



# The Islander

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The next club meeting will be on June 16

## Summer Bingo Begins June 7

Kelly Rowland, the SGI Civic Club Bingo coordinator, announced that the Summer edition of Bingo begins on June 7. Summer Bingo is the biggest money raiser for the Club. Kelly said that so many players appear that she has to close and lock the door when she reaches 160.



### *Mason Bean with former jackpot winner*

The games begin on each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. upstairs at the Jay Abbott fire house. The club shares each pot 50/50 with the winner of each game.

## June Full Moon Climb at SGI Lighthouse

The June Full Moon Climb at the Cape St. George Lighthouse will take place from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Monday, June 20. The sun will set at 8:43 and the “Strawberry

Moon” will rise at 8:55. The June full moon is called the Strawberry moon because strawberry picking season reaches its peak around this time full Moon names are attributable to native American tribes, most notably the Algonquin, who named the moons to mark the changing seasons. The Strawberry moon name is one of the few names that was universal to all Algonquin tribes.

Admission is \$15 (\$10 for St. George Lighthouse Association members) and includes snacks and a sparkling cider toast to the full moon.

After sunset, additional climbers can view the full moon as time and space allow for \$10 (\$5 for SGLA members). Please call the Lighthouse Gift Shop at 850-927-7745 to make reservations as space is restricted.

## *Upcoming Events*

### *Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament*

Charles and Rex Pennycuff will host their 16th annual Fisherman's Choice Youth Fishing Tournament on June 11th. Kids 16 and under will fish for fresh and saltwater species. Each entry receives a t-shirt, and after the tournament, entries are invited to attend a cookout at Fisherman's Choice in Eastpoint. Entry is free and generally about 200 kids sign up.

**For more information, call** (850) 670-8808 or go to [thefishermanschoice.net/](http://thefishermanschoice.net/)

### ***Annual Mullet Toss***

This event takes place on June 11. The Mullet Toss is hosted by The Blue Parrot. For a \$30.00 entry fee you get a unique Mullet Toss T-Shirt, and 2 mullets to throw. Visitors and locals compete for prizes and bragging rights.



There are prizes for the longest throws in the men's, women's and kid's divisions. Located on the beach in front of the Blue Parrot, 58 West Gorrie Drive, from 10:00 AM until 5:00 PM.

For more information, call 850-927-2987 or go to [www.blueparrotsg.com](http://www.blueparrotsg.com)

### ***Annual Big Bend Saltwater Classic***



The Moorings of Carrabelle will host the 28th Annual Big Bend Classic on Father's Day Weekend, June 17th through the 19th, 2016. All of the proceeds from the Big Bend Saltwater Classic are used to develop artificial reefs in the Northeastern Gulf of Mexico.

For more information, call 850-491-7841, or go to [www.saltwaterclassic.com](http://www.saltwaterclassic.com)

### ***Independence Day Celebrations***

#### ***Downtown Apalachicola Independence Eve Celebration***



If you just can't wait for July 4<sup>th</sup>, join the thousands of people who come from near and far to celebrate our Independence, a little ahead of everyone else in America, on Independence Eve! Riverfront Park, on Water Street in downtown Apalachicola, is the place to be! For the fifth year in a row, the community is combining its resources for a July 3 spectacular, culminating in a stunning fireworks display over the Apalachicola River. Enjoy food, beverages, great live music, a parade, free ice cream, veterans tribute, the national anthem, face painting, and other activities.

This year's featured entertainment will be the [Tobacco Rd. Band](#), doing their signature country and your favorite covers. They're also playing at the fireworks celebration in Atlanta on July 4!

For more information, call 1-844-272-2523, or go to [www.downtownapalachicola.com](http://www.downtownapalachicola.com)

#### ***4th of July Freedom Fest***

Come celebrate our great country's spirit of freedom and independence on July 4<sup>th</sup>.

Watch the greatest fireworks display on the Island from the Blue Parrot decks.

Have a delicious fresh seafood dinner while the sky lights up. Enjoy drinks from the Tiki

Bar while the crowd oooohs and aaahs.  
Music and fun.



For more information, call 850-927-2987, or  
go to [www.blueparrotsgis.com](http://www.blueparrotsgis.com)

***Independence Day Fireworks over the  
River***

Join us in celebrating our country's  
independence on Saturday, July 4th along  
the Carrabelle waterfront at dark.

*Thanks to the Franklin County Tourist  
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