



STEINHATCHEE RIVER INN and MARINA

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Florida Governor Ron DeSantis has declared fishing as essential!

Captain's Corner & Fish Tales from the Gulf

Captain's Spotlight

You have a Buddy in Steinhatchee!
That's right Folks, Captain Buddy Moorman
is your Fishing "Buddy" in town.

I had the pleasure of talking with Captain Moorman and learning a bit about him. When you charter with Captain Buddy, bet he has live shrimp on board. Live shrimp is his favorite bait. In fact, Captain Buddy has fine hooks and a special method of hooking the shrimp, so they stay alive. Imagine fishing with bait that jumps out of the water. Captain Buddy has had Anglers tell him they love his technique of hooking the shrimp and would've paid just for that intel – even without the charter! Ha! But don't short yourself, when you charter with My Fishing Buddy you get his knowledge of the fish and where to find them seasonally. This time of year, Buddy reports the fish have gone into the Steinhatchee River creeks and ditches for the warmer water and the negative tide. You'll catch Redfish and Trout without having to bear the ocean breezes and waves; easy peasy. Captain Buddy enjoys taking his fresh catch to Roy's restaurant and having them cook it for him. Blackened is the way to go and Folks you can sit back and have a meal straight from the ocean to your plate with all the fixin's at Roy's. That's a cool experience.

Captain Buddy's favorite fishing season is May-June. Everything is hot and biting and you can go on long drifts catching fish after fish. When you charter with Captain Buddy, he generally prepares 9 rods for the trip. Most popular rod is a medium, 7-foot pole with a braid line. He'll keep you working tight lines the whole trip.



Capt. Buddy Moorman

Captains are booking up for the Spring now. Don't wait to call and plan your fishing adventure in Steinhatchee. Captain Buddy is also participating in the 2 Night, 2 People, 4 Hour Fishing Package. Come on over and catch yourself some supper. [Written by Barbara Lewis]

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Capt. Buddy Moorman's reward for a blustery day!



Sunrise aboard
Capt. Buddy Moorman's vessel



Capt. Buddy Moorman with his catch!



Congratulations to Capt. Tony Jackson and Kelly Causey for placing in the Powerpole Redfish Tournament !



Capt. Tony Jackson and Kelly Causey are all smiles, showing off their winnings! The tournament was organized and held at SeaHag Marina.



Kyle and Hannah (Hartwell, GA) braved the cold, fishing with Florida Flats & Bay Charters.



Sea trout caught January 17, 2021. Happy angler!



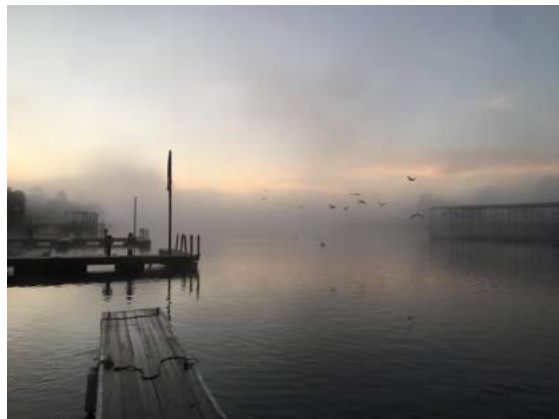
Eddie and Gage (Keystone Heights) brought in a limit of trout and a nice red, fishing with Florida Flats & Bay Charters



Somedays you just have to hang on and weather the storm.



We've had beautiful endings...



...and we've had some foggy starts! Thanks for the photo Leslie.

13th Annual Fiddler Crab Festival



This year's festival will be scaled back a bit,



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

to allow for more spacing and social distancing opportunities. For this reason, the festival will **not have a parade, poker run or car show this year**. But, not to worry, the entertainment and vendors will still be on hand and we expect a great, fun family time for our festival goers!

As always, the Marina's **Back Porch will be open for business**, offering up delicious snacks and refreshing beverages! Stay tuned for more information on the menu and time of operations. We cannot wait to see you all again!

The **Entertainment** line up looks awesome --- again this year --- and is located directly across the street from the Marina and in the Inn's front yard! We are fortunate to be in the heart of the fun!

[Fiddler Crab Festival Web Page](#)

the ship store at the Steinhatchee River Inn & Marina and 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. River Inn & Marina suggests you arrive about 15 minutes ahead of departure time – we have plenty of seating and a beverage bar on their back porch. 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 from the river tours go directly to the Fiddler Crab Festival.

Autism Anglers

We are excited to spotlight Autism Anglers. Autism Anglers mission is to bring awareness and acceptance to autism through the sport of fishing. Their goal is to educate a large percentage of the population (anglers) about autism and to use fishing as a calming therapy for those on the autism spectrum. Read more about this great organization on their web page: <https://autismanglers.org/>



Valentine Fishing Package! February 14-15

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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).

Hint: We have several rooms available for
you and your sweetheart, February 14-15.

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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 captmikebakerfishing@gmail.com.

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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.

Something's Fishy Charters

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Captain J's Charters

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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

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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.

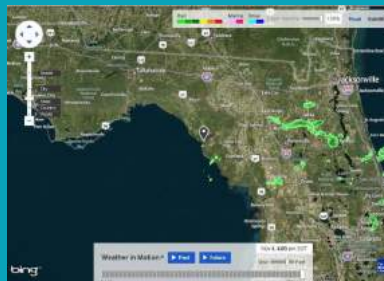
My Fishing Buddy Charters

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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