



**Public Safety Committee  
11:00am, Tuesday, June 3, 2025  
City Hall Council Chambers  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC**

**Public Comment:**

Citizens who wish to speak during the meeting must email their first and last name, address and topic to Nicole DeNeane, City Clerk, at [nicoled@iop.net](mailto:nicoled@iop.net) no later than 3:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. Citizens may also provide written public comment here: <https://www.iop.net/public-comment-form>

**Agenda**

- 1. Call to order and acknowledgement that the press and the public have been duly notified of the meeting in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.**
- 2. Citizen's Comments** – All comments have a time limit of three (3) minutes.
- 3. Approval of previous meeting's minutes** – May 6, 2025 [p2-4]
- 4. Old Business**
- 5. New Business**
  - a. Discussion of shark fishing/Seabrook Island ordinance [p5-12]
  - b. Discussion of changes to noise regulations [p13-15]
  - c. Discussion on Breach Inlet signage and parking [p16-25]
  - d. Discussion of golf cart regulations [p26-30]
  - e. Discussion of traffic issues
  - f. Discussion of public safety related matrix recommendations [p31]
- 5. Miscellaneous Business** – Next meeting date: July 8, 2025 at 11:00am
- 6. Adjournment**



**Public Safety Committee Meeting  
11:00am, Tuesday, May 6, 2025  
1207 Palm Boulevard, Isle of Palms, SC and  
broadcasted live on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cityofisleofpalms>**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

Present: Council members Streetman, Anderson, Bogosian

Staff Present: Director Kerr, Director Hamilton, Chief Cornett, Battalion Chief Eagle

Also present: Kwento Ikwuezunma and Melissa Anderson, PCI

**2. Citizen's Comments**

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes – April 8, 2025**

**MOTION: Council Member Streetman made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2025 meeting as amended. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**4. Old Business**

**A. Discussion of change to afternoon parking rates**

Kwento Ikwuezunma and Melissa Anderson of PCI shared a seasonal rate review that is attached to these minutes. The rate review detailed the financial impact of increasing the afternoon hourly parking rate in the municipal lots by \$1 vs. a \$15 flat rate.

**MOTION: Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend to City Council an afternoon hourly parking rate of \$3/hour after 4pm in the municipal parking lots. Council Member Streetman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

**B. Discussion of Seasonal Parking Pass for non-residents**

Discussion ensued with the PCI representatives about the cost and distribution of seasonal parking passes for non-residents. PCI shared the financial impact of the sale of 500 seasonal passes at rates of \$200, \$240, or \$250 each.

Discussion continued around how many passes to keep for front beach employees and how many to keep for the general public. Front beach employees will be required to verify their employment status when purchasing a pass.

**MOTION:** Council Member Streetman made a motion to recommend to City Council that 350 seasonal passes be made available to non-residents of the general public, that there be no limit to the amount of employee passes sold upon verification of employment status, and that the passes be sold for \$225 each. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ikwuezunma said a PCI representative will be available at the upcoming City Council workshop to answer questions.

**C. Discussion of short-term rental regulations and consider amending period to trigger revocation hearing from calendar year to rolling 365-day period**

Council Member Bogosian said he would like the Committee to discuss changes to other short-term rental regulations at the June meeting, specifically related to parking and nighttime noise levels.

**MOTION:** Council Member Bogosian made a motion to recommend to City Council amending the period to trigger a revocation hearing from a calendar year to a rolling 365-day period and to set (2) garbage can violations as (1) founded complaint. Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. New Business**

**Update of SC codes related to firearms on the beach**

Chief Cornett said State ordinances prohibit municipalities from creating ordinances or regulations related to firearms. However, a municipality is permitted to prohibit firearms for a specific event on a specific date within a time period and a specified location. Boundaries of such an event must be physically in place and monitored throughout such an event. Chief Cornett said the current Constitutional Carry law in place within South Carolina does prohibit guns from very specific locations and is not meant to ban them from public places like the beach.

**6. Miscellaneous Business**

Council Member Bogosian said he would like to discuss a recent concern about shark fishing at another meeting after the Committee has had the opportunity to review Seabrook Island's ordinance addressing the issue. Council Member Streetman expressed concern about the commercial aspect of shark fishing. Chief Cornett said there is already an ordinance in place to deal with the commercial aspect of such activities. He encouraged residents to call when an event regarding shark fishing is occurring and not after the fact.

Administrator Kerr will send Seabrook Island's ordinance to Committee members and the matter will be on the June agenda.

The next meeting of the Public Safety Committee will be Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 11:00am.

**7. Adjournment**

Council Member Streetman made a motion to adjourn, and Council Member Anderson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole DeNeane  
City Clerk



# Seabrook Island Fishing Guidelines and Etiquette

## 1. Introduction

Seabrook Island is a private coastal community offering a variety of fishing opportunities. This overview provides guidelines for surf, river, stream, pond, and marsh fishing, and fishing from bridges within Seabrook Island. Adherence to these guidelines ensures a safe and enjoyable experience for all residents and visitors.

## 2. Fish Species

- **Surf Fishing:** Common species include red drum, black drum, flounder, croaker, whiting (southern kingfish), sheepshead, bluefish, lady fish, stingrays, spotted sea trout, tarpon, sharks (sharpnose, bonnethead, black tip, etc.) and blue crab.
- **River and Marsh Fishing:** Species include red drum, flounder, spotted seatrout, sheepshead, and blue crab.
- **Lake Fishing:** Species include large-mouth bass, bluegill, and catfish.

## 3. License Requirements

- All individuals fishing in Seabrook Island's marshes, creeks, inlets and tidal ponds must have a **valid SC fishing license** (<https://saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/license.html>) and comply with **SC Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR) regulations** (<https://www.eregulations.com/southcarolina>). A fishing license is not required for freshwater fishing in non-tidal freshwater ponds and lakes on Seabrook Island.
- Resident and non-resident licenses can be obtained online at SCDNR (<https://gooutdoorssouthcarolina.com>) or call 843-762-5000. To qualify for a resident fishing license, the applicant must have been a resident for the last 365 days. Short term licenses are available to non-residents at a reduced cost.

## 4. Fishing Locations

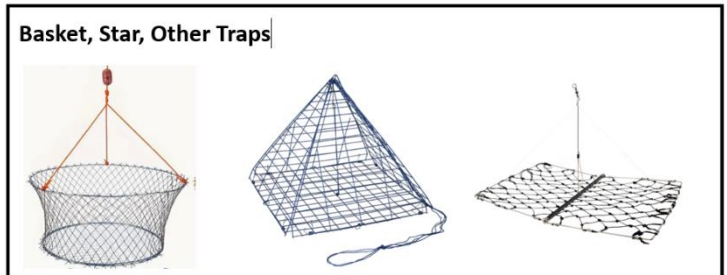
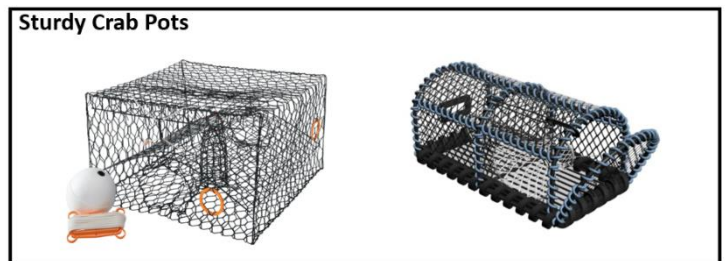
- **Surf Fishing:** "North to South Beach" (Northern stretch of Seabrook Island from Captain Sam's Inlet to the Beach Club and accessible through Boardwalks 1 through 7), to Edisto Beach and Privateer Creek.
- **Various Lakes, Ponds, Streams**
- **Kayak Launch and Crab Dock**
- **Bridges:** There are various bridges within Seabrook Island. Please do not park on the street, exercise caution, and adhere to posted signs.
- **Fishing Charters:** There are several charter captains at Bohicket Marina as well as at the various Charleston Marinas.
- *Fishermen, crabbers, shell fisherman and boaters should be considerate of each other and treat each other with mutual respect so all can enjoy the beach, lakes, streams, and docks and cohabitate peacefully together.*

## 5. Fish, Fishing Regulations

The SCDNR ([www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov)) has specific seasonal size and limit regulations that change from time to time. (<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/regulations.html>).

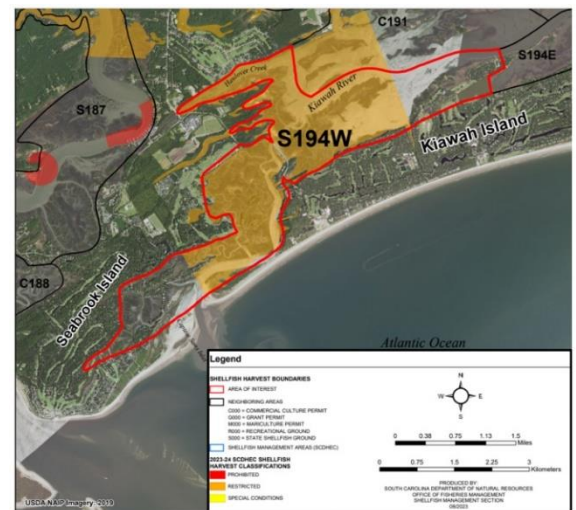
## 6. Crabbing Regulations

- **Licenses: Recreational crab fishermen need a saltwater fishing license with a maximum of two crab pots** (<https://saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/license.html>).
- Pots and traps must be marked with floats with the owner's name, address, and phone number and enough line to keep the float from going underwater at high tide.
- Traps should not be left where they could be exposed at low tide and should be checked daily. Unattended crab traps are death traps for crabs and other species and have negative impacts on our habitat.
- Proper crabbing practice depends on the type of trap used. Crab pots (sturdy structure with bait trap) should be removed within two days or less. Star, basket, net, and other traps are to be monitored and removed at the end of a fishing outing. Derelict (unattended) traps are subject to removal and disposal.
- Blue Crabs must be larger than five inches measured from the tip of one lateral spine across the back of the shell to the tip of the opposite lateral spine.
- Stone Crab claws must have a minimum forearm of  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches, and only crabs with two claws can have one removed. The larger of the two claws can be kept, but no claw can be removed from a female with eggs. Stone crab bodies cannot be possessed, live or dead.
- Crabbers should be cognizant and considerate of other users and keep equipment from cluttering the area. Do not leave equipment or tackle in the area, and clean up and remove all bait, lines, and other trash at the end of your crabbing outing.



## 7. Shell Fishing

- Shell fishing is only permitted within State and Recreational Shellfish Grounds.  
(<https://www.dnr.sc.gov/marine/shellfish/shellfishmaps>)
- Recreational Shell Fishing requires an **SCDNR Saltwater Fishing License** (<https://saltwaterfishing.sc.gov/license.html>)
- Limits: two bushels of oysters and/or one-half bushel of clams (>1 inch).
- The SCDNR publishes various approved areas, restricted areas, restricted equipment, and closure/open dates.
- Currently, there are no “special conditions” for Seabrook Island (see SCDNR map).
- Any discarded or open shells should be disposed of properly; do not leave shells in public areas.



## 8. Golf Course Ponds/Lakes

For safety reasons, the Seabrook Island Club does not permit non-golfers to be on the course. Do not fish the ponds/lakes on the golf courses or practice areas.

## 9. Equipment Regulations

### Permitted Equipment and Activities:

- Rods and Reels
- A fisherman may only use four rods and reels (SCDNR)
- A fisherman from a boat may use an unlimited number of rods (SCDNR)
- Hand Lines
- Kayak fishing
- Gigging
- Spear Fishing
- Cast Nets to collect bait fish
- Crab Traps (limit two per person)

### Prohibited Equipment and Activities:

- **No chumming** within 600 feet of the beach.
- *Definition: Chumming means the depositing into water chopped or ground bait consisting of raw meat or fish parts including blood and oil thereof (excluding chicken) in an attempt to catch fish.*
- This does NOT affect or prohibit the baiting of **crab traps** or the placement of natural bait upon a **hook and line**.
- Trot or long lines (~50 hooks) are prohibited.

## 10. Surf Fishing Guidelines

Seabrook Island was voted one of the top 10 quietest beaches on the East Coast. There are four miles of beachfront and plenty of room for both fisherman and swimmers to enjoy the beauty of Seabrook Island.

- Fishermen should maintain a safe distance from swimmers

- Avoid casting near swimmers and be mindful of where your lines are in the water.
- Swimmers should be aware of fishermen and avoid swimming in fishing locations to prevent accidents.
- If persons are swimming, fisherman should fish elsewhere (at a safe distance).
- If fishermen are present, swimmers should give them space (swim elsewhere at a safe distance).
- **Fishermen and swimmers should be cognizant and considerate of each other, use common sense, and treat each other with mutual respect so all can enjoy the beach and cohabitate the shore peacefully together.**

## 11. Bridge Fishing Guidelines/Safety Issues

- **Be mindful of traffic when fishing from bridges.**
- Do not obstruct the roadway or walkways.
- Follow all posted signs and guidelines.
- Be cautious of casting lines near pedestrians or vehicles; **safety is a priority.**

## 12. Post-Fishing Etiquette

- **Clean Up:** Ensure all trash, bait, and equipment are cleaned up and disposed of properly.
- **Bait:** Do not leave bait on the beach or near fishing areas.
- **Equipment:** Store all equipment safely after use.
- **Hooks:** Properly dispose of hooks and other sharp objects to prevent injuries.
- **Shellfish:** Any discarded or open shells should be disposed of properly; do not leave shells in public areas.
- **Fishermen and non-fisherman should be considerate of each other and treat each other with mutual respect so all can enjoy the beach and cohabitate the shore peacefully together.**

## 13. Other Safety Guidelines

- **Alligator Safety:** Alligators are present in ponds and marsh areas and can occasionally be seen in the ocean. Maintain a safe distance and do not feed, harass, or attempt to hook an alligator. Be cautious of alligators if boating or kayaking in ponds or rivers. Do not dispose of or leave bait or fish near alligators. Report any aggressive alligator behavior to the Seabrook Island Gatehouse at 843.768.6641 (<https://sipoa.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/Alligator-Safety-Brochure-2024-2.pdf>).
- **Dolphin Safety:** Federal Law and the Town of Seabrook Island Ordinances prohibit harassment of dolphins ([https://library.municode.com/sc/seabrook\\_island/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=TOCO\\_CH32\\_WABE\\_ARTIIBEMA\\_DIV2RE\\_S32-43WIMALIPR](https://library.municode.com/sc/seabrook_island/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=TOCO_CH32_WABE_ARTIIBEMA_DIV2RE_S32-43WIMALIPR)):
  - Keep your distance from dolphins, **staying 15 yards away on land** (50 yards by boat/kayak).
  - **Do not try to feed dolphins.** Keep quiet while dolphins are hunting or feeding.
  - No swimming in Captain Sams Inlet two hours before or after low tide or any time when dolphins are present.

- No swimming if dolphins are strand feeding; avoid chasing, following, petting, circling dolphins or separating a mother and calf. If dolphins are beached, don't try to wade in, touch, grab, or mount them.

#### **14. Beach Patrol Authorities**

The Seabrook Island Beach Patrol and SIPOA Patrol Officers have the authority to issue warnings and to ask fisherman (or swimmers) to move if in their judgement they perceive there is a safety issue. They are responsible for ensuring the safety of all beachgoers and responding to any incidents.

#### **15. Conclusion**

By following these guidelines, you contribute to the preservation of Seabrook Island's natural beauty, the freedoms for all to enjoy our special island, the rights of fishermen and swimmers, and the safety of all its residents and visitors.

**Thank you for your cooperation and happy fishing!**



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I wanted the committee to have the information attached and below for reference.

An operation has been working on the beach doing commercial shark fishing. A full description is included in the attached email chain, but in summary commercial operations are illegal, but fishing for shark and other species is not currently addressed by the code.

We are developing the packet now for Tuesday's meeting and the chairman has asked that I forward the background information and give the members time to familiarize themselves with the issue for possibly of being included on a future agenda.

Thanks, Douglas

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Mr. Kerr,

I looked over that ordinance last week after I confirmed with SCDNR that there are no state laws prohibiting the act. I had actually put this proposed ordinance (attached) together for you last week, but was going to wait to talk to you in person about it.

A lot of the time we can ask the individual what they are fishing for and they will most often tell you if it is shark fishing. We could certainly see what they are pulling in and what they are using to bait and get the bait out in the water. Some of the things we would look for would be fighting belts (really shouldn't need those out here for most shore fishing), heavier duty gear, and the use of a canoe/kayak/etc. to get the bait out in the water. All of that would give us the ability to question the fishermen. Of course there may be times where we would miss someone fishing for dangerous marine animals from the beach, but it seems like Horry County has used this ordinance for a while now. I am sure there may not be a lot of tickets for this, but a lot of opportunities to shut down the activity that potentially brings sharks into the area where most of our visitors are in the water.

Hope that helps.

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I do not fish enough to know the answer- but is it chumming what differentiates shark fishing from other types?

I think the prohibition on pulling the shark in would seem to be the best method of enforcement (look in the cooler). Otherwise an officer would try to judge what someone is trying to catch, which seems difficult.

Thanks, Douglas

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Shore Fishing Regulation from Horry County attached.

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## PROPOSED ORDINANCE

### Sec. 9-3-5 (?) Regulations on recreational fishing from shore or pier

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person involved in attempting to catch or take, or catch or take any shark or other marine animals that may endanger the public from any fishing pier, or any beach, or shore.

(b) Any person(s) who baits, fish for, or otherwise attract sharks or other marine animals that may in danger the public within one mile of the beach or any coastal waters are in violation of this chapter. All fishermen shall release at time of recognition any and all fish or other similar type animals that may pose any danger to any beach goers, sunbathers, swimmers or any other person where the fish or animal is caught.

(c) Any person(s) who surf fishes or fishing of any type from a pier or beach, at any time of the year, shall not fish in a manner that presents an unsafe condition to any beach goers, sun bathers, swimmers, or any other person. It shall be the responsibility of the person fishing to maintain a minimum distance of 50 feet from persons in the water. Persons in the water shall have the right-of-way.

(d) Any person who surf fishes must obtain a valid South Carolina issued surf fishing license in accordance with South Carolina State Law. Local government jurisdiction extends to one mile in the Atlantic Ocean and includes all beaches, swashes and piers.



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## Sec. 9-2-5. Noise.

- a. *Declaration; specific noises.* It shall be unlawful for any person to create, assist in creating, permit, continue, or permit the continuance of any noise in the City that is unreasonably loud or disturbing, or any noise which disrupts the peace and quiet of any neighborhood and which does annoy, disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, health, peace, or safety in the circumstances to a of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities except as expressly allowed pursuant to subsections e. and f. of this section. The following are declared to be unreasonably loud or disturbing noises in violation of this section, but such acts shall not be deemed to be exclusive:
- (1) *Blowing horns.* Except as required by law, no person shall blow or cause to be blown within the City any steam whistle, electric horn, or other signaling or warning device, except as alarm signals in case of fire or collision or other imminent danger.
  - (2) *Pets.* It shall be unlawful to keep, stable, harbor or maintain any animal or bird which disturbs the comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in the vicinity by making continually or frequently loud noise.
  - (3) *Loudspeakers, etc.* It shall be unlawful to use, maintain or operate loudspeakers, sound trucks, amplifiers or other mechanical or electrical devices for increasing the volume of sound, upon the street, sidewalks, parks or other outdoor public places owned or under the control of the City, except as permitted under subsection e. and f. of this section; provided, however, that any City-owned property subject to a commercial lease and a noise control agreement or permit is exempt from the requirements of this paragraph.
  - (4) *Hawking or peddling.* It shall be unlawful for any person to make any noise on a public street or in such proximity thereto as to be distinctly and loudly audible on such street by any kind of crying, calling, or shouting or by means of any whistle, rattle, bell, gong, clapper, horn, hammer, drum, musical instrument, or other device for the purpose of attracting attention or of inviting patronage of any persons to any business whatsoever. It is the express intention of this paragraph to prohibit hawking, peddling, soliciting or using other loud noises to attract attention to a business and not to prohibit the spill-over noise emanating from a lawfully operating business.
  - (5) *Radios, phonographs, televisions, etc.* The use, operation or playing of or permitting the use, operation or playing of any radio, hi-fi, stereo system, phonograph, piccolo, television or any musical instrument in such manner or with such unreasonably loud volume in the circumstances as to disturb any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities, or the playing of such instrument in such manner as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any reasonable person of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling or other residence.
  - (6) *Use of vehicle.* The use of any automobile, motorcycle, motor boat, personal watercraft, water jet pack or other type of vehicle in such a state of disrepair, or so loaded, or used or repaired in such a manner as to create unreasonably loud or disturbing noises in the circumstances, particularly grating, grinding, rattling, riveting, revving or other disturbing noises.
  - (7) *Exhaust discharge.* To discharge into the open air the exhaust from any steam engine, stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat engine, motorcycle or motor vehicle except through a muffler or other device which will effectively prevent loud or explosive noises therefrom.
  - (8) *Noise in proximity to schools, courts, etc.* The creation of any excessive noise on any street adjacent to any school, institution of learning, library, or court, while the same is in session, or adjacent to any church during church services, which interferes with the work or worship at any such place or institution.

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- b. ~~*Amplified Music Sound*~~—~~*Nighttime play*~~. It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or establishment to play, operate or cause to be played or operated, any radio, amplified musical instrument (including but not limited to brass or drum instruments), or other amplification device or apparatus making or reproducing musical or other sounds or any sound created by yelling, screaming, or loud talking between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and ~~10:007:30~~ a.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and ~~10:009:00~~ a.m., Friday and Saturday, in such a manner as to be plainly audible in any adjacent street or right-of-way, adjacent place of public accommodation, or adjacent dwelling or other residence. For the purpose of this section, plainly audible shall mean any sound that can be detected by a ~~reasonable~~ person of ordinary sensibilities using his or her unaided hearing faculties, including the understanding of spoken speech, comprehension of whether a voice is raised or normal, or comprehension of musical rhythms.
- c. ~~*Amplified Music Sound*~~—~~*Daytime Play*~~. It shall be unlawful for any person, entity or establishment to play, operate or cause to be played or operated, any radio, amplified musical instrument (including but not limited to brass or drum instruments), or other amplification device or apparatus making or reproducing musical or other sounds between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m., Sunday through Thursday, or between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, in such a manner or with such unreasonably loud volume in the circumstances as to disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any ~~reasonable~~ person of ordinary sensibilities in any dwelling or other residence.
- d. *Piledrivers and other apparatus, tools or equipment*. It shall be unlawful for any contractor, subcontractor, landscaper, supplier or vendor to operate or use any piledrivers, steam shovels, pneumatic hammers, derricks, steam or electric hoists, or other apparatus, tools or equipment, the use of which is attended with loud or disturbing noises, at any time other than between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. No such use shall be permitted on Sundays or on the following legal holidays: New Year's Day; Memorial Day; Fourth of July; Labor Day; Thanksgiving Day; and Christmas Day. Approval for such use may be granted by the City for performing emergency repairs outside of the hours specified. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to prohibit an owner or member of an owner's immediate family from performing maintenance, repairs, or other work on their own property at any time, provided that such work is otherwise in compliance with City ordinances.
- e. *Public interest events*. Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, on application to, and approval by, the Chief of Police, written permits may be granted to broadcast programs of music, speeches, general entertainment, or announcements as a part of and incident to community celebrations of national, State, or City occasions, public festivals, or other public interest events, provided that traffic on the streets is controlled. In determining whether or not to issue such a permit, the Chief of Police shall weigh the public interests in the event against the noise and disturbance anticipated to be created by the event and must consider the intensity and duration of the noise and the area that will likely be affected. The language or content emanating from the event shall not be considered.
- f. *Exceptions*. None of the foregoing prohibitions shall apply to or be enforced against:
- (1) Any City vehicle engaged in City business;
  - (2) Any City-hosted, City-sponsored or City-sanctioned special events;
  - (3) Excavations or repairs of bridges, streets or highways, by or on behalf of the City, county or state during the night, when the public welfare and convenience renders it impossible to perform the work during the day; nor shall the same apply to work performed by public utility companies under like conditions and circumstances, or when there is urgent necessity therefor;
  - (4) Construction activities performed by or on behalf of a governmental agency, including, but not limited to, construction, repair or maintenance of public buildings and drainage facilities, dredging activities, beach renourishment activities, and other public projects.

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g. *Enforcement factors.* Factors to be considered in determining whether a noise is unreasonably loud, disturbing, or excessive for the purposes of this section shall include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following:

- (1) The intensity and volume of the noise;
- (2) The intensity of the background noise, if any;
- (3) Whether the nature of the noise is usual or unusual;
- (4) Whether the origin of the noise IS associated with nature or human-made activity;
- (5) The proximity of the noise to sleeping facilities;
- (6) The land use, nature, and zoning of the area from which the noise emanates and the area where it is received;
- (7) The time of day or night, along with the day of the week and time of year, when the noise occurs;
- (8) ~~The time duration of the noise;~~
- (9) ~~Whether the sound source is temporary;~~
- (10) Whether the noise is recurrent, intermittent or constant;
- (11) Whether or not noise abatement measures are possible and whether or not they are used to reduce the noise level;
- (12) ~~The number of people and their activities that are affected by the noise;~~
- (13) The existence of complaints concerning the noise from persons or premises affected by the noise;
- (14) Whether the noise in the circumstances would disturb a ~~reasonable~~ person of ordinary sensibilities; and
- (15) The nature of any communicative content of the noise shall not be considered for the purpose of this section.

h. *Violations and penalties.* A violation of this section is a misdemeanor punishable pursuant to section 1-3-66. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

i. *Nuisance.*

- (1) Violation of this section is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, which may be abated by the City by restraining order, preliminary and permanent injunction, or other means provided for by law, and the City may take action to recover the costs of the nuisance abatement.
- (2) In addition to the penalties set forth in subsection (h) of this section, repeated violations of this section by a person who owns, manages, operates, is a business agent of, or otherwise controls a business establishment may result in the suspension or revocation of any business license issued to the premises on which the violations occurred in accordance with section 7-1-15.

(Code 1994, § 9-2-5; Ord. No. 1999-15, 6-22-1999; Ord. No. 2001-4, § 1, 3-27-2001; Ord. No. 2003-15, § 1, 11-25-2003; Ord. No. 2016-02, § 1, 2-23-2016; Ord. No. 2018-04, § 1, 4-24-2018)

**From:** [Craig Oliverius](#)  
**To:** [Douglas Kerr](#)  
**Cc:** [Chaundra Yudchenko](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Breach Inlet Signage Draft Narrative and Update for Review  
**Date:** Friday, May 16, 2025 10:47:03 AM  
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Douglas,

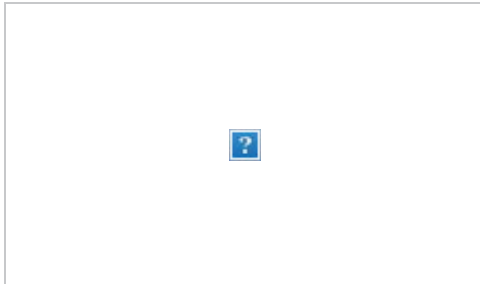
As requested. Thank you for stopping by yesterday! See an update below in bulleted format on recent Breach Inlet signage research and coordination. Sullivans Island Ordinance regarding Breach Inlet swimming is also noted below.

I reached out to Chief Cornett, Chief Mandy and Chief Meadows at Sullivans Island. Chief Stith delegated the signage efforts to Chief Mandy. Everyone is agreeable to sharing a signage template and creating a map or diagram that depicts the area of Breach that is protected and enforced by ordinance. Everyone wants to do everything possible to reduce our life safety risk at Breach while educating the public on its significance in our history. Sullivans Island is interested in partnering if we are able to create some options and images that we can share as a unified front to reduce our community risk.

- Incorporate each Municipal logo or use Police and Fire logos from each municipality on the signs
- Incorporate and reference each municipalities ordinance on Breach Inlet
- Continue to reference the monetary fine for ordinance violation
- Create an image that depicts the dangerous area that is protected by ordinance
- Consider installing a hazard buoy with language or logo that denotes area of danger from a visual point of reference and reminder
- Consider stronger language on communicating the potential dangers of swimming in Breach Inlet due to currents etc.
- Consider a welcoming area/beautification project with interpretive/education/warning stations at the Breach Inlet at the IOP SCDOT parking area similar to Thompson Park at Sullivans Island. Example of one of the interpretive signs formatting and image of Thompson Park is attached.
- Continue with international symbols that are multilingual along with the Spanish signage and language that Sullivans Island has added recently in the attached image.
- Create a unified/shared PSA with Police Fire elected officials city administration Coastal Engineers, Coast Guard, DNR, SCDOT by our talented Mrs. Chaundra that can be reposted on

social media or conventional media throughout the season

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Thank you,

Craig O

**Craig K. Oliverius**

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**Cc:** Kevin Cornett <kcornett@iop.net>; Joe Henderson <jhenderson@sullivanisland.sc.gov>

**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Signage

Chief O- I spoke with Joe Henderson of Sullivan's Island this afternoon and he shared the attached pictures of their signs. He agreed with our idea this morning of trying to develop a coordinated signage effort to inform people on both sides of the bridge.

If possible, I would like for our FD to have a discussion with SIPD and have the two agencies coordinated.

Another component, that I forgot to talk through with Joe was the idea mentioned this morning of including SCDOT and potentially adding some signage near or on the bridge.

Would you mind having some discussions about this and coming back to the group with some recommendations?

Thanks, Douglas

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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Signage

[EXTERNAL]



External ([jhenderson@sullivansisland.sc.gov](mailto:jhenderson@sullivansisland.sc.gov))



Hey Douglas-

Here's the Breach Inlet sign as well as the one at Station 12- another high hazard area. Let me know how we can collaborate.

Chief Stith's contact:

Anthony Stith [astith@sullivanisland.sc.gov](mailto:astith@sullivanisland.sc.gov)<mailto:[astith@sullivanisland.sc.gov](mailto:astith@sullivanisland.sc.gov)>

Thanks,  
Joe







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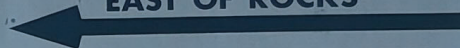


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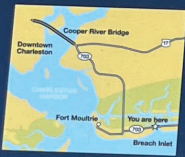
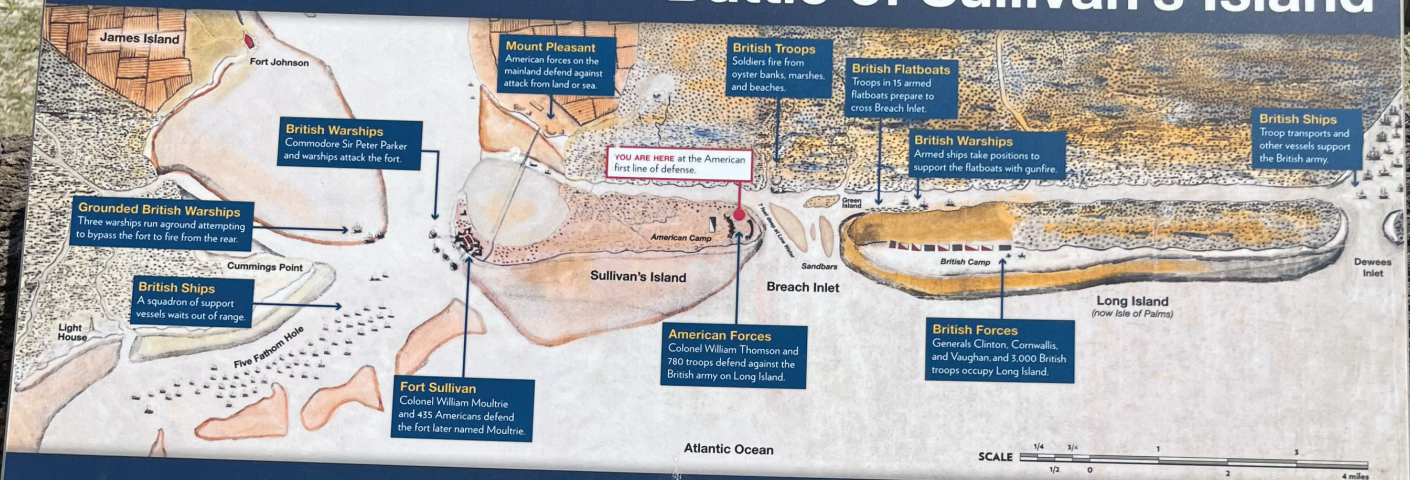
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# Battle of Sullivan's Island



## HERE AT BREACH INLET IN JUNE 1776

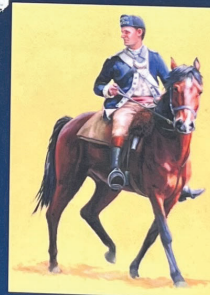
Americans commanded by Colonel William "Danger" Thomson repelled a British attempt to capture unfinished Fort Sullivan by land. The British planned a coordinated land and sea assault to establish a base of operations for taking their ultimate prize — Charles Town.

Troops under Colonel Thomson, a prominent civic and military leader from the South Carolina Backcountry, opposed British land forces camped on Long Island (now Isle of Palms) across Breach Inlet. British Major General Henry Clinton and Lord Charles Cornwallis intended to cross Breach Inlet, march to the opposite end of Sullivan's

Island, and storm Fort Sullivan from the rear while British warships bombarded the fort from the harbor. The success of the Patriot defenses at Breach Inlet and Fort Sullivan was a major setback for British efforts to stifle American independence.

*"Resolved, That the thanks of the United States of America be given to Major General Lee, Colonel William Moultrie, Colonel William Thomson, and the officers and soldiers under their commands; who, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of June last, repulsed, with so much valour, the attack which was made on the State of South Carolina, by the fleet and army, of his Britannic Majesty."*

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JULY 20<sup>TH</sup>, 1776



ABOVE: This map is a composite of 1776 British maps of the Battle of Sullivan's Island. Note that Breach Inlet was more than a mile wide at the time.

LEFT: An artistic representation of Colonel William Thomson.

*"... my Life and Fortune are devoted to the Cause of the thirteen United States of America & to the general propagation of Liberty ..."*

*Wm. Thomson*

WILLIAM THOMSON  
1727-1796







BEACH INLET  
The beach inlet is a natural feature of the coastline that provides a means of access to the ocean for small boats and surfers. It is also a popular spot for swimming and sunbathing. The inlet is located on the north side of the beach, just west of the parking lot.

Liberty or Death  
The Liberty or Death monument is a symbol of the American Revolution. It was erected in 1783 to commemorate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. The monument is a large, dark stone structure that stands on a pedestal. It is surrounded by a low wall and a fence. The monument is a popular landmark and a source of pride for the community.



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Summary: Golf carts

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(A64, R92, H3292)

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE SOUTH CAROLINA CODE OF LAWS BY ADDING SECTION 56-2-90 SO AS TO PROVIDE FOR THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS ALONG THE STATE'S PUBLIC HIGHWAYS, TO PROVIDE MUNICIPALITIES AND COUNTIES MAY ADOPT ORDINANCES TO REGULATE THE OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS WITHIN THEIR JURISDICTIONS, AND TO PROVIDE CERTAIN PASSENGERS MUST WEAR SAFETY BELTS; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 56-2-105, RELATING TO THE REGISTRATION AND OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS.**

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina:

#### **Golf carts**

SECTION 1. Article 1, Chapter 2, Title 56 of the S.C. Code is amended by adding:

Section 56-2-90. (A) To operate a vehicle commonly known as a golf cart on a public highway, the owner must obtain a permit decal and registration certificate from the Department of Motor Vehicles. Proof of ownership, proof of liability insurance, and payment of a five-dollar fee must be provided. The permit decal must be replaced every five years, or at the time the owner changes his address, whichever is sooner.

(B) A person operating a golf cart on a public highway must be at least sixteen years of age, hold a valid driver's license, and have in his possession:

(1) the registration certificate;



(2) proof of liability insurance in conformance with Section 38-77-140; and

(3) his driver's license.

(C) A municipality or a county within its unincorporated portions, may:

(1) by ordinance stipulate the hours, methods, and locations of golf cart operations, provided that golf carts may be operated only on a highway where the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less;

(2) by ordinance permit the operation of golf carts at night, provided that golf carts are equipped with working headlights and taillights, and provided that golf carts may be operated only on a highway where the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less; and

(3) on the shoulder of primary highways, secondary highways, streets and roads, designate separate golf cart paths for the purpose of golf cart transportation, provided that:

(a) the municipality or county obtains the necessary approvals, if any, to create golf cart paths; and

(b) the golf cart path is:

(i) separated from the traffic lanes by a hard concrete curb;

(ii) separated from the traffic lanes by parking spaces; or

(iii) separated from the traffic lanes by a distance of four feet or more.

(4) not require proof of property ownership or proof of long-term rental agreement within the municipality or a county within its unincorporated portions as a requirement in which to receive a decal to operate a golf cart within its limits.

(D) In the absence of an ordinance enacted pursuant to subsection (C), a permitted golf cart may:

(1) be operated only during daylight hours;

(2) be operated only on a secondary highway where the speed limit is thirty-five miles per hour or less;

(3) be operated only within four miles of the address on the registration certificate, or only within four miles of a point of ingress and egress of a gated community if the address is within a gated community; and

(4) cross a highway at an intersection where the speed limit is more than thirty-five miles an hour.

(E) Each golf cart passenger that is under the age of twelve years old, when it is being operated on the public streets and highways of this State, must wear a fastened safety belt.

### **Repeal**

SECTION 2. Section 56-2-105 of the S.C. Code is repealed.

### **Time effective**

SECTION 3. This act takes effect upon approval by the Governor.

Ratified the 20<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2025.

Approved the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2025.

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Recommendation	Source	Timeline	Type of Recommendation	Budget	Initiative2
Work with golf cart rental companies to develop a communication piece for distribution to each renter, a placard/sticker to be posted in each cart, and/or a pledge to be signed by all renters that emphasizes state and local laws.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Actionable		Golf Cart Code Enforcement
Consider passing an ordinance adding a requirement for golf cart and LSV owners/users to read and agree to a golf cart/LSV safety pledge emphasizing state and local laws.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Exploratory		Golf Cart Code Enforcement
Revisit the Palm Boulevard streetscape proposal.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Exploratory		Improved Traffic Flow
Manage traffic on the Isle of Palms Connector during specific time periods within the course of the year with seasonal police personnel for traffic management.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Investigate the possibility of re-striping the Isle of Palms Connector to accommodate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two lanes of traffic exiting the island</li> <li>• Dedicated Bike lane on one side</li> <li>• A pedestrian lane that is compliant with SCDOT standards; any additions to the bridge structure should preserve the views that exist today.</li> </ul>	Community Enrichment Plan	Long	Exploratory		Improved Traffic Flow
Ensure traffic lights at Palm and Rifle Range are timed correctly during high volume times/days.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Continue to build relationships with surrounding municipalities and state leaders to effectively manage parking and traffic challenges.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Maintenance		Improved Traffic Flow
Continue working with a traffic engineer consultant to devise solutions to manage traffic efficiently, minimize congestion, and support funding and implementation of priority recommendations.	Community Enrichment Plan	Short	Actionable	\$\$	Improved Traffic Flow
Include funding in the 2025-2026 budget to initiate a comprehensive traffic study for the island to improve traffic flow and reduce congestion. This study should be done in close collaboration with the SCDOT staff to ensure the solutions that are developed can be implemented within their network	Comprehensive Plan	Medium	Actionable	\$\$\$	Improved Traffic Flow
Evaluate the lane configuration of the Isle of Palms Connector to identify more efficient and safer alternatives	Comprehensive Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Evaluate the intersection of the Isle of Palms Connector and Palm Boulevard to determine in an alternative design and/or phasing could increase operational efficiency	Comprehensive Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Evaluate the Charleston County Park and municipal parking lots traffic routing, payment, and ticketing to identify more efficient methods for ingress and egress	Comprehensive Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Develop a plan to improve alternate modes of transportation on the island including bikeways, golf carts and low speed vehicle facilities and sidewalks while improving pedestrian safety	Comprehensive Plan	Medium	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Encourage appropriate measures to collect accurate traffic counts including the installation of new hardware at the key points of ingress and egress of the island	Comprehensive Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow
Identify problem areas and appropriate funding sources	Comprehensive Plan	Short	Actionable		Improved Traffic Flow