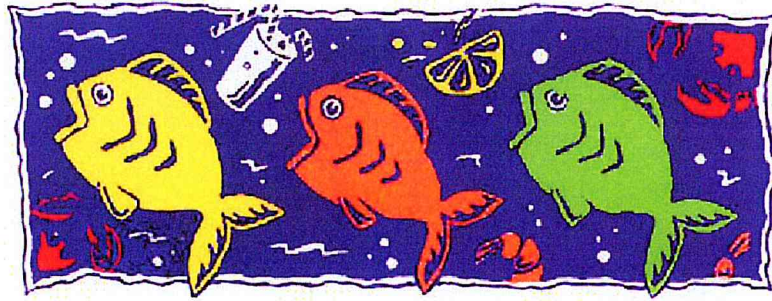


## Seafood Festival Returns to Destin Harbor Sept. 30 - Oc



After years of organizing Destin's long running Seafood Festival, the Destin Chamber of Commerce announced this past fall that it was time for them to let go. An open call was put out to community stakeholders in the Destin Harbor area, and the Destin Charter Boat Association stepped to the plate.

All businesses along the Destin Harbor have pledged support and have engaged in planning meetings to discuss venues, timing and details for **The 33rd Annual Destin Seafood Festival**. The event traditionally draws tens of thousands of visitors each year. The Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association and the Emerald Coast Tourism and Visitors Bureau have also stepped up to support the festival, which has become a tradition for both locals and visitors alike.

Bruce Craul, FRLA President Elect and COO of Emerald Grande at HarborWalk Village, supported efforts to bring the Destin Seafood Festival back to its original dates of the first weekend in October, and return to the original Destin Harbor location thereby working in harmony with the kick-off of the Destin Fishing Rodeo. In order to achieve this, Craul's marketing team offered to move their suc-

cessful Harbor Fest event to the spring of 2012 to accommodate the change back to the original dates and location.

"We are pleased that the historic Destin Seafood Festival is back to its original roots on the Destin Harbor," says Craul. "A strong relationship will be forged in the upcoming years with the Destin Fishing Rodeo, Destin Charter Boat Association and neighboring Destin Harbor businesses."

Mike Eller, Captain of The Lady Em, and co-president of the Destin Charter Boat Association, explains: "We will place a strong emphasis on maintaining the integrity, traditions and the history of the Seafood Festival, starting with the moving the date back to ensure that the festival is the official kick-off of the Destin Fishing Rodeo."

The annual Destin Fishing rodeo has drawn anglers to Destin each year since 1948. The entire business community and the City of Destin have worked together and moved forward to achieve a successful solution to breath new life into the historic Destin Seafood Festival.

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