



May was a busy month

I have several people to thank for their time, talents, and efforts last month to help make my events successful. If you see any of them, please add your thanks as well. Volunteers such as these make our county the special place that it is:

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Upcoming Events

June 1st–The Red snapper season will open and remain open through July 10th. The bag limit will be 2 - 16" red snapper per person.

June 1st – The Atlantic Hurricane Season officially starts (although we have already had 2 named storms in May) and runs through November 30.

June 8-9– Shrimpfest in Seadrift.
Details at www.SeadriftChamber.com

June 11-15–Texas 200 sailboat “race” will end in Seadrift. Learn more at <http://www.texas200.com/>

July 4 – LaSalle Landing Re-Enactment & Fireworks in Palacios
<http://www.palacioschamber.com/events.html>

July 7-8 – Rockport- 43rd Annual Rockport Art Festival
<http://www.rockportartcenter.com/events/eventdetail.php?uid=1269>



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HAPPY FATHERS DAY!



Skate Egg Case

Empty egg cases may wash up on the beach. These dark, blackish containers are sometimes called “devil's pocketbook” or “devil's purses;” “mermaid's purses;” or “sailor's purses.” The Skate egg case is a small (3-4 inches long), leathery, rectangular sort of pouch with long, thin, horn-like projections sticking out from each corner. The case forms around each individual skate embryo just before the mother deposits the cases on the sea floor. They are very tough and hard to penetrate, thus deterring predators. Learn more at

<http://www.mitchellspublications.com/guides/shells/articles/0074/>

From <http://www.txshrimp.org/Recipes.aspx>

MINTED SHRIMP WITH LENTILS, RICE AND PASTA

2 T. olive oil
1 yellow onion, chopped
14.5 ounce can diced tomatoes
1/2 tsp. each salt and pepper
4 ounces each green lentils, rice,
fettuccine
1 stick butter
1 pound Texas shrimp, peeled and
deveined
1/4 cup fresh mint, chopped
Salt and pepper, to taste

Heat the oil in a large sauté pan over medium-high heat; add the onions and cook until golden brown. Stir in the tomatoes with the salt and pepper and remove from the heat.

Boil the lentils, the rice, and the fettuccine separately in pots of water until cooked. As each one cooks, drain and add to the tomato mixture; set aside.

Melt the butter in another large pan. Add the shrimp, mint, salt, and pepper. Sauté for 2 to 3 minutes until the shrimp has turned a light pink. Serve immediately on top of the tomato-lentil mixture.

Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Idle Iron Policy

In a letter to U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, Texas Governor Rick Perry is calling for a review of the federal government's "Idle Iron" policy that threatens to dismantle what is regarded as the largest artificial reef system in the world. In the letter, Perry says that the policy, which orders non-producing oil and gas rigs and other structures in offshore waters to be removed within five years of the issuance of the directive, will have profound negative implications for marine fisheries and the local coastal communities and businesses that rely on the fishing opportunities that these structures provide in the Gulf. That would mean at this point, about 650 offshore rigs would be destroyed. That's 650 individual, massive, living, vibrant coral-reef ecosystems — obliterated. (And keep in mind, these are huge vertical reefs offering structure and coral where otherwise there would be only barren, smooth bottom.) There may be hope — in the form of federal legislation just introduced by Louisiana Sen. David Vitter called the Rigs to Reefs Habitat Protection Act of 2011. Learn more at <http://guyharveysportswear.com/blog/2011/09/stop-the-plan-to-destroy-our-gulfs-living-coral-reefs/>

Hurricane Preparedness

Every Texan living along our coast needs to be prepared for hurricanes, tropical storms and tropical depressions. The [Texas Sea Grant](#) website has publications and links on designed to help residents stay safe before, during and after a major storm and to minimize the damage caused by the storm and its aftermath.

World Oceans Day: June 8th

The oceans are essential to food security and the health and survival of all life, power our climate and are a critical part of the biosphere. The official designation of World Oceans Day is an opportunity to raise global awareness of the current challenges faced by the international community in connection with the oceans. Many countries have celebrated World Oceans Day following the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which was held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992.

http://www.un.org/Depts/los/reference_files/worldoceansday.htm

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