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**May your nets be filled and your compass true.
May the wind and the waves be your friend.
May you stand the storm, and the hand of the Lord,
bring you safely to harbor again.**

Captain's Corner & Fish Tales from the Gulf

Captain's Spotlight

Teacher's Pet: Redfish

Warm greetings for another Spotlight on a terrific Captain.

Captain Rick Julius with Captain "J" Charters. This Fella wears many wonderful hats, Steinhatchee Fishing Guide / Captain, Teacher and Coach. Captain "J" teaches PE at Fort White High School as well as coaches their Baseball team. His days are filled with energetic teenagers whom he mentors by showing his strength, faithfulness and love of nature. After graduation Captain "J" rewards his Seniors with a team fishing trip; the young adults look forward to experiencing the excitement of fishing the flats all year.

When Captain "J" was asked what his favorite fish to catch was, he instantly lit up and enthusiastically stated REDFISH! The first time he had a Redfish blow up on a skitter walk plug he fell in love (25 years ago on the Steinhatchee flats). Captain "J" describes how Redfish will ambush your lure on some days and other days the Redfish will trail your bait like a submarine. He enjoys the excitement of enticing the Redfish to become aggressive. Over the years, Captain "J" has gotten into the psyche of the fish; in fact, besides the challenge of the fight, Captain "J" enjoys the quiet time with nature. After a busy week at school, teaching and coaching (in a very loud gymnasium filled with teens) a day on the Steinhatchee flats resets his soul.



Capt. Rick Julius

Captain "J" finds Redfish are smarter than trout. Is it because they spend all day in a school too? Redfish's adaptability keeps each day a new experience. When deciding between using soft plastic or hard plastic lures Captain "J" considers the water temperature, clarity and if there has been pressure on the fish from a recent tournament. His favorite lure is a top water Skitter Walk made by Rapala and his rods and reels of choice is Penn.

February thru May are Captain J's most rewarding times to fish, as the fish are "Trophy Size." We refer to "Trophy Size" trout as Gator trout which measures over 20". Captain "J" reminds us to be ecofriendly and return these females who are obviously carrying thousands of eggs. His next favorite is scallop season. That's when your face gets in the water and folks can see this beautiful world of scallops, starfish, stingrays, jellyfish and more. It is nature's Easter egg hunt underwater with a flare only God can present. After interviewing Captain Rick Julius he earns an A+ in my book.

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Capt. Rick Julius with a prized redfish.



Capt. Rick Julius with another prized redfish.



Capt. Buddy Moorman and his friend, Todd.



Corey and Lee Miller (Atlanta, GA) bought the fishing package and fished with Capt. Mike Farmer.



David Bradley, Mark Lord and Capt. Don Campbell fished on January 30, 2021.



Pelicans fighting over fish scraps.



Frank Wolfe and Denise Tirpok fishing with Capt. Don Campbell.



Shane Reed was happy with his 23" trout and 24" redfish.



Father and son, Frank and Matt Morgan, fishing with Capt. Don Campbell.

Lee and Corey, fishing with Capt. Mike Farmer. They went from COLD in the morning, to shedding clothes by noon!

Our Property Amenities

Upcoming Events



Back Deck Open for Festival!

Stop in during Fiddler Crab Festival for our first opening of the Back Deck! We will be serving up fresh salads, yummy burgers, and lots of other menu items. Beer, Wine, Sodas and Water will also be available.

Come rest your weary body and replenish your reserves!



13th Annual Fiddler Crab Festival

Be ready for some toe-tapping, boot scootin', hand clapping good time at the Festival! All the bands give incredible performances and we just can't wait to see the newest edition to the show - the Irish River Dance Show! Catch the full line up on the Chamber's event page:

<http://steinhatcheechamber.com/the-events-calendar/fiddler-crab-festival/>

River Tours



Always refreshing and never a disappointment, our Steinhatchee River awaits! The Steinhatchee River Inn & Marina is offering River Tours on Saturday, February 13th! Tours will begin at 11:00 a.m. and continue every hour, with the last boat leaving the dock

at 3:00 p.m. Tours last 45 minutes. Tickets will be on sale in the ship store, the cost is \$10/person. Children 12 and under are \$5.00 each. **Cash only, please.** There will be a signup sheet so come early to pick your preferred time. You will be given a ticket with the tour time. Please arrive about 15 minutes ahead of departure time – we have plenty of seating and a beverage bar on their back deck. The marina is located directly across the street from all the festivities, including evening entertainment. Don't forget the camera! A special thank you to our volunteer captains – **Mike Baker**, **Steve Kroll**, and **Buddy Moorman** – for donating their time, boat and gas. The Captains receive no compensation, except your smiles and enjoyment. All proceeds go directly to the Fiddler Crab Festival.



Super Bowl LV - Sunday, February 7, 2021

The 55th Super Bowl

The American Football Conference champion **Kansas City Chiefs** will play the National Football Conference champion **Tampa Bay Buccaneers**. Kickoff is at 6:30 p.m. with the following lineup:

Halftime show: The Weeknd
Trending National anthem: Eric Church and Jazmine Sullivan

Location: Raymond James Stadium, Tampa, FL

Stations: CBS [cbssports.com](https://www.cbssports.com)

The Lewis family is rooting for the **Chiefs**. If you hear yelling, you'll know the Chiefs are doing something! Who are you rooting for?



Autism Anglers



Meet the Founder!

Don Morse will be at the Marina during the Fiddler Crab Festival on Saturday to tell you in person about Autism Anglers.

We are hearing a rumor that he has an interactive activity with the kids up his sleeve too! Don't miss this opportunity to learn more about one of our favorite charities, first hand!

Fishing Package!



Fishing & Hotel Package

Fishing and Hotel Package for Two

\$550 plus tax

Purchase a deeply discounted two night stay and fishing adventure for two guests with a US Coast Guard licensed Captain from the Steinhatchee flats in the Gulf of Mexico.

Package includes two nights of hotel accommodations, 4-5 hour excursion, all fishing equipment and bait, local knowledgeable Captain and boat. Have fun fishing for Monster Trout and Redfish. Valid December, January and February (excluding Fiddler Crab Festival).

We Love Our Readers!



We hope we are the first to wish you a happy, fun-filled Valentine's Day!

Did you know our newsletter is interactive?
We want to hear from you!

The Steinhatchee River Inn and Marina is soliciting your feedback; good, bad or ugly. **Because we LOVE and value our customer's opinions**, we are giving away a River Inn & Marina tee shirt to one lucky person! All you have to do is respond to this newsletter (hit reply - that's the interactive part) and your name will be entered into a random drawing.

Our Charter Captains are the Best!

[Directory of Charter Captains](#)

Reserve a charter for an unforgettable lifetime experience.

Captain Mike Baker Charters

Offering a complete guide service for fishing, Captain **Mike Baker**, USCG certified. A full-service charter business for scalloping, trout fishing, red fishing, or whatever you desire. Call (352) 433-6301 or email captmikerbakerfishing@gmail.com.

Her Tanning Bed Charters

If you are interested in Scalloping or Fishing inshore, Captain **Don Campbell** can help you have the adventure you are looking for. Call 352-303-6498.

Salt Addiction Charters

A USCG Licensed Captain and Flats Guide, Captain **Mike Farmer** is available for inshore fishing and scalloping charters. Call 352-210-1551.

Fishing With Captain Jim

A USCG licensed Florida flats guide, Captain **Jim Henley** is available for inshore fishing and scalloping charters. He is the only Captain with a 100-ton Master, and holds a tow license. Call 423-330-0101.

TJ's Charters

Fish the Flats with USCG licensed Captain **Tony Jackson**. Call 386-688-0874.

Captain J's Charters

USCG licensed, Captain **Rick Julius** is waiting to take you on the adventure of a lifetime, fishing the flats out of Steinhatchee, Florida. Call (352) 745-0968.

Steinhatchee Flats Fishing

USCG licensed, Captain **Dicky King** offers inshore fishing and scalloping charters out of Steinhatchee, Florida for families, novices, and expert anglers. Call (850) 371-9164.

Pepperfish Key Charters

USCG licensed Captain **Steve Kroll** is your host and guide for a great day of near shore and flats fishing on the beautiful Big Bend region. Call 352-222-4085.

YKnotFish.Com

Fishing charters targeting redfish, trout and scallops in season. Over 40 years' experience fishing the Gulf. Multiple captains available. USCG licensed, Captain **Tony Mathis**. Call 904-545-0433 or email Tony@yknotfish.com.

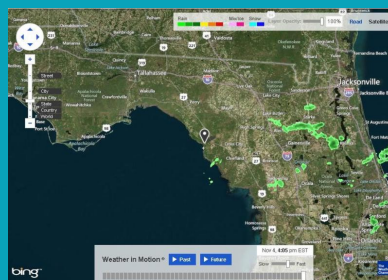
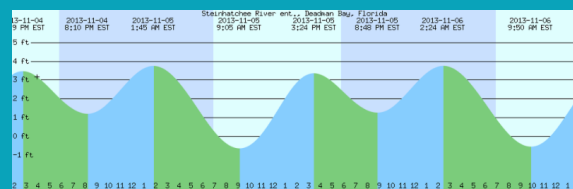
My Fishing Buddy Charters

USCG licensed, Captain **Buddy Moorman** offers inshore fishing and scalloping charters out of Steinhatchee, Florida . Call (352) 812-3318.

Big Bend Charters

For your inshore and offshore fishing needs and scalloping, call USCG licensed and insured, Captain **Brian Smith**, (877) 852-3474. Capt Brian has been offshore fishing the Gulf for over 25 years, 17 years out of Steinhatchee. Offshore fishing includes grouper, amberjack, snapper, kingfish, seabass and cobia. Offering trips from 6-12 hours!

Weather & Marine Forecast Center



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