnings over the Emergency Broadcast System via radio and television stations. If necessary, the Pinellas County Sheriff and the Madeira Beach Fire Department will issue warnings by mobile loudspeakers or through door-to-door contact. You may be advised to take certain emergency precautions, such as turning off electricity and gas, as well as other measures required during a severe flood hazard warning. You would also be advised as to evacuation routes and the locations of emergency shelters.

- NOAA Weather Radio: 162.550MHz
- Pinellas County Emergency Radio: 940AM WEOC

## Development Permit Requirements

All new development and structural additions and most retrofitting procedures require permits. The 100-year flood elevation must be determined and certified by a registered surveyor or civil engineer in conjunction with all development applications for new construction or structural additions within Special Flood Hazard Areas.

Any improvements (paving, berms, filling or excavation of land, retention areas, etc.) which could affect the amount, velocity, depth or direction of stormwater runoff must be reviewed and approved by the City Community Development

Dept. After completion of any new construction or structural addition, an Elevation Certificate must be prepared and certified by a registered surveyor or civil engineer, before a Certificate of Occupancy or Certificate of Completion will be issued.

Elevation Certificates are available in the City of Madeira Beach City Hall - Community Development Dept. 300 Municipal Drive for review. Copies are available for a copying fee.

**IMPORTANT:** The National Flood Insurance Program requires that if the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition or other improvement to a building equals or exceeds 50 percent of the building's market value, then the building must meet the same construction requirements as a new building. Substantially damaged buildings must be brought up to the same standards (e.g. a residence damaged so that the cost of repairs equals or exceeds 50% of the building's value before it was damaged must be elevated above the base flood elevation).

## Drainage System Maintenance

The City's public drainage improvements (storm sewers, retention ponds, control structures, etc.) are maintained by the City's Public Works Department. The primary objective is to keep these drainage systems free of excess vegetation and other obstructions to maintain necessary storage capacity and free flow of stormwater and reduce the probability of flooding.

Dumping of trash, yard clippings or other debris into streets or storm sewers can create obstructions and cause localized flooding even during moderate rainstorms. For this reason, such dumping is prohibited.

To report any illegal dumping into the drainage system, please call the City of Madeira Beach Code Compliance Office at 391-9951.

## When the flood comes....

- Safety is the most important consideration. Since floodwaters can rise rapidly, you should be prepared to evacuate before the water level reaches your property.
- Keep a battery-powered radio tuned to a local station, and follow all instructions for your area. Be prepared to evacuate.
- When outside the house, remember that FLOODWATERS ARE DECEPTIVE. Six inches of moving water can knock you off your feet.
- Avoid flooded roads and do not walk through floodwaters.

## Who to call / contact:

If you have experienced problems with flooding or drainage and would like to seek assistance in identifying the cause and possibly seeking a solution; please call the City Community Development Department at 391-9951.

Individuals interested in obtaining the City's ordinances pertaining to development within the floodplain and/or base flood information may contact the City's Community Development Dept. at 391-9951.

## The National Flood Insurance Program

The federal Flood Insurance Act of 1973 requires that any building which has a federal or federally-related mortgage and is located within an SFHA must carry flood insurance. Some lenders require flood insurance regardless of the type of mortgage being sought. Even if there are no mortgages on a given property, it is nevertheless advisable to carry flood insurance. Standard homeowner's policies do not necessarily cover losses due to flooding.

**IMPORTANT:** There is a 30-day waiting period before a federal flood insurance policy becomes effective. Don't wait until the last minute to buy flood insurance!

For more information on the National Flood Insurance Program, call your insurance agent or the Florida Division of Emergency Management at (850) 413-9960 or (800) 226-4329 (TDD/TTY).



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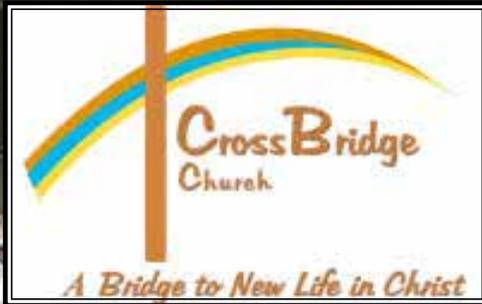
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The Gulf Beaches Public Library at 200 Municipal Drive - Reference Section also has a collection of publications by FEMA and by other agencies that provide considerable information on Special Flood Hazard Areas and the National Flood Insurance Program.

### PROPERTY PROTECTION MEASURES

#### ELEVATION

This method consists of raising a house on an elevated support structure to place it above future flood waters. The exact method can include a number of possibilities that depend upon local conditions, such as expected flood and wind forces, building type and size, and soil bearing capacity. Elevation may be considered for all types of homes, including structures built slab-on-grade. Types of elevated foundations include:

- **Elevation on Extended Foundation Walls** — The house is elevated and set on walls that have been built up from the original foundation. This method is particularly appropriate where the characteristics of flooding involve up to moderate depths with slow velocities, and is commonly used.
- **Elevation on Piers** — This method is employed for shallow flooding with slow to moderate velocities. The house is elevated and set on low foundations that are constructed of reinforced masonry block or reinforced concrete.
- **Elevation on Posts or Columns** — This method is used for shallow to moderate flood depths with slow to moderate velocities. The house is set on taller structures, generally made of wood, steel or concrete, set in pre-dug holes and braced together.
- **Elevation on Pilings** — This method is employed where high-velocity water could undermine other structures, such as in coastal high-hazard areas. It is also suitable for deep flood depths or poor soil conditions. The house is set on tall foundation pilings, usually wood, that have been driven into the ground.
- **Elevation on Fill** — This method is limited to areas of low flood depths and low velocities. The house is elevated on compacted soil.

#### RELOCATION

Perhaps the only technique for completely preventing future flood damage, this method involves moving a house out of a flood area to a new location where there is no threat of flooding. The technique for moving most any house in good structural condition is well developed. It is generally more expensive and time-consuming than most elevation techniques.

#### SEALANTS

Sometimes referred to as "dry flood-proofing," this method can be used only in areas of very shallow flooding to completely seal a home against water. Because of the tremendous pressure that water can exert against a structure protected by this method, the technique can only be used on brick veneer or masonry construction in good structural condition, and then only when the flood levels cannot exceed two to three feet and flood velocities are negligible.

#### UTILITY PROTECTION

Often, very costly damage to utilities such as heating, air conditioning, electrical, and plumbing systems occurs during floods. Generally elevation of these systems can usually prevent flood damage.

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Typically the summer months, other than our Friday dinners, are generally slow in the program department. But our dinners are good and are not just for members, tho reservations are suggested by calling our 727-393-1545.

Sept. 10th starts our annual "National Patriotism Week" program where we celebrate the true American spirit of independence. I'll fill you in with what we did after the event (and the other events) in the Jan. 11th deadline.

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- Mad Beach Bike Fest** (Madeira Way) ..... 18th  
A gathering of bike enthusiast – exotic, new & vintage motorcycles. 10am-5pm  
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- SEPTEMBER.....DATE**
- International Food Festival** (Madeira Way) ..... 14 & 15th  
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- Bimini Bahamas Flotilla** ..... 18-22nd  
Details to be announced - Check [MadBeachEvents.com](http://MadBeachEvents.com) for updates
- OCTOBER .....DATE**
- Wild West Kingfish Tournament Leg 3** (John's Pass) ..... 3 & 5th  
more info at [www.AnglerArmory.com](http://www.AnglerArmory.com)
- Harvest Festival** (Madeira Way) ..... 12 & 13  
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- Wild West Kingfish Tournament Leg 4** (John's Pass) ..... 17 & 19th  
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