



Volunteers are timeless!

And several of the volunteers here are tireless. I may not always **thank you** enough but it is not because I don't **think of you**. The past few weeks several of you have really come to my rescue as my broken foot tries to heal.

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Thanks also to Precinct 1, especially Robert and Lupe, for setting up the check in tent by the Crabbin' Bridge.

Upcoming Events

October 11-15: Calhoun County Fair. Visit <http://calcofair.org/> for details on all the fair events and contests.

October 31- November 4, 2011: 14th World Lake Conference, to be held in Austin, Texas. Learn more at <http://www.wlc14.org/>

November 2: FREE Marine Recreation Community Workshop, 11:30AM – 5:30PM at the Hotel Galvez. in Galveston. Sponsored by National Geographic. Visit <http://www.gulfmex.org/3487/3487/> for more info.

November 8-10: Texas Invasive Plant and Pest Conference @ The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin. Learn more at <http://texasinvasives.org/professionals/conference11.php>.



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HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Charge Against Water Hyacinths

The San Antonio Bay Foundation in partnership with Texas Parks and Wildlife is attempting to control the massive mats of water hyacinths that are clogging the lower reaches of the Guadalupe River near its opening into San Antonio Bay. This invasive species has multiplied to the point that the low freshwater inflow into the bay is being impeded even more. The water hyacinth, a native to South America, is a free-floating perennial plant that can grow to a height of 3 feet and often jams rivers and lakes with thousands of tons of floating plant matter. A healthy acre of water hyacinths can weigh up to 200 tons!

From the Hooked on Seafood Cookbook:

FISH AND KRAUT SANDWICHES

1 cup cooked, flaked fish
½ cup well drained sauerkraut
¼ cup chopped dill pickles
¼ cup mayonnaise
1 tablespoon horseradish
12 slices party rye bread
4 slices, (1 ounce each) Swiss cheese
2 tablespoons margarine

Cook fish by baking, broiling, poaching, or in the microwave oven. Cool and flake. In a mixing bowl, combine fish, sauerkraut, pickles, mayonnaise, and horseradish. Mix well. Portion mixture evenly on half the bread. Top with cheese. Top with remaining bread. Melt margarine in skillet. Place sandwiches in skillet and grill on each side until golden brown. Serve with chips or relishes and a cold drink. Makes 4 servings.

Sea Grant works to:

Support ecosystem-based approaches to managing the coastal environment: Increase capacity of managers to consider the entire ecosystem.

Restore the function and productivity of degraded ecosystems:

Identify and evaluate innovative policies, technologies, and methods to restore services provided by our nation's ecosystems.

Promote stewardship of healthy ecosystems:

Provide life-long learning programs that enhance understanding of coastal, ocean, and Great Lakes environments and the services they provide.

Adopt-a-Beach Sponsors

In addition to the 173 people who came to help clean our beaches, a giant THANK YOU goes to our lunch sponsor J&T's One Stop at Magnolia Beach. Waste Management donated the dumpsters to haul away the 119 bags, and various loose items, that totaled an approximate 2,950 pounds.

Preparing your boat for a storm

Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) has some online help with the web's most complete Hurricane Resource Center designed specifically for boaters at BoatUS.com/hurricanes. The website offers easily downloadable storm planning materials including a hurricane preparation worksheet, an in-depth Guide to Preparing Boats and Marinas for Hurricanes, and checklists for what to do before and after a hurricane strikes. Sample hurricane plans

for boat and yacht clubs, as well as up-to-the-minute storm tracking tools with live satellite images are also offered.

While the safest location for a boat during a storm is on land, boaters may also want to ask their insurer if their policy offers help in paying for the cost of a storm-related haul-out. To give boaters an idea of the kinds of damage expected with a significant storm, and how some failed to prepare, the Association also offers a series of 13 short videos shot in 2008 on location in the Houston, Texas, region by the BoatUS Marine Insurance Catastrophe Response Team after Hurricane Ike. They can be viewed at www.BoatUS.com/podcasts.



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