



"May you always walk in sunshine

May you never want for more

May Irish angels rest their wings right

beside your door" ~ Irish blessing



Marina Life & Fish Tales

Meet Superwoman!

Surely, you've met her? That tanned blonde lady that greets you at the hoist? Our Superwoman, **Leslie Carmichle** loves her job, and it shows in her smile and her attitude! She knows her way around a marina, and a whole lot about Steinhatchee too! She has been working a boat lift since 1995 and is skilled in every facet of marina operations. If you've relied on GPS to get you to the Marina, more than likely it routed you down a bumpy, dirt road named Carmichael Lane. Yep, the road was named after her Uncle, Brazz Carmichael - ask Leslie about the different spelling of her last name vs her Uncles! It's quite a story.

Customers can vouch for the friendly, familiar face that greets them at the lift. Leslie knows a whole lot about everything, including splicing rope, boat maintenance, handling, and she excels in knowing how to hoist a boat. "I have absolute confidence in anything she's doing" said Chris, a fellow coworker. The Steinhatchee River Inn & Marina can hoist boats that weigh up to 27,000 pounds, with a maximum beam width of 11.5 feet. Keeping the hoist and rental fleet in top running condition is a priority for her;



Operating a boat lift takes skill... and Leslie has it!

she wants people to have great memories and part of that is making it easy to get on the water. She will most likely meet you at the dock when you return and the first thing you will hear from her is “did you have a fun day?”

Leslie pitches in wherever she’s needed, including at the counter inside the store and stocking shelves, or dipping bait. Even in bad weather, she has a cheerful smile and disposition, looking for the good. Some of that good has taken the shape of manatees, tarpon and even the occasional shark in the River. Osprey that build their nest in abandoned sailboat masts are a particular favorite to watch. She delights in returning customers, saying that she doesn’t always remember the name but can always put a face to a boat!

Leslie said the staff and customers at the Steinhatchee River Inn & Marina are some of the best folks she’s ever met. For Leslie, it’s not a job but a vocation. We asked her for some words of wisdom for our customers. In typical Leslie fashion, she said simply “respect the water, have at least 2 people in the boat that can drive the boat, and watch the sky at all times. If something doesn’t feel right, follow your intuition and head back to shore.”

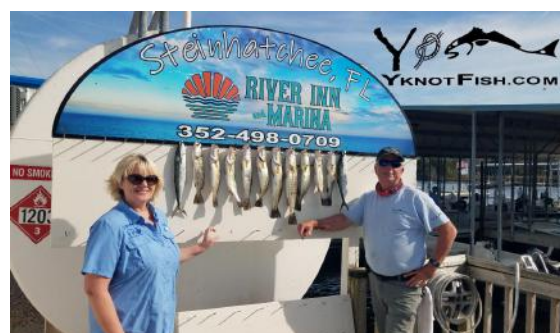
She firmly believes that people return to the Marina year after year because they are not only treated like family, they ARE family. For sure, customers remember not only her smiling face and willingness to help, but also her distinctive, infectious laughter. Leslie is what we refer to as “salt of the earth.” She is one of our greatest treasures at the Marina and we are blessed to have her in our Marina family. **We are thrilled that Leslie agreed to represent the Steinhatchee River Inn & Marina in the upcoming Community Fishing Tournament (March 20, 2021).** We wish her tight lines and big fish!



Leslie braiding rope.



No, Leslie isn't playing in the water. She's netting frisky, live shrimp for bait!





Alan Mattox with his catch of spotted trout and redfish, fishing with Capt. Rick Julius. Soft plastic and spinning bait was the lucky charm.



Tire Distributors of Georgia chartered with Captain Mike Farmer (Salt Addiction Charters) and Captain Donald Campbell.

Capt. Tony Mathis and wife, Cynde, had a fun day of fishing.



Tire Distributor group lined up and ready to go fish with Captains Mike Farmer and Donald Campbell after being treated to breakfast sandwiches from the Marina.



The Vaughns enjoyed the hotel/fishing package they bought, fishing with



"V" with his sandtrout caught on buck naked bait, fishing with



Cynde Mathis is all smiles with her big trout!



Jerry Hendrickson and Mike Askew with their catch.



Tom Muscher shared this stunning finish to his day aboard Captain Brian Smith's boat. We must say, the weather has been exceptionally beautiful lately!



The Webbers, fishing with Captain Mike Baker, caught supper.



Kayaking is so rewarding... just ask Karen!



This family enjoyed kayaking the river.



Rob and Ben, working to launch a kayak group from the Steinhatchee Falls.



The kayak group, waiting to climb aboard.

Inside the Marina Store

Granny Gooma is more than a pretty face. She is also the driving force behind the fancy painting and decorating of the scallop shells you will find inside the Marina store.

Take a treasure home for you and as a gift for a loved one. Hand painted by a local artist from Advent Christian Village in Dowling Park FL. For orders of \$10.00 or more, we will ship. Choose from a magnet or ribbon style. Lots of colors to choose from.



Meet Granny Gooma! When she's not glamming for the camera, she's painting scallop shells.



A sample of the painted scallop shells that are available for sale in the Marina store.

[Explore Steinhatchee](#)



Our furry friends are flying off the shelf!



Fiddler crabs are available for \$10/cup.



Available fresh every morning, breakfast sandwiches and apple fritters (made from scratch) are available every morning for a

Captain Steve Kroll can attest to how yummy the freshly baked apple fritters are!

quick grab-n-go. Located inside the Marina store in a heated oven, conveniently placed beside the coffee pot.

Come Stay With Us

Spring has arrived

Our grounds are bursting in color and provide a perfect backdrop for photos!





COVID 19 Clean Room Program

In efforts to prepare a safe environment every suite is sprayed with a hospital grade disinfectant throughout, touch points like doorknobs, TV remote controls and light switches are treated with alcohol, bedroom quilts are heated to 400 degrees, and all linens are washed with an automatic feed of commercial detergent and bleach. Each suite is equipped with their own personal air conditioning / filtration system that is not shared with anyone else.

The swimming pool remains open and social distancing is followed between families. In efforts to comply with social distancing please do not invite outside companies to join you at the pool.

Remote check- in and check -out are now standard procedure. In order to minimize exposure to each other, you will receive a phone call on your arrival date when your suite is prepared. At that time, the front desk agent will notify you of your room, have your key waiting and see if there are any other details we can prepare for you. When you arrive simply start enjoying your stay!

Welcome and rest assured!

Focus on Community

20th Annual Community Fishing Tournament

Mark your calendar - March 20th - for the the 20th Annual Steinhatchee Community Fishing Tournament. The Captain's meeting and the weigh-in are both held at the Steinhatchee Community Center. The entry fee for this tournament is \$50.00 per angler.

[More Information...](#)



Questions? We Have Answers!

We have a panel of experts standing by to answer any questions you might have about fishing, scalloping, or the Steinhatchee area. We are also taking any comments you have, on ways to improve our newsletter, or perhaps there is something you would like for us to stock in the Marina store. Just shoot us a quick [email \(riverinnandmarina@gmail.com\)](mailto:riverinnandmarina@gmail.com)

and we will not only answer, but we may also include it in next weeks newsletter. We are only as good as our readers and guests!

Happy St. Paddy's Day Coming Up - Wednesday, March 17th.



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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.

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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.

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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.

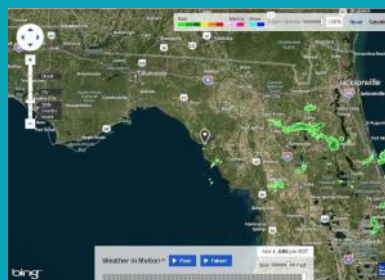
My Fishing Buddy Charters

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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