

# Beach Vacation 4 Me

## It's Time to Celebrate Summer!

The longest days of the year are here and the skies are sun filled. It's summer! Now is the perfect time to plan your summer getaway to one of Florida's best kept secrets – North Captiva Island. I am frequently told by guests, "I did not know North Captiva Island existed. I want to keep it a secret. It is such a special spot." Believe me, our family and friends feel like the island is a little slice of heaven too.

I just returned from two glorious weeks on the island. Along with touring properties, meeting with homeowners and property managers, I managed to walk the beach every day, enjoy both seaside and poolside, family and friends visited and I caught my first tarpon. What an amazing experience this was.

In this newsletter you will find homes that still have availability for the summer weeks and some facts about visiting the island during this time of year. I find when you plan a trip to go the beach, getting there is a big part of the experience. This is so true when you are planning a trip to North Captiva. Guests traveling to islands experience many connections including cars, planes, boats and golf carts. This can sometimes be an overwhelming experience. There are many commercial websites that help and provide you with wealth of information about vacation locations and home rentals. Technology is a wonderful vehicle that makes our lives easier and more efficient but it cannot replace a human voice on the other end of the telephone. I welcome your calls.

Whether you have three days, a full week or multiple weeks, I can assist you in finding the perfect vacation home on the island. Together we can plan your perfect trip. You too can savor the island atmosphere and see how a perfect day unfolds.

So....."Grab your Flip Flops and Don't Forget Your Sunscreen – Let's Go To The Beach!"

*Sarah*

## The Thrill of a Lifetime – I caught my first tarpon!

I had been waiting for this day for a long time and it was even more thrilling than I would have expected. The picture to the right tells it all. What an amazing fish the tarpon is. The one I caught was about 5 feet long, weighing at least 140 pounds. It took a little over a half hour to reel to the boat. I couldn't have done this without the guidance of Captain Bo Johnson from Tenacity Guide service. [www.fishtenacity.com](http://www.fishtenacity.com)

As Bo's website states about tarpon fishing: "the only think more exciting than stalking fish on the flats is stalking fish that are 7 plus feet in length and weighing up to 225 lbs. Tarpon are one of the most sought after trophy fish in the world. Fisherman travel from all around the world for a chance at fighting and landing the might Silver King. Leaping like a lightning bolt from below, these fish put on one of the best aerial shows that there is to be seen. This is the ultimate angling rush!"

If you are planning a trip to North Captiva or Boca Grande, I urge you to contact Bo Johnson for the experience of a lifetime. He is a professional, knows the waters and couldn't be a nicer person! Love you Bo!



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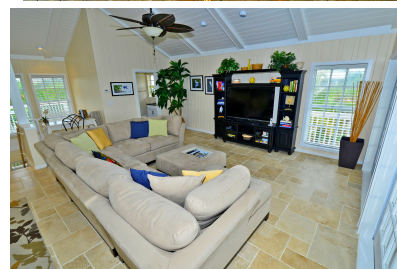
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## BYOB — Bring Your Own Boat

There is nothing more fun than boating when you are visiting Southwest Florida. Many folks who own their own boat will ask about bringing a boat on vacation. For guests bringing a boat to North Captiva, boats can be launched from the Fisherman's Co-op (this must be arranged via the North Captiva Island Club) or they can be launched at the Pineland Marina <http://www.pinelandmarina.com>. There are very few homes on the island that have a dock where you pull up right to the house. One of the many gems that has boat parking at the house is the Rum Cove. The week of June 13 and Jun 27 are open. This is a rare opportunity to stay at the Rum Cove. We are adding new bedding to sleep 10 in beds. Call today.

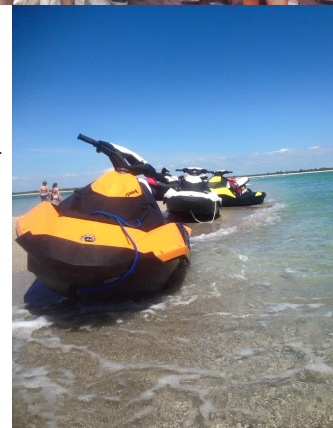
**Rum Cove** — 4 BR/5 BA — 2 Golf Carts — Slip at the House — Fish cleaning station — Ping Pong — Spectacular Pool area with pool bar. This house has it all!



## Boats and Fun - More than Boat Rentals!!



I continually receive notes and pictures from my guests regarding their “incredibly awesome” experiences with Boats and Fun. As I have shared before in my previous newsletters, this is my “Go To” team to enhance your experience on North Captiva. Boats and Fun just reported to me that they have purchased new jet skis. I highly recommend a Jet Ski tour with one of the Jet Ski Gods. If you request the tour just like stated, you are in for a spectacular time. The team tells me the fat tire bike rentals have been a big hit on the island. Boats and Fun offers a wide variety of services including private water taxi, shelling trips, dolphin watching tours, fishing guides, stand up paddle board rentals, boat rentals and more. The gift shop offers a unique variety of items including a spectacular wine selection, ice cream, t-shirts and souvenirs. You can order fresh fish here to be delivered the next day from one of the local fresh fish markets. In addition, they have a professional photographer on staff for your family photos. There truly is something for everyone and they could not be a nicer group of people. They welcome your calls and look forward to you stopping in.





## Introducing Gulf Dreams on-the-Beach



*Gulf Dreams on-the-beach LIKE HAVING YOUR VERY OWN LUXURY RESORT LOCATED ON ITS OWN BEACH - 5 BEDROOM - SLEEPS UP TO 12 - HEATED POOL - PRIVATE DOCK - GULF DREAMS'S OWN KAYAKS, BIKES, BEACH CHAIRS & UMBRELLAS FOR YOUR PERSONAL USE*

**Imagine** a beach vacation at a house that's like your very own luxury beach resort called Gulf Dreams on-the-beach. The deed to this luxury beach house states that the property's west boundary is the Gulf of Mexico. The house has 75 feet of private, white sand Gulf beach for your pleasure, easily accessed by the only private, elevated boardwalk on the island.

**Imagine** arriving at Gulf Dreams on-the-beach's private 85-foot dock on a private canal (in your boat, or by boat taxi), located 1,000-feet east of Gulf Dreams's beach house. You will be greeted at the dock by the resort's manager who will transfer you and your luggage to the house. **Imagine** this manager, who is a full-time resident of the island, will familiarize you with the beach house and resort amenities, as well as the island and will be a short phone call away during your stay. As an added convenience, your refrigerators and cupboards will be stocked with your choice of groceries prior to your arrival, for an extra charge.

**Imagine** a secluded luxury beach house accessed by a long, lavishly-landscaped driveway providing privacy from golf cart traffic and neighboring houses.

**Imagine** having one of the only privately-owned swimming pools and pool-side gazebos on the island located on a beach dune, surrounded by lush tropical vegetation that provides complete privacy.

**Imagine** your own luxury beach resort with its own beach picnic table, beach chairs and umbrellas, kayaks, bicycles, ping-pong, board games, puzzles, and a private canal dock for fishing.

**Imagine** a bright and airy 4-story beach house with vaulted ceiling heights of 10 to 14 feet throughout, 2 large screened-in porches with expansive views of the pool and Gulf of Mexico (one where you can eat all your meals "al fresco", the other where you can play ping-pong and board games). Imagine a large, 4th-floor master suite, with spectacular 360-degree views of the Gulf and bay sides of the island, a gourmet, fully-equipped kitchen with granite counters and high-end appliances.

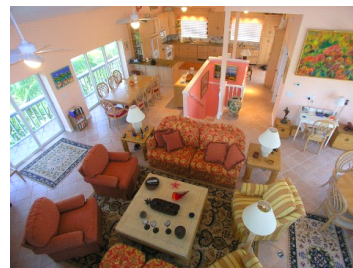
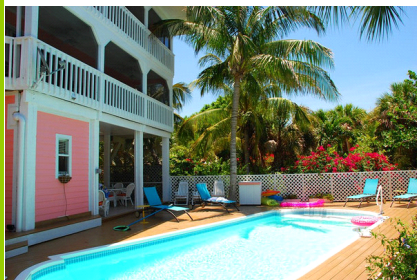
**Imagine no longer!**



## Island Queen 4 BR/3 BA – Private Pool – Steps to the beach

Be treated like a queen at the Island Queen –Discount for Summer Weeks Remaining

Don't miss this opportunity to stay at this island beauty. Owner has dropped the summer rate as there is a construction in the neighborhood. This is a fantastic home with spectacular views and a wonderful pool area. I recently had the opportunity to spend time here and would highly recommend this island jewel.



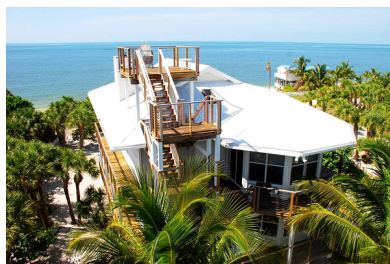
## Beach Therapy – Breathtaking 3 BR/2.5 BA – Private Pool and Hot Tub “Going to the beach is cheaper than going to a therapist”

No detail has been missed at this wonderful North Captiva Island home. Beach Therapy is immaculately maintained as the owners are “hand’s on”. They care about your stay! Though the house is booked until August 1<sup>st</sup>, we do have some weeks available in August. This is a popular island home. Don't miss this opportunity to spend some time at Beach Therapy. You will leave renewed!



## Wit's End Location, Location, Location! 4BR/2.5 BA New Owners

This spectacular 4 bedroom home is just steps from the beach with unobstructed views of the gulf. Wit's End was recently purchased and the owners have changed the bedding to accommodate up to 10 people. The home now features, two kings, one queen, one full and three twins. In addition they have added a new hot tub. You will have full resort privileges at the North Captiva Island Club which includes two large pools, tennis, bikes, kayaks and much more.





## GREAT NORTH CAPTIVA PROPERTIES

### SOME AVAILABLE DATES REMAINING FOR SUMMER 2015!



**Rock Star** – 2 BR - 2 BA – Best Value on the island, immaculately maintained by owner. **2BR/2BA sleeps up to 6.** \$200.0 plus sales tax per night for parties of 4 or less. Extra \$25.0 per person charge for parties over 4. Additional \$75.0 resort fee.



**Captiva Beach Sunset** – 5 BR – Gulf front – Pool – 2 Golf Carts - **Sleeps up to 14**  
Our guests say “It’s the Ideal Family Retreat” – **Limited Availability** July 25 & August 15th open!



**SurfSide** – 3 BR/2 BA with hot tub – **sleeps up to 8** just steps from the beach. This is a luxury rental. The owners have missed no details. Membership to the North Captiva Island Club included with your stay. Weeks of June 13, 27 and July 25<sup>th</sup> still available.



**Isla Vista** – 4 BR/3 BA – **sleeps up to 8** Spectacular location, close to the beach and close to the North Captiva Island Club. Weeks of Jun 13 and July 18<sup>th</sup> still available. Great family home!



**Blue Laguna** – 3 BR/3 BA – **sleeps up to 8** – Private pool, North Captiva Island Club Membership – exceptional summer value – Don’t miss your opportunity to stay at this fun beach rental. Week of Jun 13 & 20 available. If you have a big party, the Rock Star beach house is right across the street. Book the two together for larger parties.

## It's Mango Season again!

Did you know that no other states report the production of mangos? Consequently, Florida is the main United States producer of this fruit. Mango Mania is a festival held at the German American Social Club, 2101 S.W. Pine Island Road, Cape Coral during the month of July. Festival-goers can taste and buy their fill of just picked mangoes of assorted varieties, many not available in supermarkets. They can learn how to grow their own and buy a tree. There's music, dancing and even some non-mango comestibles for anyone who simply can't live on mangoes alone. If you don't have time to go to the festival, order mango's from the market or stop at one of the local fruit stands on the way to the marina. The fruit vary in shape (kidney, round, oblong, oval) and weight ranges from a few ounces to five pounds. Although the fruit will ripen on the tree, it is usually picked green and will ripen quickly. The fruit is just delicious. Why not celebrate your own mango mania while visiting Southwest Florida!