

Port Aransas TWFF Outing

Outing Report
By Gretchen Gettelman
September, 2015

This year's saltwater outing in Port Aransas was held the same time as last year. Our headquarters were at Executive Keys again, right on the beach. We were able to rent the large Townhouse. This is where we held the Mullet Mixer and Saturday evening Shrimp Boil. This is a wonderful location and great for this type of group activity. We had about 30 members and their significant others attend. Great turnout!

We were all anxiously watching the weather and tracking the Red Tide that hit the coast a couple days before the outing. Unfortunately the Red Tide caused quite a bit of allergy type reactions (scratchy throat, congestion, sneezing, itchy watery eye, etc.). Allergy meds did help. The Red Tide also brought some fish kill on the ocean side of the island.

Undeterred, we setup our beach tent anyway and had wonderful casting instruction Saturday morning from Diane Blair, Sheila Anderson, Mary Rohrer and Jim Bass.



Casting instruction on the beach

There were a few hardy kayakers that came early and fished Thursday, early Friday and Saturday afternoon. They had some success.

By the weekend, the fish were hard to find during the day. Robert and others cruised the beach looking for bird activity. Some folks took the transport boat out to the jetties. Others hang out at the beach. There was some successful night fishing under the lights of the piers both Friday and Saturday nights.

The Friday night Mullet Mixer was very well attended with lots of yummy food and drink. We all gathered in the living room of the Executive Keys Townhouse for some salt water fishing discussion led by Mary Rohrer. That Townhouse was just the right size for the Mullet Mixer!

Diane Blair worked her "texting magic" again and kept us all apprised of the fishing/birding/bait activity from our numerous scouts throughout the weekend. Thank you Diane!



Hanging out on the beach



Attendees this year were:

Robert and Sheila Anderson and their friend Debbie Army, Vicky Andrews, Emery and Janet Baca, Jim and Pat Bass, Diane and Richard Blair and their friends Marian and Johnny Taylor, Julie Seih and Brent Blumenthal, Ellen Colin-Matthews and her friend Mary Mahoney, Merylin Evans and Debbie Williams, Gretchen Gettelman, Beverly Gordon, Kay and Les Jackson, Mary Kain, Lori McElroy and her friend Rendy, Tina Nieto, Debra Norris, Keira Quam, Mary Rohrer, Carol Scamman, and Lydia Wilkinson.

Saturday dinner was preceded by the first ever TWFF swap meet. Thanks to Sheila Anderson for organizing this event and for all of those who brought treasures to donate. People got the chance to clean out some closet space while others found some really nice things.



Swap meet items

Robert Anderson's Saturday evening shrimp boil was excellent, as always. He puts on a good spread. Janet Baca and the other TWFF officers held a brief business meeting during dinner on Saturday.



Saturday Shrimp Boil

Sunday morning brought a beautiful sunrise, several water spouts and a rainbow. It was a spectacular Sunday morning.

To sum it up, I think everyone had another wonderful time at the coast this year.

