

# ...CHECK-IN INFO TO KEEP HANDY

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- Acquiring a Fishing License
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## OFFICE HOURS

9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
7 days a week

During June & July we are open until 6:00 pm on

## CHECK-IN CHECK-OUT

Check-In - 4:00 pm  
6:00 pm guaranteed during High Season

## KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM "HOW-TO'S"

1. You have plenty of time to enter your code...don't worry about having to rush.
2. Enter your six-digit code into the keypad;
3. When the light at the top of the lock turns green and you hear it disengage;
4. Push down on the lever to open.
5. The door is always locked on the outside and unlocked on the inside.
6. Remember to keep your code with you when you close the door to leave.

Should you need assistance during office hours, please call the Check-In Center at



## "IF YOU'D LIKE TO MAKE A CALL..."

Local and long distance calls from your vacation home are free! From the beige phone with the data port, simply dial 1+ area code + number just as you would at home. If you would like to make a call from another phone in the house, you must first dial 1-866-

Please call our phone system specialists at 1-800-514-0972 if you experience any difficulty when making or receiving calls.

## SPEAKING OF PHONE NUMBERS...

We work very hard to prepare your vacation home and ensure it is in first-class condition in anticipation of your stay with us.

If in the process of cleaning the home something has been overlooked or does not exceed your expectations, we ask that you please call our Housekeeping Department at 927-3017 within 24 hours of your arrival and we will send someone out in a timely manner to correct the situation.

Need more linens? Not a problem, please call Housekeeping at 927-2322 x 7188 and leave a message on the voicemail. A member of our staff will contact you to confirm your request and to arrange delivery.

A word on maintenance: Whatever the circumstance, we ask that you contact us IMMEDIATELY so that your stay with us remains comfortable.

During business or after hours, please call 927-2110 and provide as much detail as possible about any malfunctioning equipment.

At Resort Vacation Properties, we have our own well-trained staff that will respond to your call and analyze the situation. If it is within our scope, they will make necessary repairs and for matters requiring a specialization, we call the experts. If an air conditioning or pool predicament arises, we will contact a certified professional and it is under these circumstances that a repair ~~may be~~ ~~briefly~~ ~~delayed~~

## LITTLE TOUCHES MEAN A LOT....

As a courtesy to our valued guests, we have equipped your home with a **starter supply** of garbage bags, hand soap, dishwashing detergent, dishwasher soap, all-purpose cleaner, paper towels and toilet paper.



140 West First Street  
St. George Island, FL 32328  
Toll Free: (866) 931-1062  
[www.resortvacationproperties.com](http://www.resortvacationproperties.com)

## VACATION RENTAL PROTECTION PLAN IS INCLUDED IN YOUR RESERVATION

You've saved. You've planned. But sometimes things don't go according to plan.

What if you get sick before your Island visit? What if you need medical treatment while you are here? What if a loved one becomes ill and you can't leave home or have to return from vacation early? What if bad weather prevents you from coming or forces you to leave early?

Resort Vacation Properties includes trip insurance with your reservation so that you can be reimbursed, less the policy premium, for forfeited unused payments or deposits if due to a covered reason. Because we purchase it at the time we

receive your confirmation deposit, the Pre-Existing Medical Condition Exclusion is waived.

Travel insurance covers your trip investment if you must cancel or interrupt your vacation due to:

1. Sickness, injury or death, to either you, a traveling companion or an immediate family member or business partner.
2. Inclement weather;
3. Your residence or the Island is uninhabitable by fire, flood or similar natural disaster, even vandalism or burglary;
4. Jury Duty;
5. Military Duty, (within 30 days of departure);

**Travel  
Guard**

Travel Smart. Travel Insurance.

6. Termination and transfer of employment
7. Involved or delayed by a traffic accident in route to the Island;
8. Medical expenses incurred while traveling including emergency dental treatment;
9. 24-hour emergency hotline including cash advances, prescription replacement.

Actually, the list goes on and on. Remember though, as with any insurance policy, there are reductions, limitation, exclusions and termination

## PETS ARE WELCOME ON SGI

So that all visitors to St. George Island can enjoy our area and the beach in particular, please note that Franklin County has enacted a leash law, (County Ordinance Chapter 4, Article II, Sections 4-20)

This ordinance regulates and encourages the humane and responsible treatment of animals in Franklin County.

Specific definitions are as follows:

**RESTRAINT:** A dog or cat shall be considered under restraint if it is confined within the real property limits of its owner or secured by a leash or lead or under the direct control of a responsible person.

**DIRECT CONTROL:** Immediate, continuous physical control of a dog at all times such as by means of a leash, cord, secure fence, or chain of such strength to restrain the dog and controlled by a person capable of restraining the dog, or safe and secure restraint within a vehicle. If the controlling person is at all times fully and clearly in the unobstructed sight and hearing of the dog, voice control shall be considered direct

control.

All dogs shall be kept under restraint in any property zoned residential or commercial.

No animal shall be allowed to cause a nuisance. The owner of every dog or cat shall be held responsible for every behavior of such dog or cat under the provisions of this ordinance. Pet owners are required to pick up after their pets and properly dispose of their droppings by putting them in a trash receptacle. Do not bury pet waste; burying can spread dangerous viruses to humans.

Within St. George State Park, pets are only permitted in on paved areas. They must be kept on a hand-held leash that is six-feet or shorter and be well-behaved at all times. Service animals are welcome in all areas of the Park.

SUBDIVISIONS &  
ASSOCIATIONS: St. George Plantation, Sunset Beach, 300 Ocean Mile, Villas of St George Island and other areas governed by



The most affectionate creature in the world is a wet dog.

-Ambrose Bierce



# GOIN' FISHIN'? WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

(Excerpted from Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission, <http://myfwc.com>)

## Do I need a freshwater or saltwater fishing license or both?

In general, you need a freshwater license to take freshwater fish and a saltwater license to take saltwater fish, unless one of the exemptions found at <http://myfwc.com> applies to your situation. If you are fishing in pure fresh water where no saltwater species live, you need a freshwater license and likewise if you are fishing in the ocean you need a saltwater license. However, when you get into estuarine type areas where salt and fresh water commingle and fish of both types can be found, the issue becomes less clear. The interpretation of the rule is:

You need either a freshwater, saltwater or combination license (or appropriate exemption) to take fish (*take is legally defined as taking, attempting to take, pursuing, molesting, capturing, or killing any fish, or their nests or eggs by any means whether or not such actions result in obtaining possession of such fish or their nests or eggs*);

1. If you are using species specific gear, your license should be appropriate to the species you are targeting;
2. Otherwise you need an appropriate type license to keep your catch and must immediately release any species for which you are not licensed. License requirements follow the species of fish, regardless of where they are caught. In other words, if you only have a freshwater license and are primarily fishing for largemouth bass or bream (freshwater species) in a river,

but happen to catch a red drum (a saltwater species), you must immediately release the red drum.

3. If taking a charter, ask the captain about the need for your own license. State law exempts the need for one depending on the type of license held by the captain or the vessel.

## Where can I get a license?

Saltwater fishing licenses are sold at all county tax collectors' offices in Florida and at many license agents such as sporting goods stores or other retailers selling hunting or fishing equipment.

Licenses may also be obtained over the telephone by dialing toll-free, 1-888-FISH-FLORIDA (347-4356). For those with internet access, licenses are now available online at [www.fl.wildlifelicense.com](http://www.fl.wildlifelicense.com).

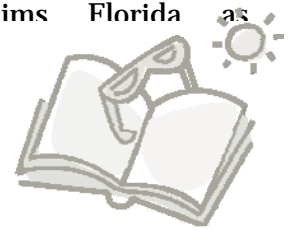
An additional fee is charged for these services.

With either method, you'll have a temporary license number within minutes, enabling you to fish right away. Your permanent license will be mailed within 48 hours.

## What if I am a resident of Florida?

When applying for a saltwater recreational fishing license, you are considered to be a Florida resident if you are:

1. Any person who has resided in Florida for six continuous months prior to applying for a resident license and who claims Florida as their



Remember to take the regulations with you for easy access to gear type, bag & size limits.

SALTWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES*	
Resident**	Non-Resident
Annual \$17	Annual \$47
5-year \$79	3-Day \$17
Shoreline Annual - Free	7-Day \$30
Other Annual Permits (Same for Residents & Non)	
Snook \$10	Tarpon Tag \$51.50
FRESHWATER FISHING LICENSE FEES*	
Resident**	Non-Resident
Annual \$17	Annual \$47
5-year \$79	3-Day \$17
Annual Fresh/Saltwater Combo \$32.50	7-Day \$30
*Fees are set by the Florida Legislature. Additional charges & fees may apply.	
Effective 7/1/10: Florida residents must have a shoreline fishing license or saltwater license if fishing from land or from a structure affixed to land. Some exemptions do apply so please go online at <a href="http://www.myfwc.com">www.myfwc.com</a>	

## SHARING OUR BEACHES – LIGHTS OUT!

We feel very fortunate here on St. George Island because female loggerhead sea turtles nest from May 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> on our beautiful beaches.

This threatened species nests only on subtropical beaches where it is warm enough to incubate their eggs. The turtles emerge between May and August and deposit approximately 100 eggs in a nest cavity about 12 inches deep, usually near the dune line. Starting in July and for the next three months, the two inch long turtles hatch at night and scurry down the beach to the sea, guided by light reflected from Gulf waters.

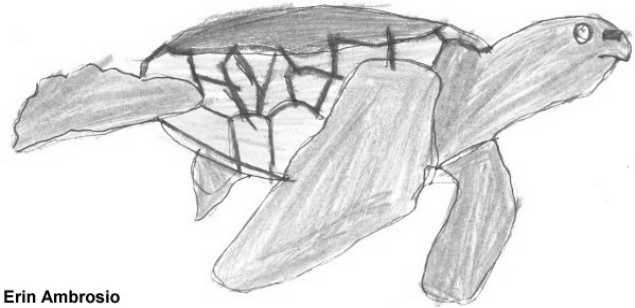
Hatchlings swim offshore and in their first several years live in floating seaweed, drifting along the edges of ocean currents. Many years pass until the hatchlings reach maturity. Sea turtles may live for up to 60 years or more and adults weigh an average of 275 pounds and have a shell length of about 3 feet. Only 1 in 1000 hatchlings reaches reproductive age.

Sharing the beach with sea turtles is a great privilege and so we take great measures to protect them. Federal and state laws protect all species of sea turtles and we have a local turtle protection organization that assists the citizens and guests of St. George Island too. **Sea Turtles at Risk Inc.** or, "STAR" has worked very hard over the years to educate all of us about the dangers of artificial lighting near the beach.

Lighting near beaches causes hatchlings to become disoriented and wander away from the sea. When this happens, most hatchlings die from exposure, dehydration, or being run over by vehicles on nearby roads.

If you see a crawl, we would like to gather data on the nesting attempt. Please contact our local permit holder, Bruce Drye at (850) 927-2103 or the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission at (888) 404-3922.

If you would like to learn more about this program, want to support STAR's efforts or help as a volunteer, please e-mail Bruce Hall at [bruce.h@fairpoint.net](mailto:bruce.h@fairpoint.net) or visit [www.seaturtlesatrisk.org](http://www.seaturtlesatrisk.org).



Erin Ambrosio

### **In order to avoid disrupting the nesting sea turtles STAR suggests the following:**

- **Please turn off all exterior lights and close window coverings after dark.**
- Avoid disturbing a turtle that is crawling to or from the ocean.
- Avoid shining lights on a sea turtle or snapping flash photos.
- Avoid other nighttime activities, such as bonfires, fireworks, etc. that might prevent sea turtles from coming ashore.
- Take in beach chairs, tents and toys at night, so a sea turtle won't get tangled in them.
- Fill in any holes you dig on the beach.
- If you are lucky enough to see a turtle; sit quietly in the dark, at a distance, to watch her nest.
- Discourage others from harassing any sea turtle.
- If you have the opportunity to see a hatch take place, please do not help the babies to the water. Baby sea