

## **Island Clean Up**

Lee County Parks & Recreation has donated 3 dumpsters to our Island to assist in the cleanup effort from the fish kill as a result of Red Tide. They are now located on the south (Barnacle's) fenceline of Team Davenports's barge lot, which is generally open during the week until mid-afternoon. Our thanks to Danny for transporting the dumpsters for us at no cost.

These dumpsters are for dead fish and other marine life ONLY!

Please do not deposit household trash, yard waste or anything else. To do so will jeopardize our arrangement with the County, and will only serve to make our current problem worse.

This will continue to be an ongoing project until after the Red Tide has left our area, and there is no way to predict when that will happen. Anyone who wants to help out can do so by contacting Duncan Rosen of Tortuga Properties. Duncan was kind enough to organize the cleanup of our Gulf beaches last week and can let you know what area(s) again need attention. Please double bag what you pick up. Let Duncan know if you need bags.

If you are going out on the beach, please wear boots or thick soled shoes. Catfish barbs are very painful. Also, strongly consider a breathing mask to protect you from the stench and the toxins.

Lee County has contracted with Crowder/Gulf to assist in the cleanup and they are scheduled to take care of Safety Harbor and the canal by NCIC. I will continue to keep them advised as to what still needs to be done.

Our sincere thanks to all who participate in this project and, PLEASE, be careful.

Thank you,

Bill Byrnes, Chairman  
Upper Captiva Board of Fire Commissioners

P.S. from Sue Ann: If you want to read a good article backed by science on Red Tide, go to this link: <http://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/fls-convicted-water-polluter-mosaic-financially-supports-fls-red-tide-expert-mote>. From there you will find other informative links.