

16TH ANNUAL SHRIMP COOK-OFF IS SET FOR NOVEMBER 1ST

Dozens of amateur and professional chefs will compete for top prizes at the 16th Annual World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff, scheduled to be held Sunday, November 1st from 10:00 am to 6 pm at the intersection of Highway 100 and 48 in Port Isabel.

The community event will be held in the parking lot of the Las Palmas Shopping Center, in front of Beall's and other retail stores. The site location is provided courtesy of Tarantino Properties.

Live music will be provided by The Agency all day long, and festival goers can browse the booths of gifts, food items, art and more. A minicarnival and Children's area will be set up on Third Street—which will be closed for the one day event. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 10 and under. Proceeds benefit the Port Isabel Chamber of Commerce.

"This event is made possible through the generous support of our corporate sponsors," said Chamber President Betty Wells. "In addition, the many volunteers who contribute their hours of time and efforts are what make this such a successful festival." An estimated 5,000 people attended last year's cookoff and Chamber officials are optimistic that crowds will be large again this year.

For more information on the World's Championship Shrimp Cookoff, contact the Chamber office at 943-2262.

www.portisabel.org/shrimp-cookoff

MUSEUMS OF PORT ISABEL SCHEDULE DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

The Museums of Port Isabel, in collaboration with the City of Port Isabel, the Port Isabel Economic Development Corporation, the Laguna Madre Art League, and the Laguna Madre Museum Foundation, is proud to present their 7th Annual "Los Colores del Muerto", Day of the Dead Celebration.

Beginning on Friday, October 30, with a screening of "MACARIO" at 8:30 p.m., Lighthouse Establishment Cinema will close out the 2009 movie season and kick off the Los Colores del Muerto Celebration. The movie is a Mexican Day of the Dead classic and is subtitled. Admission is free and concessions are available.

On Saturday, October 31, 2009, the Museums of Port Isabel will host a full day of activities, all at no charge to the public, including Day of the Dead arts and crafts, food, exhibits, hands-on activities and live entertainment. Open to the public from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Altar Exhibit will remain on display through Saturday, November 14.

www.portisabelmuseums.com/dod

NEW MEMBER
THE GYM



PORT ISABEL CHAMBER AND MARKETING COMMITTEE HOST RV PARK DIRECTORS & OUTDOOR WRITERS IN OCTOBER

On October the 13th, participants from Rio Grande Valley RV Parks enjoyed a full schedule of activities including a tour of the Port Isabel Museums, the Port Isabel Lighthouse, the SPI Dolphin Research & Nature Center and lunch at Pirates Landing. Afternoon's activities featured a dockside knife throwing show and a firing of the cannon before boarding the Black Dragon for a two hour cruise. Following the cruise, the group enjoyed happy hour at Doubleday Sports Bar.

The following week a group of outdoor writers from across the state visited Port Isabel where activities were kicked off with a Tuesday evening welcome dinner at Pirates Landing Restaurant. After a morning of fishing with local guides and captains on Wednesday, the group enjoyed a dockside knife throwing show and a firing of the cannon before boarding the Black Dragon for a two hour cruise. Following the cruise, the group enjoyed a bar-b-que dinner at Doubleday Sports Bar. Thursday's morning fishing was followed by a fish fry at White Sands Restaurant. The Sports and Outdoor Writers and Photographers Fam Tour is the latest in a series of proactive efforts to attract media attention to the amenities that Port Isabel has to offer. Past tours have resulted in a full page pictorial and editorial content in both the



Left: Erich Schlegel, photographer, finds treasure aboard the Black Dragon. Above: RV Park Directors enjoy a cruise aboard the Black Dragon.

Corpus Christi Caller-Times and the Houston Chronicle. A wide variety of publications, websites, blogs and properties were represented at these events.

CHAMBER SLATES BREAKFAST WITH THE MAYOR

Port Isabel Mayor Joe Vega will be the guest speaker at the Nov 6th Port Isabel Chamber All Member Meeting.

Billed as "Breakfast with the Mayor", the concept was first suggested by the Port Isabel Merchants Committee and forwarded to the Chamber's Board of Directors. The meeting will include a complimentary breakfast provided by Pirate's Landing Restaurant and is scheduled for 8:30 am on Friday, Nov. 6th.

Mayor Vega will deliver a "State of the City" message and outline his goals and plans for the City's development. He will then accept questions from the audience.

"We are looking forward to hearing the Mayor's vision for Port Isabel," said Chamber Board Chairman Shelton Coleman. "This is by no means a political meeting, but rather an update

on the status of our city. We hope all of our members will take advantage of this unique opportunity to visit with Mayor Vega."

The meeting is open to all Port Isabel Chamber members and interested business people.

NOVEMBER CHAMBER & COMMUNITY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

10/30	8:30pm	Lighthouse Establishment Cinema
10/31	All Day	Day of the Dead Celebration (Port Isabel Museums)
11/1	9:00am	Antique & Flea Market
	10:00am	World's Championship Shrimp Cook-Off
11/2	5:30pm	Parks & Recreation (City of Port Isabel)
11/3	5:30pm	Historical Preservation Board
11/4	8:30am	Merchant's Committee Meeting
11/9	10:00am	Museums- Laguna Madre Museum Foundation
11/10	7:00pm	City Commission Meeting
11/12	8:00am	Laguna Madre Humane Society
	6:00pm	Beautification Committee
	6:00pm	The Gym, Ribbon Cutting
11/14	6:00pm	Planning & Zoning Meeting
11/15	3:00pm	Harbor Committee
11/17	6:00pm	Joint Community Center Committee
11/18	8:30am	Merchant's Committee Meeting
	6:00pm	Economic Development Corporation Board Meeting
11/24	7:00pm	Commission Meeting (City of Port Isabel)
11/26	5:30pm	Comprehensive Planning

See more online at www.portisabel.org/calendar

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