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THE LONELY HEARTSTRING BAND \* SOUTHERN RAIL \* NEW ENGLAND BLUEGRASS BAND

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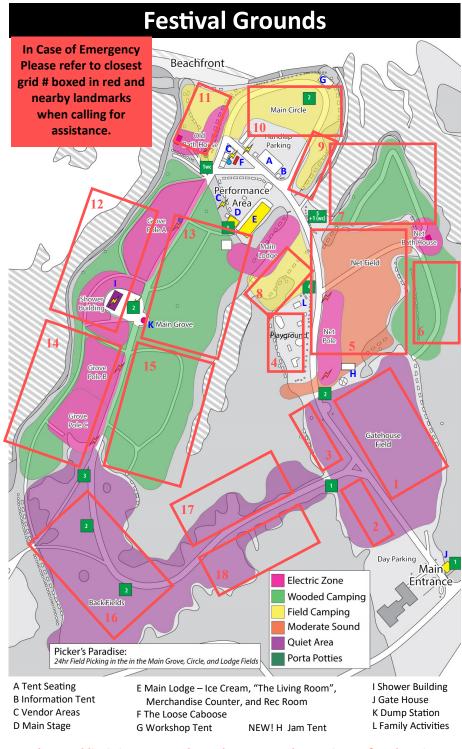


THE RUTA BEGGARS \* LOCAL FREIGHT \* MANIC MOUNTAIN

MIKE MITCHELL BAND \* GRAIN THIEF \* PRETTY SARO

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Park speed limit is 5 PMH. Please be extremely cautious of pedestrians.

## **Things to Know**

#### WATER FILL UP LOCATIONS

Main Grove Camp Sites #9-10, Outside Beachfront Restrooms, Behind Soda Machines, Back of Main Lodge, Shower Building by Street Light

## **HOT Inside Coin-Operated SHOWERS & LAUNDRY ROOM**

In the Main Grove Camping Area Shower Building

#### HANDICAPPED FRIENDLY FACILITIES

Main Grove Restroom/Shower Building

## **INSIDE FLUSH TOILETS & OUTSIDE RINSE OFF SHOWERS**

Restrooms located by the Beachfront and across from the Playground

PORT-A-POTTIES located throughout the Park grounds

#### FIRST AID and INFORMATION and LOST & FOUND

at the Information Tent and in the Caboose

CHARGING STATION available in the Main Lodge "Living Room"

## Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday

MAIN LODGE— Festival Merch, Ice Cream, Living Room, Rec Hall LOOSE CABOOSE — Hot Dogs, Firedogs, Soups, and Snacks ICE & WOOD available at the Gate and Loose Caboose

## **EMERGENCY PHONE #'s**

Park Office 207-725-6009

Police 207-725-5521 Ambulance 911

Trash bags are provided at the Gate upon arrival. Additional bags are available in the Main Lodge. PLEASE PLACE YOUR TRASH BAGS AT THE ROADSIDES FOR DAILY PICK-UP.

## **Camping Sound Level Policies**

## **Very Important-Please Take Notice**

**QUIET CAMPING AREAS** The sound curfew is 10:00 PM Daily.

Field picking is NOT ALLOWED in these areas. These areas are the first fields on the left and on the right as you enter the park AND both sides of the paved Access Road (road to the left when entering the Park) all the way to the wooded area leading into the Grove Camping Area where the ribbons are. QUIET CAMPING AREAS are for those with children, those who wish occasional quiet, and as a courtesy to our neighbors.

MODERATE SOUND LEVELS The second field on the right (across from the Playground) and the Playground area are asked to keep the sound at a moderate level. Quiet is requested from 2:00AM 'til 6:00 AM.

The Playground is closed from 10:00 PM until Sunrise, daily.

FIELD PICKERS PARADISE-NO Jamming RESTRICTIONS!! THE BEACHFRONT, STEEPLE AREA AND MAIN GROVE ARE FOR FIELD PICKERS! All weekend long-DAY and NIGHT-Non-stop! Please be respectful of other noise after midnight.

GENERATORS in all areas must be turned off from 10:00 PM-8:00 AM

## Where it all began!



As we celebrate 40 years of Bluegrass family & tradition, we proudly acknowledge the "Summa Mumma" of the Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival,

## Pati Crooker-Mulligan.

Pati started the Festival in 1979 with a goal of creating a family-friendly festival for all ages, and it is thanks to her passion, drive, energy, and most of all love and laughter,



that we look back on 40 years of Bluegrass memories today. Thank you, Pati! "This one's for you!"











Following Pati's values of family and tradition, we dedicate this 40th Anniversary Festival to Harry and Marion Crooker, who founded Thomas Point Beach back in 1956. Thanks for all the wonderful memories Grandma and Grandpa!

## There's more than just the beach at Thomas Point!



Thomas Point Beach is a privately owned 84 acre day park, event venue and campground. It is the home of our own beloved Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival! Throughout the summer months the park is used for family reunions, weddings, corporate outings, church and family picnics, and outdoor enthusiasts. Group sizes range from 1 to 8,000! With 85 permanent campsites, it attracts campers

and beach-goers from across the globe who come to enjoy the simple and natural beauty of coastal Maine and the spirit of beautiful Thomas Point. The Crooker family's hopes and plans for this park, was to "offer a clean, safe recreation area for families and children." This is still our purpose and this is the legacy we strive for.



Forty Years ago, in 1979, my mother took a gamble. She saw love, happiness, and community in a music she knew little about at the time, and she decided "I want that here, these are our people." She saw beauty in the harmonies, the duets, she saw unbridled talent and craftmanship in the duets and solos alike. And she saw family in the community.

I don't know if she knew what would become of that first festival. I didn't have the pleasure of being around the first time Bluegrass music played on that old bandstand. I wasn't lucky enough to see the look on my mother's face when, one by one, Bill Clifton, Bob & Grace French, Fred Pike, John Win, the Kennebec Valley Boys, Morse Brothers, Prindall Family, Red Rector, Smokey Greene, and White Mountain Bluegrass, took to our stage and started this tradition. Or the excitement in her eyes the first time Bill Monroe, or Del McCoury approached that mic.

Did she know the magnitude of what she had done? How it would affect everyone it touched? The tradition, joy, and memories that would all result in that leap of faith she took in 1979? I don't know. But I know that since that day, she was proud and honored to welcome all of you back, year after year. To watch your families, and our Bluegrass family grow.

Thank you all for being a part of our Bluegrass Family for 40 years. Thank you for the laughter, the stories, the helping hands, support, and most of all, the music that inspires and guides us.

- Mike, Jen, Shavi, and the Thomas Point Family! Supporting Bluegrass in Maine for another generation

## **Very Special Thanks**

It is important to us to give a very special thanks to our seasonal staff and support crew here at Thomas Point Beach. Many festival folks don't realize that Thomas Point Beach is a fully functional park and campground from May to October. Thank you so much to **Ray York**, for keeping the park beautiful and healthy, we couldn't do it without you! *Ray started here in 1999 and this year celebrates his 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!* Please



be sure to thank him for all he does all season long to keep TPB a beauty!

Thank you also to Jared, Bronwyn, Ana, Emma, Ali, Darlean, Loren, Caleb, Roger and Rufus for your customer service and dedication to our park and campground.

## **Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass**

1979...The first time any of us here at Thomas Point had ever even heard Bluegrass Music, right here in our own backyard...life hasn't been the same! 1979 (and 1988 and 2015) Brunswick's Naval Air Station's Blue Angel Air Show the same W/E as Festival! Yikes!!!

1980...First Hot Air Balloon Rides.

1981...First of several weddings at the festival. (on the stage)

1982...Bill Monroe's First TPB appearance. Maine's Governor Joe Brennan made a guest appearance, and *Jenna Goddard Summers's first festival*!

1983... "The White Dress", Our first Annual Sunday Morning Worship On the Beach

1984... Pati's son *Michael Mulligan* was born. *He attended his first festival!* 1985... Orange stickers first appeared on your windshield. And we built our very own stage!

1986...First "June" Festival (2 Festivals held in '86) and Shari Rapoza Elder's first Festival!

1987...Second (and last) "June" Festival held (2 Festivals held in '87)

1988...Bluefish were in the bay by the "Zillions" and we were ALL fishermen!

The Transformer Blew!! (During the Clog Dancing at 1:40 PM Sunday, Central Maine Power Company replaced it in 1 hour 46 minutes!!)

1989...All the "Legends of Bluegrass" appeared here!

1990...The Year of the "Pogie Patrol" Patrol" (A Penny a Pogie!?)

1991...TPB added 37 acres to the Park and we got a New "Access" Road.

1st annual Bluegrass Fan of the Year, awarded to Ray & Alice Waters.

1994...Brand New Shower Building!!! (First, it was hoses outside of windows, then cold water outdoor showers, then...finally, HOT showers!)

1995...Fires were Banned state-wide. ("Class 5" conditions, worst since 1947)

1996...TPB made the cover of Bluegrass Unlimited magazine. (Article written by Rick Lang and Photos by Sterling Keller)

1997...The tragic loss of Princess Diana, August 31, Saturday night of the festival. Bagpiper marched the streets Sunday morning in respect and sorrow. Streetlights went up on Access Rd. and Shari gave birth to beautiful twin daughters, Kendra and Alexis, just weeks after working the entire festival.

1998...The first animal carving of our famous "Maine Woods Band". "Tommy P." Banjo Bear. 1999..."Trudy P." Bass Bunny, 2000...The wailing guitar playing coyote "Toby P.", 2001..."Trixie P.", our fiddle playing fox-on-a-box, 2002... "Tallulah P.", our giant and gentle Mandolin Maestro Monroe Moose. All animals carved by Tim Pickett of Eliot Maine. All done completely by chain saw and each done from start to finish during the 4 days of each festival. Each animal has the initials "T.P" representing their homeland of "Thomas Point" and wood carver "Tim Pickett". 1999...Festival featured by Willard Scott on the TODAY SHOW and The start of our annual Martin Guitar Raffle, won by Myron "Ottie" Harrington.

2001...TPB featured in Yankee Magazine Editor's Pick for "Best in Region". First Synchronized Swim.

## 40 years of Music & Memories

2002...**Thomas Point celebrated 25 Bluegrass Festivals!** And Michael Mulligan became an Eagle Scout.

2003...**Official Festival Hiatus**...the birth of the "Non-Festival"...the music played on! And so many of you still came!

2004...Life changed, Michael headed to college and the festival "got back on track." The "Ryders In the Sky" played on without power and with flashlights. 2005...**The Legendary Earl Scruggs** appeared at TPB and Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans. With collections from the audience and matched by Thomas Point, a gift of \$4,800 was donated to the American Red Cross for the victims relief

effort.

2006...TPB celebrated its 50th Anniversary of "Family, Friends and Fun". Zach Summers, Boy Scout and son of Jenna and Dana Summers, helped with the Official Opening, jumping in for Michael who missed his Opening for the first time in 22 years. The festival "Pick Me Up Award" was established.

2007...Charlie & Doris of Classic Collections retired at the end of the w/e after a long festival career.

2008...After thirty years of producing one of the finest bluegrass festivals in the country, the **Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Festival retired**.

And our 2007 festival is nominated and WON "Bluegrass Event of the Year" by the International Bluegrass Music Association!

2009-10... There was no official Festival, but you all came anyway and the tradition continued...2009 Time Capsule was buried under the clock!

2011 ... The "Thomas Point Beach Bluegrass Special" made its debut and Bluegrass Music was reborn at beautiful TPB! Jen's first festival!

2012... Michael married the love of his life, Jen Wolfe in a beautiful ceremony in Bethel, Maine. We are so lucky to have her in the festival family!

2014... White Mountain Bluegrass was reunited on the Thomas Point Stage and Hazel McGee made her final stage appearance.

2015... The Blue Angels flew overhead and Pati wore a flight suit on stage in their honor. Sister Valerie led the charge to raise money for the American Cancer Society in her lobster costume. This was to be Pati's last festival.

2016... A Celebration of Life for Pati Crooker was held in lieu of a festival. Pati lost her battle with cancer on June 12. Hundreds gathered together Labor Day Weekend to celebrate her legacy and her spirit.

2017...The **Thomas Point Bluegrass Festival** made it's re-entry on the festival scene under it's original name led by Michael and Jen, with assistance from Shari , Jenna and the Thomas Point Beach Festival Family. For the first time in history the weather moved the show under the seating tent where Billy Strings performed a magical "In the Wind & Rain" number and the Earls of Leicester closed the show to an intimate crowd.

## WHAT are YOUR Favorite festival memories?



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## **Our Mighty Fine Emcees**

Cecil Abels II follows in a long-standing tradition of Southerners who came "Up North" and never left and he brings his Mississippi accent and southern charm to the TPB stage. He arrived at TPB in 1990, after the Navy moved him to the Brunswick Naval Air Station. He fell so in love with the musical family here that he credits the festival with influencing his Naval retirement to NE in 1997. His band *The Bogus Family* won the 1994 Showcase Competition. Cecil can be found camping-jamming with the *Manic Mountain Boys* and *The New England Bluegrass Band* at almost anytime night or day! And there is nothing "bogus" about that!

**Dick Bowden** made his TPB stage debut first as a performer with the *Fort Knox Volunteers*. His 1<sup>st</sup> year emceeing, he started big, bringing on Bill Monroe! He was likely upstaged by Pati in that infamous white dress! He is a mighty fine banjo & dobro player and has played TPB as part of *The Case Brothers, Old Time Bluegrass Singers*, and the *Tennessee Mafia Jug Band*. He never wanted to emcee, but Pati talked him into it and Old Slim Clark told him he was good. That was all the encouragement he needed. He has never emceed anywhere other than TPB. In his words... "I'd rather be jamming!"

**Kevin Fennessey** is making his TPB Emcee. Kevin came into bluegrass music at the age of 15. He has played in bluegrass bands most of the last 50 years and is also a purveyor of mandolins and other vintage bluegrass instruments. He has been attending the TPB Bluegrass Festival for the last 30 years. We were inspired by him when he spoke at last year's Sunday Beachfront Service and decided to give him a mic again! He is also quite a dancer! Ask him for a dance!

"Country Man Dan" Henderson comes out of the woods of Newfoundland about this time every year just in time for the TPB Fest. Although at other times of the year he may be found in NY, Maui, or anywhere he can be playing music and entertaining with friends. He has been attending TPB since 1993 and has played the festival several times over the years. He is best known and loved for his song-writing, honky-tonk music style, artwork, gourmet cooking, big heart, and great taste in wine and women!

Mike Robinson has been attending the TPB Bluegrass Festival since 1991, preaching at Bluegrass festivals since the year 2000 and now leads a very popular Gospel Sing & Jam -A-Long with his wife Mary at festivals across the country. He has played the guitar since he was 13 years old when a friend taught him 3 chords on a 10 dollar guitar. He is a songwriter and he was the lead singer in a New England band called the "Cowtippers." He is a seasoned emcee of 30 years and has brought on some of the biggest names in bluegrass!





## In Memory

At Thomas Point Beach we become family. This year as we bid farewell to many of our dear festival family members, we especially remember our long time staff members.

Dorothy "Dottie" Johnson, one of the infamous gift shop gals, and Shari's Gram.

Donald "Slim" Emmons, who worked security for many of the early festivals.

We remember them with love amongst many other family and friends not with us today.

## **VISIT VENDORS ROW**

## **RICK'S MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS**

Accessories related to Bluegrass Instruments: strings, capos, picks, tuners, straps, cases and simple repairs. Also a selection of instruments.

### **HENNA by TAYLOR**

Henna Tattoos (Organic-temporary tattoos)

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#### **MAGIC FOREST STUDIO**

Stained Glass Wind-Chimes, Suncatchers and Jewelry

#### **DARWIN K. DAVIDSON PHOTOGRAPHY**

Photography of bluegrass musicians in performance. Plus duplicate CDs and LPs from WERU Community Radio

## **OUR CREATIVE IMAGINGS- located to the left of the Main Lodge**

Face & Body Paint. Festival Glitter.

## **GREAT EATS**

#### THE LOOSE CABOOSE

Hot Dogs, Fire Dogs, Nachos, Coffee, Soups and Snacks!

## THE TPB ICE CREAM SHOPPE

Famous "Made in Maine" Gifford's hand-dipped ice cream such as Moose Tracks, Maine Black Bear, Maine Wild Blueberry, Cookie Dough & all your favorites!

#### YE OLDE ENGLISH FISH & CHIPS with TWO BOOTHS

Booth 1- FRESH and Delicious Local Seafood! Fish & Chips, Maine Fried Clams, Sea Scallops, Lobster Rolls, Homemade Chicken Fingers, Hand Cut Fries, Clam & Crab Cakes, Corn Dogs, Onion Rings, Burgers and More. Booth 2– Breakfast Options, Cheesecake, Fried Dough, Crisps, Salads, and Wraps

#### **COOL BEANS**

Specialty Coffees & Teas, iced coffee, espresso drinks...fruit smoothies.... iced tea and lime rickie

## **PAPA'S ROADHOUSE**

Paninis (Vegetarian options available) Grilled Flatbreads, Banh Mi & Sweet Chili Noodles (chicken, pork, tofu), Kielbasa, Kimchee, Lobster Grilled Cheese, Beverages and Strawberry Shortcake

#### **THREE LEAF FOODS**

Fresh local sauteed veggies on a bed of rice with options for marinated tofu or chicken, goat, blue or cheddar cheese, sauces roasted garlic, smoked tomato, hot or soy sauce. Our item can be dairy, gluten, vegan or meaty....

## The LOOSE CABOOSE

"Where the Pickers Play at Night"

Be sure to stop in and try one of the famous Rapoza "FIRE DOGS" (If you dare!) or Any of our delicious Specialty Dogs... You'll be glad you did!



## FOOD! ★ FUN! ★ FRIENDS! ★ FROLIC! OPEN DAILY ~ Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday

The All-American Hot Dogs ☆ Nachos ☆ Soups Chili ☆ Hot Coffee & Hot Chocolate Cold Drinks ☆ Candy ☆ Wood ☆ Ice OVERNIGHT FIRST AID & INFORMATION

# THOMAS POINT BEACH BLUEGRASS Memorabilia



At the Main Lodge Merchandise Counter

T-Shirts ☆ Hoodies ☆ Denim Shirts ☆ Blankets Posters ☆ Stickers ☆ Hats ☆ Patches & Pins Exclusive TPB Sand Jewlery

~All Quantities are Limited~





A special evening dedicated to music from Maine!

## Wednesday, August 28- Bonus!

6:00 PM Flight 317 with Carter Logan

7:00 PM Old Eleven

8:00 PM Sandy River Ramblers

9:00 PM Back Woods Road

Emcee: "Mama Beth" Revels is currently Bluegrass Music Association of ME President, radio show host of WBOR"S "Mama's Mid-coast Bluegrass" and an accomplished multiinstrumentalist.

**Flight 317-** In 2008, a student ensemble group named Flight 317 was created by Carter Logan, of the band Jerks of Grass and teaching artist at 317 Main Community Music Center. Members are recruited by Logan and are high school students who will then rotate out as they leave for college.

Old Eleven makes its brand of bluegrass music with reverence, wit and top-shelf musicianship. Warm three-part harmonies and blazing instrumental work are the cornerstones of their unique and impassioned bluegrass music, straight from Maine.

Sandy River Ramblers-One of Maine's most accomplished bluegrass bands is known for its hot picking, stunning lead and harmony singing, and original songs about Maine. The band was organized in 1982, and has been continually active from that time. The Ramblers have just released their second CD of all original songs about Maine.

Back Woods Road—Founded in 2011, Back Woods Road is a highly energized acoustic band known for its tight harmonies, hard driving lead solos, and crowd-pleasing varied choice of music and arrangements. There's never an ordinary song for this band. They take it up a notch and one further. Coming in a very close second place at last year's TPB Showcase, we are excited to have them back for an encore performance!



and to promote local Maine bands.

## **SHOWCASE BAND COMPETITION**

Showcase bands apply for entry through June 1 and are then selected by a panel to compete on stage. Their spots in the line-up are randomly selected. Be sure to take a listen to these talented musicians!!

**Bend In The River** from Connecticut features 2 young up-and-coming bluegrass pickers playing both traditional and new bluegrass music. The combination of the sibling harmony of Clara Guilmette and Evan Guilmette, with Clara's crisp rolling banjo and Evan's rhythm guitar, and the solid bass of Dave Casali makes audiences want to stop and listen to this dynamic trio. (bendintheriverbluegrass.com)

**Grain Thief** began as the solo project of Patrick Muloy and has successfully morphed into a 5-piece americana string band from Boston, MA. The group is comprised of Mulroy (guitar, vocals), Zach Meyer (mandolin, vocals), Michael Harmon (bass, vocals), Tom Farrell (lead guitar), and Alex Barstow (fiddle). (grainthief.com) This year they have been performing a festivals throughout the north and southeast US to great reception.

Local Freight Bluegrass band Local Freight features clean harmonies, strong pickin', and a solid groove. Seasoned musicians John Tibert (mandolin/vocals), Lynne Fountain (bass/vocals), Rich Piccarreto (guitar/vocals) and Brian Prindle (banjo/vocals) bring their varied musical backgrounds together on original songs and bluegrass classics alike, crafting a fresh, original sound, with solid traditional underpinnings. (localfreightband.com)

Mike Mitchell Band In his second year on the festival scene, Mike is touring nationally to support his second album, "Small Town", debuting at #2 on the Bluegrass Billboard Chart! With his "Mike Mitchell Band", festival audiences are demanding encores and return bookings. Mike's band finds there way to Maine from Virginia, Maryland and PA. (mikemitchellmusic.com)

**Pretty Saro** Pretty Saro, burst into the Boston bluegrass scene in early 2016, shaking up the definition of American roots music. Since then the four-piece string band made up of Maxfield Anderson (mandolin), Devon Gardner (fiddle), Alex Formento (guitar), and Joe Everett (bass) has been crafting their invigorating blend of contemporary songwriting, burnin' bluegrass traditionals, and modern sensibilities into a sound that is uniquely their own. (prettysaro.com)

The Ruta Beggars On the first day of class at Berklee College of Music, 4 of the 5 Ruta Beggars walked into a Bluegrass ensemble class not knowing what to expect. Ariel Wyner (classically trained opera singer turned mandolinist), Trevin Nelson (Nebraska native with an affinity for Banjo), Micah Nicol (bluegrass boy grew up picking and singing at local festivals). They soon added fiddler & vocalist, Sofia Chiaranndini. Sam Smith on bass keeps them all on-time. (facebook.com/therutabeggars/)



BE SURE to VOTE!!
Use the ticket on the front of your Program to vote in
MAIN LODGE!

## **Master and Instructional Workshop Series**

## Under The White Beach Front Tent- unless noted\*

No need to sign up for these FREE sessions.
Just bring your instruments, stool/chair, water bottle and questions!
Workshops Hosts: Clyde Proch, Rich Stillman, and Rueben Shetler

# FRIDAY Yoga with Emily Marcus, Certified Instructor

9:00 AM

3:30 PM

4:30 PM

5:00 PM

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10:30 AM	Banjo techniques for joining a Jam with Rich Stillman of Southern Rail
11:30 AM	Classic jam instrumentals for beginner / intermediate
	bluegrass fiddle players with Sarah Logan
12:30 PM	Practical Picking Techniques for Mandolin: Speed,
	Articulation, Temolo with Teaching Artist Chris Moore of 317 Main
2:00 PM	Achieving the Scruggs Banjo tone and sound with Dave
3:30 PM	Kiputh of NE Blg Band The Secrets of Songwriting with Rick Lang,
3.30 F W	nominee for 2019 IBMA Songwriter of the Year
	The first term to be the fear
	<u>SATURDAY</u>
9:00 AM	Yoga with Emily Marcus, Certified Instructor
10:30 AM	Raising your level of Rhythm Guitar with 317 Main
20.007	Teaching Artist Lincoln Meyers
11:30 AM	Harmony Singing with Southern Rail
12:30 PM	Bass Rhythm and Timing in right hand technique, playing
	against the backbeat and how to be a team player in
	jams with Amanda Kowalski of The Freight Hoppers,
	New England Bluegrass Band and Old Hat

## **SUNDAY**

40 years of Memories in the Living Room\*

**Song Arrangement** with The Special Consensus

Providing the perfect accent on Banjo with

10:00 AM	Gospel Sing-a-long with Mike & Mary Robinson
11:30 AM	Keepin' it fresh and fancy on the Fiddle
11.50 / 1111	with Hunter Berry of The Bage
	with Hunter Berry of The Rage
12:30 PM	<b>Dobro &amp; Guitar</b> with Brent Burke & Josh Williams
	of The Rage
1:30 PM	<b>30 years fronting a band</b> with Larry Stephenson
2:30 PM	Beyond Keeping Time with Bass player
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	Mickey Harris of The Rage
4:30 PM	Band Dynamics with the Grascals
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Aaron McDaris of The Rage

Schedule subject to change. Listen for updates from the emcees or check the information tent.

## New for 2019! JAM TENT

## On the Hill By the Ball

No need to sign up for these FREE sessions.

Just bring your instruments, stool/chair, water bottle and questions!

Tent may be used for impromptu Jams when not in session

## **FRIDAY**

2:00 PM	<b>Slow Jam</b> led by 317 Main Teaching Artist Lincoln Meyers
3:30 PM	Jam Etiquette with teaching artist Mary Maguire

## **SATURDAY**

10:30 AM	<b>Building your Performance Confidence</b> with Mary Maguire
2:30 PM	Youth/ Teen Jam for emerging to advanced pickers
	ages 10–20 led by Lincoln Meyers
5:00 PM	Slow Jam led by teaching artist Mary Maguire

## <u>SUNDAY</u>

12:00 PM	Slow Jam leader TBD	
2:30 PM Youth/ Teen Jam for emerging to advanced pickers		
	beyond ages 10–20 led by Lincoln Meyers	
4:30 PM	Songwriting Circle with teaching artists Chris Moore and	

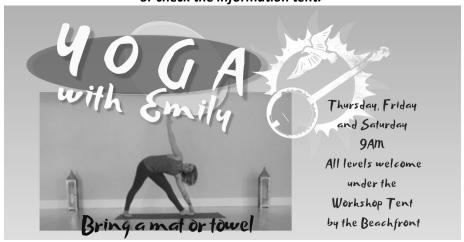
 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Ted}}$  DeMille. Come with a song to share or just come to

take in the process.

What is a slow jam?

Anyone, with any instrument, can get into this bluegrass jam session, even if you've never tried it before. All you need to know are four basic chords (G, C, D and A) to be able to play along with the band! A slow jam will give you the practice and the confidence you'll need to join a real jam session.

Schedule subject to change. Listen for updates from the emcees or check the information tent.



## **THURSDAY**

## **UNDER THE MAIN TENT**

10:00 AM Cash Bingo Games- Try your Luck!

## ON THE MAIN STAGE- Showcase Competition!

12:00 PM Show Opening
12:15 PM Beg, Steal or Borrow
1:00 PM The Ruta Beggars
1:45 PM Bend In the River
2:30 PM Pretty Saro
3:15 PM Local Freight

4:30 PM Mike Mitchell Band

5:15 PM Grain Thief

6:00 PM Beg, Steal, or Borrow

7:00 PM The Lonely Heartstring Band

Announcement of 2019 Showcase Winner

8:15 PM Della Mae

## UNDER THE TENT

Celebration Mega-JAM under the Tent! Bring your instruments to join the fun!

Some of the tunes we will be playing! Practice, Practice! Practice!

Boil Them Cabbage Down Mountain Dew
I Saw the Light Roll In My Sweet Baby's Arms

## **FRIDAY**

## ON THE MAIN STAGE

11:00 AM The Lonely Heartstring Band

12:00 AM Beg, Steal, or Borrow

1:00 PM Volume Five 2:00 PM Showcase 3:00 PM Sister Sadie

4:00 PM The Lonely Heartstring Band

4:45 PM Stage Break
5:15 PM Volume Five
6:15 PM Sister Sadie
7:15 PM Balsam Range

9:00 PM Béla Fleck & Abigail Washburn

## **AFTER HOURS AT THE CABOOSE**

Beg, Steal or Borrow



Your Emcees (Bios page 9):

Cecil Abels, Dick Bowden,

Kevin Fennessey Dan Henderson,

and Michael Robinson

Sound Engineering:

John "JoMo" Morrison

Noah Cole

**Equipment:** Events Unlimited

## **SATURDAY**

MAIN STAGE

10:00 AM The New England Bluegrass Band

11:00 AM The Seth Sawyer Band

12:00 PM The Larry Stephenson Band

1:00 PM Manic Mountain Boys

2:00 PM Rhonda Vincent & The Rage

3:00 PM The Special Consensus

4:00 PM Southern Rail

4:45 PM Stage Break

5:15 PM The New England Bluegrass Band

6:15 PM The Larry Stephenson Band

7:15 PM The Special Consensus

8:15 PM Rhonda Vincent & The Rage

9:15 PM The Steeldrivers

## AFTER HOURS AT THE CABOOSE

With Special Guests you won't want to miss!

Enjoy some of the world's finest Field Pickin' tonight...

## **SUNDAY**

9:00 AM Beachfront Sunday Service with

The Larry Stephenson Band

9:45 AM Gospel Sing & Jam with Mike and Mary Robinson

under the beachfront workshop tent

11:00 AM Southern Rail

12:00 PM The Seth Sawyer Band

1:00 PM Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass

2:00 PM The Grascals

3:00 PM Tennessee Mafia Jug Band with LeRoy Troy

4:00 PM The Larry Stephenson Band

4:45 PM Stage Break

5:15 PM Danny Paisley & The Southern Grass

6:15 PM The Grascals

7:15 PM Rhonda Vincent & The Rage

8:30 PM The Gibson Brothers

10:00 PM Festival Closing

50/50 Raffles drawn before the last set F,S,& S. Banjo Raffle drawn Sunday.

## UNDER THE TENT

Late night with Leroy Troy & the Tennessee Mafia Jug Band

## Family Activities

#### **FRIDAY**

10:00 AW	Painting with Brandle   \$   Rec Hall (See page 15)
1:00 PM	Giant Twister and Freeze Dance Competition   Family Tent
4:00 PM	Tie Dye your Own Bandana
	Or Bring your own white cloth item to due   Family Tent

#### **SATURDAY**

	Family Activities			
	All activities under the Family Tent in the Playground Area			
	or the Rec Hall at the end of the Main Lodge as noted			
	FRIDAY			
10:00 AM	Painting with Brandie   \$   Rec Hall (See page 15)			
1:00 PM	Giant Twister and Freeze Dance Competition   Family Tent			
4:00 PM	Tie Dye your Own Bandana			
	Or Bring your own white cloth item to dye   Family Tent			
7:00 PM	Movie Night   "Inside Out"   Rec Hall			
	SATURDAY			
10:00 AM	Bluegrass Sing and Jam Along with 317 Main   Family Tent			
11:30 AM				
1:30 PM	,,,,,			
6:00 PM	3:30 PM Instrument Petting Zoo with 317 Main   Family Tent			
	Build Your Own Instrument   Rec Hall			
7:00 PM	Movie Night   "The Good Dinosaur"   Rec Hall			
	<u>SUNDAY</u>			
11:00 AM	Instrument Petting Zoo with 317 Main   Family Tent			
12:30 PM	Kid's Bingo   Rec Hall			
2:00 PM	Bluegrass Sing and Jam Along with 317 Main   Family Tent			
4:30 PM	Children's Parade with Tie Dyes, Masks, and Instruments			
	Gather at the Family Tent			
7:00 PM	Movie Night   "How to Train Your Dragon"   Rec Hall			
Our sincere thanks to 317 Main Community Music Center for Family Music Workshops				
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	All Weekend			
Pick Up a <u>Thomas Point Beach Scavenger Hunt</u> or a <u>Thomas Point Beach</u>				
<u>Festival Word Search</u> at the <b>Family Tent</b> and return completed to				
<b>Merchandise Counter</b> for a Prize				
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## **SUNDAY**

11:00 AM	Instrument Petting Zoo with 317 Main   Family Tent
12:30 PM	Kid's Bingo   Rec Hall

#### All Weekend

#### WEEKEND TIDES

(approximate times for both AM and PM)



## NO LIFEGUARD ON DUTY ~ SWIM AT YOUR OWN RISK!

**NEVER SWIM ALONE and please** NO SWIMMING AFTER DARK.

	High	Low	**
Thursday	10:45	4:30	7:45 to 1:45
Friday	11:30	5:20	8:30 to 2:30
Saturday	12:15	6:30	9:15 to 3:15
Sunday	1:00	7:15	10:00 to 4:00

PC: Alicia Greenwald



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www.317main.org I 846-9559



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Some of the 2018 Artists!!

## Painting with Brandie

Join us Saturday from **10AM to 12 PM** in the *Rec Hall* for Painting with Brandie! Start your festival off right and get your creative juices flowing as Brandie guides you through creating a

TPB Bluegrass themed painting!

No artistic experience necessary, just come ready to paint and have fun!

Cost is \$20.00 per painter, space is **limited**, please sign up at information tent by 8 PM Friday.

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## **BÉLA FLECK & ABIGAIL WASHBURN**

belafleck.com/featured/bela-fleck-abigail-washburn/
"Fleck & Washburn have the ability to transform the music
to a level that speaks directly to the soul." – SG
Béla is a 15 Grammy award winner, having been nominated
in more categories than any other instrumentalist in Grammy history. Abigail is deftly following in the footsteps of the
founding mothers of folk and has become a prominent voice
of old time in our time. This is their TPB Stage debut. We
are honored to have them here!

## The STEELDRIVERS

thesteeldrivers.com

This Grammy winning band braids their bluegrass roots with new threads of their own design, bringing together country, soul, and other influences to create an unapologetic hybrid that is old as the hills but fresh as the morning dew. This is new music with the old feeling. This is the third time the Steeldrivers will take the stage here. Hold on to your hats!



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Also on Instagram- thomas.point.beach.bluegrass
Use the hashtag to share your photos! #tpbbluegrass2019
Tell the World-Share the Fun!







## RHONDA VINCENT & THE RAGE

rhondavincent.com

Rhonda made her TPB debut in 1987 with her family band *The Sally Mountain Show*. Since then, she has performed a total of 8 times with her band The Rage. Rhonda and the Rage are a firecracker of talent that powers one of the HOTTEST shows in any genre of music! Together they are the Most Award Winning Band in Bluegrass Music History . They call her the Queen of Bluegrass for a reason!

## The GIBSON BROTHERS

gibsonbrothers.com

Eric & Leigh bring their special blend of brother harmonies to TPB for the 17<sup>th</sup> time since they first took our stage in 1995. The brothers, along with the "other" brother, Mike Barber never disappoint the crowd. Their stage banter, instrumental virtuosity, soulful ballads, and songwriting genius combine to make every show one to remember.



## THE SPECIAL CONSENSUS

specialc.com

Their sound is grounded in a deep appreciation and understanding of the genre; the infectious band sound reminds people of the past while utilizing the innovations of today. These four talented vocalists and instrumentalists follow their creative desires without straying too far from their roots. Special C played TPB in 2015 and we welcome them back!

## LONELY HEARTSTRING BAND

lonelyheartstringband.com

The Lonely Heartstring Band made it's TPB debut winning the 2013 Showcase Competition. Six years later we come full circle as they play one of their final sets before beginning an indefinite hiatus. We are honored they will have played this show 5 times. We wish them all luck on life's journey and look forward to see where their paths may lead!





## **VOLUME FIVE**

volumefivebg.com

Volume Five was founded by leader Glen Harrell in early 2008 and has grown into one of bluegrass music's most unique new acts. The group continues to demonstrate their talents earning them critical acclaim from media, radio and their peers. The label has released the single, "15th of October" from their soon to be released album. They are making their TPB stage debut! Let's give them a huge welcome!



New Moon Ensemble - West African Drumming Shamou and Friends, a Loopin' Trio Reunion - World Music Ellen Gawler & The 317 Contradance Players - Contra



Titus Abbott Collective - Jazz **Teff Christmas** - Americana Flight 317 - Americana



WORKSHOPS AND DANCE LED BY: **Portland Swing Project Portland Intown Contradance Embody the Rhythm** Shamou



























## **DANNY PAISLEY &**

THE SOUTHERN GRASS dannypaisley.com

Since Danny's father Bob (founder of Southern Grass) passed away in 2004, Danny Paisley and The Southern Grass have made their own niche in the bluegrass world. They play unadorned and intense traditional bluegrass. Danny played here with his Dad's band and now returns with his son! No that's Bluegrass! We consider them some of the nicest guys in bluegrass! We think you will agree!

## THE LARRY STEPHENSON BAND

larrystephensonband.com

Highly regarded as one of Bluegrass music's most recognizable and finest high lead & tenor vocalist, Larry has been headlining festivals and concerts for 30 years. He formed LSB in 1989 in his home state of VA. This is Larry's 9<sup>th</sup> time here. They say you shouldn't have favorite's but we all know he was one of Pati's very favorite voices! And people!





Support your favorite bands. Visit their sales tables. Say hello and pick up music and merchandise.



## **BALSAM RANGE**

balsamrange.com

Reigning IBMA Entertainer of the Year, Balsam Range leaves audiences spellbound. This multitalented quintet cleverly captures traditional yet contemporary sounds. There are fiery instrumental parts alternating with deep heavy ballads, overlaid by the vocal harmonies the group has become known for. Prior TPB performances include 2013, 14 & 18 and we just had to bring them back!



## SISTER SADIE

sistersadieband.com

Sister Sadie was 2018's number one request for a repeat performance and here they are! With a hugely successful and Grammy nominated sophomore album it is hard to choose a favorite single! Individually they are stars together they make one of the most inspiring and powerful bands touring today. Welcome back, ladies!

## THE GRASCALS

grascals.com

Timely, yet timeless, The Grascals make music that is entirely relevant to the here and now, yet immersed in traditional values of soul and musicianship. This marks the Grascals 6<sup>th</sup> visit to Thomas Point, having played here in 2005, 06, 08, 11 & 17.

This one's for you Jenna!





## **DELLA MAE**

dellamae.com

A GRAMMY-nominated, Nashville-based, all-female string band hailing from across North America, and reared in diverse musical styles, they are one of the most charismatic and engaging roots bands today. This will be Della Mae's 5th performance with us, but none will be as memorable as the gift shop set in a thunderstorm!





## **Located at Thomas Point Beach**

Paddleboard/Canoe/Kayak Rentals For more information or reservations, contact us: Phone:+1 (207) 404-1100 | seaspraykayaking.com





## SETH SAWYER BAND

thesethsawyerband.com

The Seth Sawyer Band has been playing its distinctive brand of country-infused traditional bluegrass for more than twenty-five years. These seasoned players help In its strength of vocal power and instrumental expertise, the Seth Sawyer Band continues to represent the best in New England's long and proud bluegrass history. Seth & Candi are long time friends of the TPB Festival and have performed here in 2002 & 2008.

## MANIC MOUNTAIN BOYS

hmmb.zeleznik-klein.com

We are so happy to include a special set from the Manic Mountain Boys. MMB has been a staple at TPB since the start and we can't imagine life without them! Talented, zany, and most of all just fine people! The 50/50 Raffle will be donated to Compassionate Care ALS in memory of Tom Monahan. Thanks for the Memories MMB!





## 50/50 CASH RAFFLE TICKET

## A NEW \$\$\$\$ WINNED EACH DAY!

Winner to be announced each day before the last set of the day.

## Friday Proceeds to Benefit

317 MAIN COMMUNITY MUSIC CENTER



Encouraging creative expression, personal growth, and community connection through music.

## Saturday Proceeds to Benefit

COMPASSIONATE CARE ALS



In memory & honor of Manic Mountain Boys Chairman Tom Monahan

## **Sunday Proceeds to Benefit**

THE AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

In loving memory of Thomas Point Beach Festival Founder- Pati Crooker



## Don't forget to join us in the Main Lodge Living Room!



Relax, charge your phone, view festival and park memorabilia from years past! And maybe even make new friends!







## **SOUTHERN RAIL**

southernrail.com

Southern Rail's performances are high-energy exuberant fun, with riveting harmonies, irrepressible humor and sparkling banjo, mandolin, and guitar solo work. Southern Rail celebrates over four decades of performing together. This is Southern Rail's first time back since 1997 and we can't wait for those incredible harmonies to float over the bay!

# **NEW ENGLAND**BLUEGRASS BAND

The New England Bluegrass Band first took the TPB stage in 2000 and will make their 7<sup>th</sup> appearance this year. The band is, simply put, a high caliber, tradition based Bluegrass music ensemble with an emphasis on powerful vocals with just the right instrumental backing and hot picking. Don't miss them!



If you have questions about the local recovery community or are a "Friend of Bill W" and want to connect with others, please call Todd S at 207 841 4550. You can also find us hanging out in the site behind the Shower Building, as well.



## Lessons on Wheels

Take advantage of your festival time to improve your bluegrass banjo playing! Rich Stillman is a Mel Bay author with forty years of banjo teaching experience who can tailor a lesson to your needs and interests. Take a lesson, and put your new skills to use at a jam right away! Hour and half-hour lessons available.

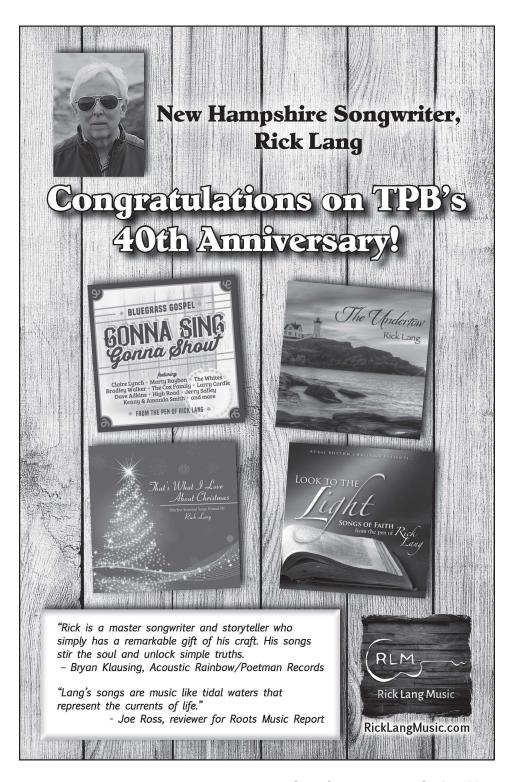
## Bluegrass Banjo Lessons at Thomas Point Beach!

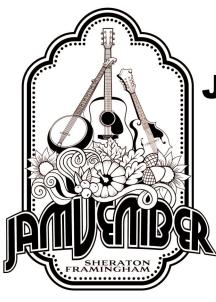
Your first lesson: try it!



Call or text (617)-75-BANJO to schedule a lesson, or stop by Campsite 3 by the inlet.

Looking for instruction after the festival? Rich offers banjo lessons face-to-face or online. Email banjoteacher@waystation.net for more information.





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Nov. 22, 23 & 24

Bluegrass Jamming "Non-Festival" the weekend before Thanksgiving



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## TENNESSEE MAFIA JUG BAND

facebook.com/TennesseeMafiaJugBand/

When Sunday night roles around, there is just one band left to play and this one is for our crew! It's their pick year, after year. Leroy Troy and the boys let us all relax, laugh, and come together in celebration of a job well done! They are all mighty fine musicians and fantastic friends! We even built a stage just for them! Enjoy!



# Thanks to our Forever Crew! We couldn't do it without you!

"This is as much a family reunion as it is a festival, it is a part of us, and we are incredibly lucky to have a strong network of support to help us continue my mothers legacy in a big way. I think she would be proud." MM

There are special folks we could never do this without and we seriously hope you know it! So very many years of summer memories together! Cheers to all of you!

The Summers Family, the Rapoza/Elder Pack, George and David, Randy and Gail, ALL the LUNNS, Bonnie and Cindy and so many Lemieuxes, the Felix Family, Newt, Dr. Zach, and John and Mac, Todd & his crew, the Stillmans and Sawyers, our emcees and volunteers and EVERY ONE of YOU who give us the love and support throughout all these years to keep this circle unbroken.





















That was fun! Let's do it again in 2020!

**September 3-6, 2020** 

## "Welcome Home" once again to beautiful Thomas Point Beach!

We are happy to have you join us for the return of our Bluegrass Festival
We ask your cooperation in observing the following important policies and to remember that
your consideration of our bluegrass guests is essential.



### **FESTIVAL COURTESIES**

- WRISTICKETS MUST BE KEPT VISIBLE AT ALL TIMES. THIS INCLUDES DOGS. Do NOT remove or stretch!
- SKATEBOARDS, SKATES, SCOOTERS and ROLLERBLADES ARE NOT ALLOWED ANYWHERE IN THE PARK.
- BICYCLES MUST BE WALKED OUT OF THE PARK FROM WED—SUN FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL GUESTS.
- ♦ OPEN DISPLAY of ALCOHOL in the stage and other public areas area is not tolerated.
- Proper Behavior is expected at all times on the property. DISORDERLY BEHAVIOR is NEVER TOLERATED.
- SMOKING is NOT permitted in the seating or vending area and courtesy for others is always requested.
- ♦ DANCING is welcome around the perimeter of the seating area, as to not obstruct the audience.
- ♦ PLEASE keep conversations in the stage area to a minimum to respect those enjoying the music
- DRUGS ARE ILLEGAL and WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.
- PLEASE DO NOT ROPE OFF CAMPING AREAS. Camping is on a "First Come, First Served" Basis -Only exception-Reserved, Prepaid Electric Sites.
- ♦ THE SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT THE PARK IS 5 MPH at all times.
- THE PLAYGROUND IS CLOSED AT 10:00 PM each day. Please observe "Parent Watch" All Children 16 and under are to be with their parents throughout the night.
- ♦ DOGS MUST BE on a LEASH at all times and KEPT AT THE CAMPSITE. Please be sure to clean up after. No Dog in the seating area, playground, beachfront, vendor area, etc. EVER
- FIRES ARE RESTRICTED TO FIRE RINGS OR FIREPLACES ONLY! No open / unconstrained or over-sized (higher than one foot) fires.
- SWIMMING is ALLOWED ONLY AT YOUR OWN RISK! NO LIFEGUARD on duty at any time!
- ◆ TRASH POLICY "Take IN, Take OUT" Garbage bags are provided for your use. Please take your trash home with you. If you prefer not to.. Please leave your trash by the roadside for daily pick-up. "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle" Do NOT Litter. THANK YOU!!
- ♦ NO PRIVATE SOUND SYSTEMS in the Stage Area. Private Systems among the campers MUST be kept at a MODERATE Volume. NO Exceptions.
- ♦ RV GENERATORS MAY NOT BE USED BETWEEN 10 PM 8 AM.
- ◆ ALL ROADWAYS MUST BE KEPT CLEAR throughout the Park.
- No selling of any products without prior approval.
- ♦ No ground gray water disposal and, please, no Black Water disposal in Port-A-Johns!
- ♦ No direct water hook-ups; please find water fill stations on the map for your water needs
- Please DO NOT USE HIGH-BACKED CHAIRS in the seating area. Be considerate of those behind you Feel free to let others use your chairs while you are away.

We ask that everyone exercise care and caution while inside the park, as there are many children at play and pedestrians on the roadways throughout.

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ADMITTANCE AND / OR TO ASK ANY INDIVIDUAL OR INDIVIDUALS TO VACATE THE PARK GROUNDS SHOULD VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE ABOVE POLICIES OCCUR.

NO REFUNDS - NO EXCEPTIONS

Please reach out to us with any issues as they occur — we can't address what we don't know about!
Feel free to ask any staff member for assistance.

We appreciate your cooperation to all of the above and we hope you have a wonderful weekend with us at beautiful Thomas Point Beach!