



# The Beachcomber



By: Becky Dark

*Hernando Beach  
Property Owners  
Association  
Newsletter*

**SPECIAL NOTE ~ Please renew your HBPOA Membership before January 11, 2024**

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Happy New Year and Welcome to 2024. I'm writing this in December and there is so much activity in the world, our community and our homes. Call me prescient – No? Ok, but maybe a little hopeful? I'm glad to report that there is world peace, no one is invading anyone, no one is shooting anything at anyone. In the U.S. Congress, politicians are working together across the aisle to pass legislation that helps the county move forward. In Hernando County, County Commissioners are doing the best they can with the tools they have and see that Hernando Beach is worth protecting as a centerpiece to the adventure/nature coast. In our homes, a kind word, a gentle smile and willingness to listen makes the new year promising.

The HBPOA Annual Holiday Dinner had the largest attendance to date that I'm aware of. We had 91 members and guests enjoyed the evening dinner with music by Stan Prinhton and the Yacht Club was decorated with a wonderful Christmas spirit. Thank you to all who attended – the event paid for itself and thank you to all who helped organize and make the night a celebration. Your Hospitality Team went above and beyond – Dennis and Kathy Polyn, Bill Collypriest, Judy Hughes, Marlies Blackford, Mimi Martin, Judy P., Barb Gossett, Diane Ziemski, Stacy Finsterbusch and Patty Roberts. It was a memorable event to bring the HBPOA year to a successful close.

The HBPOA has had a great year thanks to its membership. On our second year offering educational scholarships, we raised the bar from \$1000 to \$3000 – thank you all who purchased our Hernando Beach Life Calendars and contributed photos. The entire Hernando Beach Communi-

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Our next meeting will be held **Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 7:00pm** **Hernando Beach Yacht Club** **4163 Shoal Line Blvd.** Doors open at 6:30pm to socialize.



**The purpose of this organization is to unite the property owners of Hernando Beach.**

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ty demonstrated a giving heart contributing to the Joe Wachs Memorial Christmas Light Fund with \$3907 in donations to refurbish the lights on Shoal Line Blvd. Our expenses were \$4329.92 with the difference of \$499.92 which will be covered by the Association.

The HBPOA working with the Board of County Commissioners and County Roads and Parks has transitioned the legal standing and heavy maintenance of the two iconic Hernando Beach Landmarks – the Dolphin Fountain and Triangle Park to an Adopt-a-Park status. The county will assume all legal responsibilities and the utilities expenses. The Association will support the Adopt-a-Park program offering membership the opportunity to work on the landscaping keeping the parks looking good for the community and a memorable welcome for our visitors and guests.

I attended the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners meeting on December 12th with our outgoing Government Affairs Committee Chair Charles Greenwell. I saw a number of other HBPOA members in attendance also. The agenda item which drew the crowd was a developers attempt to justify changing the Hernando County 2040 Comprehensive Plan. As Commissioner Brian Hawkins said – “this is our constitution when it comes to land management” (sic) We do not change it easily.

Bottom line: the developers attempt to change “agricultural” zoned land to “heavy commercial – C4” to put in an automobile paint and collision repair on Osowaw Blvd. was denied by all five Commissioners. The developer failed to provide a “justification” to make such a radical jump in zoning, changing the “Plan” and the placement of a heavy industrial business in proximity to homes, a school and a church – can you say “incongruent?” There were lots of smart people researching and reviewing the information helping to guide the decision makers in the right direction – the Hernando Beach Community and Forrest Glenn Community rose to the challenge. Thank you, Chuck, for your diligence and service to the community.

This month our guest speaker is Hernando County Commissioner Jerry Campbell. He'll perform the swearing in for our new Board.

Love where you live.  
Bill Roberts

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HBPOA meetings are held the 1st Thursday of every month.  
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**Dues are \$35.00 annually and include the Beachcomber Newsletter mailed to you.**  
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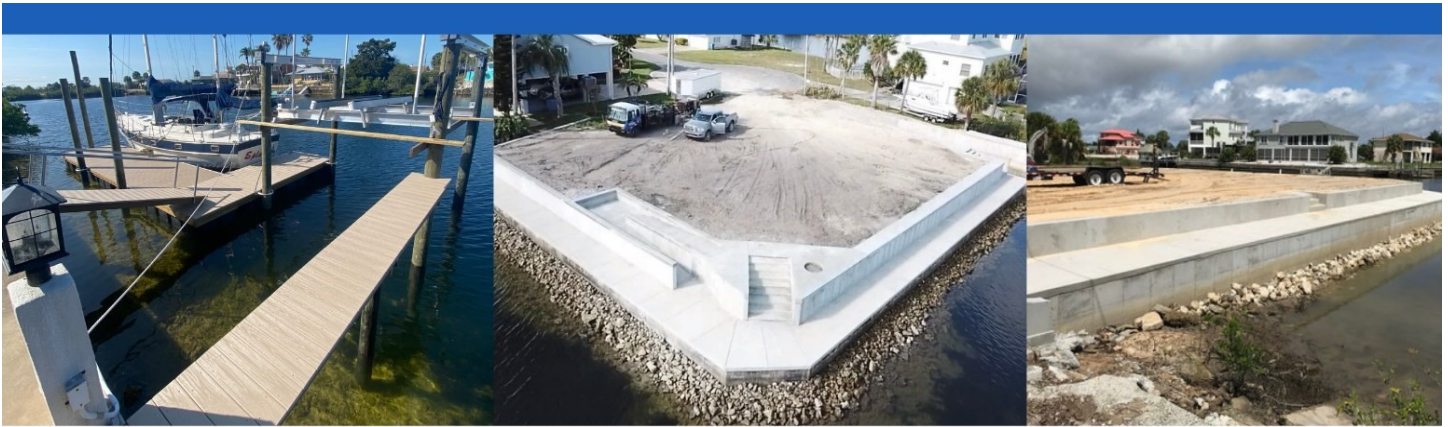
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#### Beginning Birding

January 26, 2024

Trip leader: Linda

[lindalark85@gmail.com](mailto:lindalark85@gmail.com) or text 352-428-2629

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Can you believe it? It is now 2024 and we are hoping for a fulfilling year One in which our New Year Resolutions come to fruition?

2023 brought many new residents to our community.

2023 brought The Front Porch Art Walk to Hernando Beach

2023 brought New Holiday Lighting along Shoal Line Boulevard

2023 brought new members to HBPOA

2023 brought HPOA Scholarship fund

2023 brought new members to the Tuesday Game Day

2023 brought new members to the Monthly Ladies Breakfast

What will 2024 bring?

If you are new to Hernando Beach, reach out and enjoy our restaurants and clubs. You can be fulfilled without even leaving "The Beach." We have the Hernando Beach Club, The Hernando Beach Yacht Club, Hernando Beach Property Owners Association, and others.

Memberships in our Clubs are quite affordable and

are instrumental in bringing our residents together. If you are interested in boating and fishing, we have lots of avenues for you. And, if you have guests but don't really have enough accommodations in your home, look no further than the B&B's and Motel in Hernando Beach.

Folks are finding Hernando Beach to be an out of the way and quiet Community just outside the bustle of US 19 traffic. We are known as the last Gulf Front Community before going North to the Big Bend area of Florida.

We attended the HBPOA Christmas party with 90 guests and Mr. Stan Prinston's melodic voice entertaining us. This is just one of the things happening in Hernando Beach.

We are also looking for folks who would like to write an article in the Beachcomber. Surely there are residents in Hernando Beach who have had interesting careers or lives to share. Just contact [HBPOABeachcomber@gmail.com](mailto:HBPOABeachcomber@gmail.com) to inquire.

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Hernando County Animal Services (352)796-5062

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	1	2 Yoga with Barb HBYC 5:30pm to 6:30pm	3	4 CPR Training	5	6 Front Porch Art Walk 10am to 2pm
7	8	9 BOCC Meeting	10 HB Crime Watch Meeting	11 HBPOA Membership Meeting ***Renewal Due	12	13
14	15 Beachcomber Deadline	16 Yoga with Barb HBYC 5:30pm to 6:30pm	17 Waterways Advisory Committee 6pm	18	19	20 FL Arbor Day Tree Walk 10am to 12pm
21	22	23 BOCC Meeting Yoga with Barb HBYC	24	25	26 Beginning Birding	27
28	29	30 Yoga with Barb HBYC 5:30pm to 6:30pm	31			

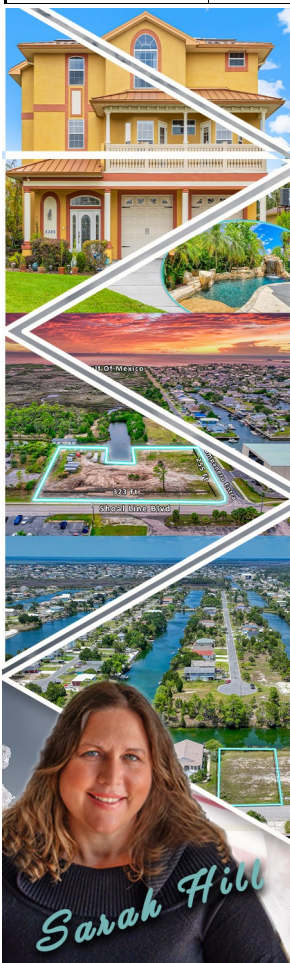
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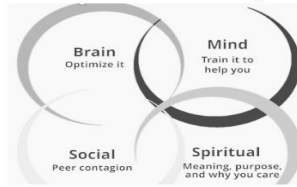
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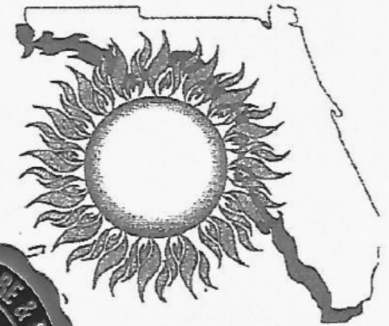
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## FISH OF THE MONTH SHEEPSHEAD



SHEEPSHEAD (*Archosargus probatocephalus*)

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### Appearance:

Also known as convict fish.

- Body has lightly colored background with vertical black bars on sides.
- Prominent teeth, including incisors, molars and rounded grinders
- No barbels on lower jaw
- Dorsal and Anal fins with strong sharp spines

**Similar Species:** Black Drum, *P. cromis* (has chin barbels and lacks incisor-like teeth); and Atlantic spadefish, *C. faber* (lacks incisor-like teeth)

**Size:** Up to 36 inches; common to 13 inches

### Behavior:

Fractional spawners (they only lay a portion of their eggs at a time) in inshore waters, typically in March and April. They are omnivorous feeding mostly on crustaceans and small fish.

### Additional Information:

State Record: 15 lb 2 oz, caught near Homosassa.

### Fishing Tips and Facts:

Use live shrimp, sand fleas or fiddler crabs on a small hook fished on the bottom. When cleaning, beware of the sharp gill covers.

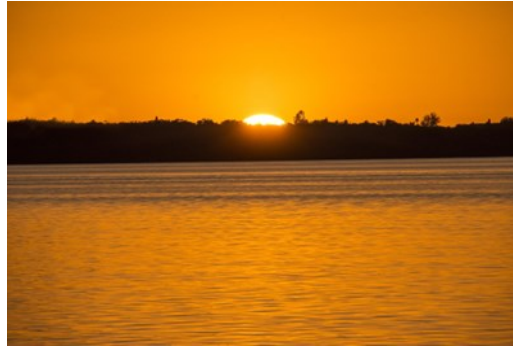
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**Minimum Size Limit:** 12" total length

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**Daily Bag Limit:** 8 per person

**Vessel Limit:** 50 per trip during March and April

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**Season:** Open year-round

**Gear requirements:**

- **Legal Gear:** hook and line, cast net, seine, spear or gig
- **Illegal Gear:** Harvest prohibited by or with the use of any multiple hook in conjunction with live or dead natural bait; snatching prohibited.

Can oysters and barnacles be used as bait or chum for sheepshead?

Oysters and barnacles are very, very different when it comes to regulations. For more information visit: [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com)

Oysters have closed seasons, bag limits and can only be legally harvested in specific shellfish harvesting areas that are classified as "approved" or "conditionally approved" and in the "open" status. The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Division of Aquaculture manages these shellfish harvesting areas.

Barnacles on the other hand do not have size limits or specified bag limits, which mean that you can harvest up to 100 pounds per person per day with a recreational saltwater fishing license and you can use them to chum sheepshead. You can also simply scrape the off bridge piles and allow them to sink and attract sheepshead. Do not scrape barnacles from private docks or other private structures with permission of the property owner.

Total Length is measured from the most forward point of the head, with the mouth closed, to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed, while the fish is lying on its side.

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3	Wed	5:33	2.0	6:12	2.4	1:06	0.7	1:05	0.4	7:25	5:47	☾
4	Thu	6:46	1.8	6:56	2.4	2:09	0.6	1:49	0.7	7:25	5:48	☾
5	Fri	8:27	1.6	7:49	2.5	3:26	0.4	2:49	1.0	7:25	5:49	☾
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