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### Hurricane season reminders:

Have a personal plan in place. Do not put yourself and others in danger by making poor or late decisions. Keep extra medications, spare oxygen for CPAP, first aid kit, water, food, gas, and generator for a 3-day minimum. If you are asked to evacuate the island, do so in a timely manner. Always let someone know where you are staying. Remember, many island paths will flood and island transportation or rescue may not be possible. The shuttle will not run in high wind/water situations.

## Websites for local information concerning our weather:


[NWS Southern Region Tropical Webpage \(weather.gov\)](#)

[Tampa Bay Area, FL \(weather.gov\)](#)

[\(3\) Facebook](#)

## Facebook information:

### *Charlotte County Emergency Management*

Plan ahead! There are several ways to get information from the Charlotte County Office of Emergency Management. Make sure you are following Charlotte County social media accounts! 

[Charlotte County Emergency Management](#) on Facebook

[www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/EM](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/EM)

@charlottefleoc on Instagram

@CCOEM on Twitter



Call 941-833-4000



Nextdoor

Sign up for Alert Charlotte. Visit [www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/alertcharlotte](http://www.CharlotteCountyFL.gov/alertcharlotte).



### Radio

WCCF AM 1580

WENG AM 1530, FM 98.1, FM 107.5

WIKX FM 92.9

WBCG FM 98.9

WCVU FM 104.9

WINK FM 96.9

WCKT FM 100.9

Local TV Stations



### Over the air stations (antenna)

WINK 11.1

WBBH 20.1

WZVN 26.1

WWSB 40.1

WFTX 36.1

Charlotte County TV (CC-TV) on Comcast Channels 20.

Or you can stream CC-TV live from your computer.

For a full list of ways, you can stay informed, visit [CharlotteCountyFL.gov/EMT](http://CharlotteCountyFL.gov/EMT)



**LGPOA membership** (submitted by Dawn)

Hello Islanders!

You should have received your membership registration/renewal packet by now. I noticed that more and more of the county tax mailing addresses being used are your island addresses. It's wonderful that you can pay online, however, we pull our data from the county tax rolls. If you haven't received a membership form and would like one, I can email it to you if you contact me at [dawnbokar@gmail.com](mailto:dawnbokar@gmail.com)



**Mosquitoes** (submitted by Laurie)

They're here, there, and everywhere! To learn more about these pesky insects check out the site below. If the mosquitoes become unbearable, call 941-764-4370 and follow the prompts.

[mosquito-biology.pdf \(charlottecountyfl.gov\)](http://mosquito-biology.pdf(charlottecountyfl.gov))



**Fishing Regulations** (submitted by Laurie)

Check out the latest regulations on saltwater fishing at the site below.

[Saltwater Fishing | FWC \(myfwc.com\)](https://myfwc.com)

**LGIFR (Little Gasparilla Island Fire and Rescue) Update** (submitted by Chief Bill)



The burn ban has been lifted. However, only the burning of **yard/tree** debris and **untreated** wood is allowed. The word is that all burning will be stopped if the guidelines are not followed.

**Placida Fishery Property** (submitted by Richard)

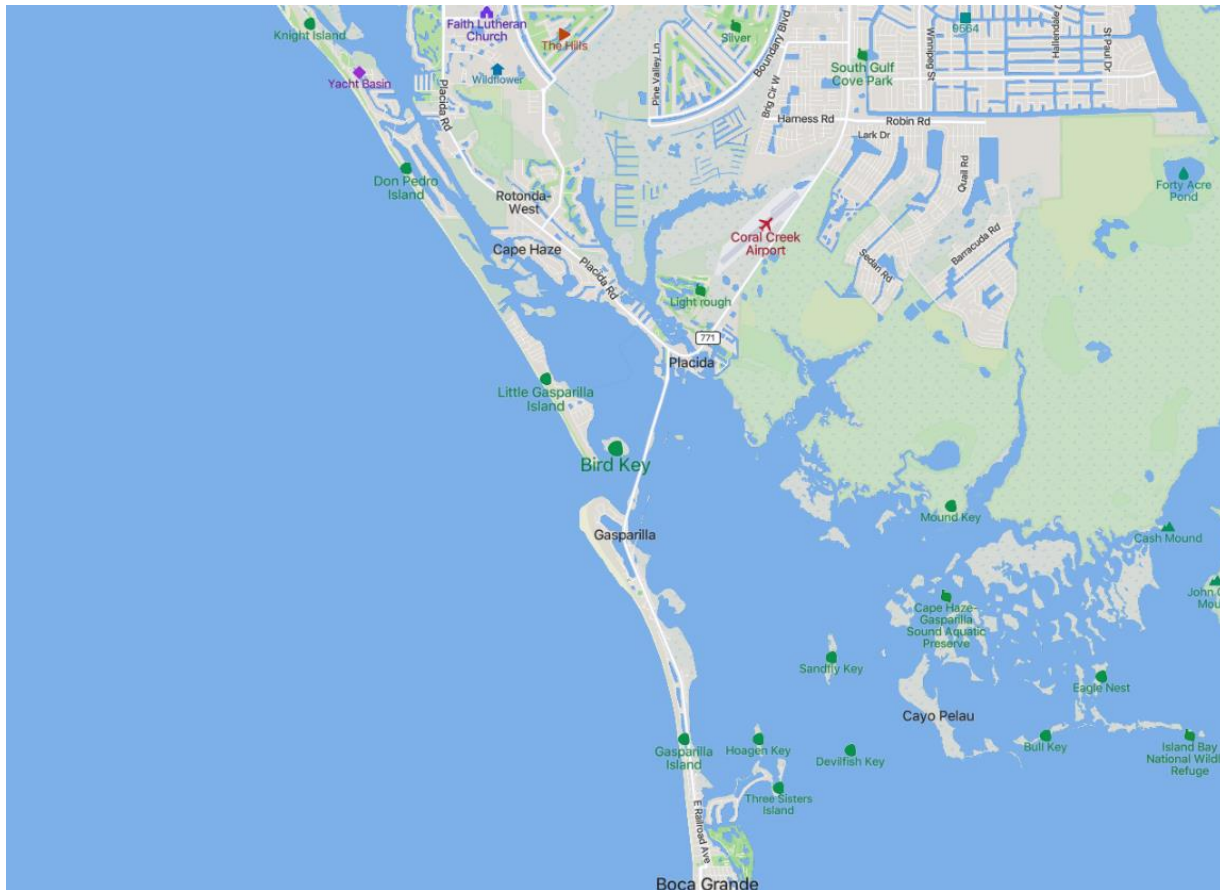
This article was published by The Daily Sun. It concerns the permitting for the Placida Fishery property.

[Permitting for old fishery in limbo - The Daily Sun \(newsmemory.com\)](#)

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## **Bird Key** (submitted by Richard)



This article about Bird Key being for sale was published by Triton Realty Group.

[Extraordinary 80+ Acre Paradise Island, Boca Grande, FL, Hits Market After 70-Years: A Once-in-a-Lifetime Opportunity for Discerning Buyers \(tritonrealtygroup.com\)](https://www.tritonrealtygroup.com/extraordinary-80-acre-paradise-island-boca-grande-fl-hits-market-after-70-years-a-once-in-a-lifetime-opportunity-for-discerning-buyers)

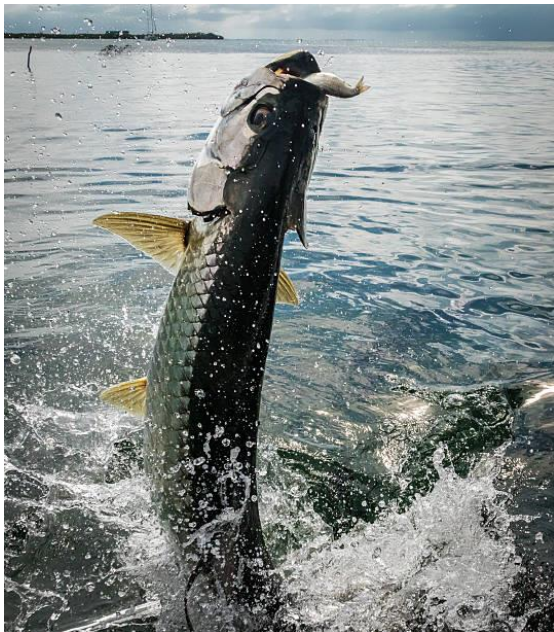
## **News about Eldred's** (submitted by Richard)

Eldred's Marina is under contract and the closing is supposed to occur relatively quickly. There is much speculation and many rumors, but nothing is known for sure at this point.

## **Aboriginal Occupation of Gasparilla Island** (submitted by Brian)

The article below discusses the aboriginal occupation of Gasparilla Island. Take a few minutes out of the sun (or rain or heat) and step back into history.

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/id/urn:aaid:sc:VA6C2:1f83c1c1-9726-437e-9a22-7238c97d93de>



## **What Is This?** (submitted by Laurie)

What Is This? Tarpon (*Megalops atlanticus*)

Tarpon (aka silver king) are a sport fish that can reach a length of over 8 feet and weigh more than 200 pounds. Their diet consists of small fish, crustaceans, and squid. Tarpon can have a lifespan of around 50 years. They are a migratory fish, and they can be found in the US, Central America, South America, Africa, and Asia.

Tarpon Facts | [Tarpon Facts](#) | [FWC \(myfwc.com\)](#)

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