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# BEACH VACATION 4ME

Greetings! It is with great excitement that I share our name change. For years now, I have had many homeowners ask me to assist them with advertising their properties beyond our paradise location of North Captiva. It is with great pleasure for me to announce our new company BeachVacations4me, LLC which will enable me to represent properties in other spectacular locations. Our newest location is very special. In addition to representing North Captiva Island, I will also feature properties on Boca Grande, Florida.

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Boca Grande is not new to me. For many years, I have made day trips to Boca Grande. Typically this would include a fabulous lunch and shopping with my daughter and friends from North Cap. When I was asked to represent two properties on Boca Grande, I was overjoyed. Featured in this newsletter is one of the homes I am now representing. It is spectacular!!!!

Boca Grande is unique in that it is a barrier island but you can drive your car over the Gasparilla Island Bridge. You will find both cars and golf carts in this Florida town. Endless bike paths await special bike rides to town for ice cream at the Loose Caboose or to stop in at the grocery store(yes....a grocery store on the island). Boca Grande is a family location. The beaches are pristine, the restaurants are yummy and the people are very friendly. I look forward to introducing you to Boca Grande.



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My passion for North Captiva is stronger than ever as I continue to assist people with their vacation plans. More guests have fallen in love with our little piece of paradise. I have received so many wonderful e-mails. Some guests have been timid about experiencing the island. They would write me afterwards and say “you were right Sarah; North Captiva truly renewed our spirit. Our family cannot wait to return.”

It is truly a privilege for me to represent North Captiva and Boca Grande. I always love hearing from you and hope you enjoy the first BeachVacation4me newsletter.

**Inquiries and reservations for North Captiva:**

- Toll free (866)587-6420.
- **All the amenities** of the North Captiva Island Club are yours to enjoy with each of our North Captiva properties. We will coordinate your vacation directly with the island club.
- Our guidance and information is from experience. We know the drill! We know what works. We look forward to assisting you with your vacation plans.

## *A fishing part of Boca Grande History*

Just like the Indians, the earliest settlers came to Gasparilla Island to fish. By the late 1870s several fish ranches were operating in the Charlotte Harbor area. One of them would later be at the north end of Gasparilla Island in the small village called Gasparilla. The early Boca Grande Fisherman, many of them Spanish or Cuban, caught huge catches of mullet and other fish and salted them down for shipment to Havana and other markets.

As time went on, and Boca Grande became known as a mecca for sport fishing, particularly Tarpon fishing, many of these same families turned to guiding charters as a secondary, and later, as a primary income.

In the 1940s the Gasparilla Fishery was moved to Placida across the bay, where it still stands today, and the fishing village died out.

Today, many of Boca Grande’s early fishing families are still represented in third, fourth and even fifth generation descendants who pursue many different vocations, including fishing.

The North Captiva and Pine Island estuaries have similar histories and results.

## The Tarpon Tales—Magnificent New Boca Grande Home

The Tarpon Tales is a magnificent brand new luxury home located on Boca Grande. This home features 5 bedrooms, 5 bathrooms, private pool, 8-person outdoor hot tub with spill-over, and pool bar. The Tarpon Tales will comfortably sleep 14 in beds. No detail has been missed. A rooftop observation deck provides breathtaking sunrises and sunsets with 360 degree panorama of the Gulf of Mexico and Gasparilla Sound



Tarpon Tales — Brand New Island Home

The upside-down floor provides main floor beach views from the living room, dining room and screened lanai. Many additional amenities include a bocce ball court, flat screen televisions, internet, etc.

We just had a last minute cancellation for the week of June 6, 2009. Call today for your opportunity to stay at this luxury home. Reservations are currently being accepted for 2010 as well.

## Top Ten Reasons why you love North Captiva

Do you have a favorite reason you love North Captiva? These are comments we have received this last year.

No Cars – love the golf carts

World class fishing – best fishing stories ever!

Sunsets on the roof deck – waving at our neighbors!

Dolphins, manatees and turtles

The Boat House – great food, great chef!

Shells, shells and more shells

Peaceful and quiet

Lush Vegetation – truly a tropical feel

Our beach house – the best vacation home ever!

Endless family memories we will treasure.


## Restaurant Review – The Temptation – “The Temp”

On my recent trip to Boca Grande, I had the pleasure of enjoying lunch at the Temptation. Located at 350 Park Avenue, this Boca Grande bistro says welcome the minute you walk in the door. The staff greeted us with a warm welcome. They were very courteous and attentive to our needs.

I enjoyed the strawberry chicken salad which was extremely fresh, light and tasty. Bronzed grouper was my daughter's selection. The menu summed this dish up correctly as they stated it was an “Island Sensation”. Clearly my daughter enjoyed this immensely as she had the first clean plate in the group. The grouper was prepared on a Bed of sautéed Brussell Sprouts With Roasted Garlic, Shallots, Prosciutto, & Parmesan Cheese topped with an Orange Beurre Blanc. My husband enjoyed the fried grouper fingers. Typically he does not order fried food, but he described this being extremely light and some of the best fish he has ever tasted.

You can read more about the Temptation at [www.temptationbocagrande.com](http://www.temptationbocagrande.com)

Our group gave “The Temp” a

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## Remember Mango Mania

Did you know that no other states report the production of mangos? Consequently, Florida is the main United States producer of this fruit. Mango Mania is a festival held at the German American Social Club, 2101 S.W. Pine Island Road, Cape Coral during the month of July. Festival-goers can taste and buy their fill of just-picked mangoes of assorted varieties, many not available in supermarkets. They can learn how to grow their own and buy a tree. There's music, dancing and even some non-mango comestibles for anyone who simply can't live on mangoes alone.



Delicious Mangos of many varieties

If you don't have time to go to the festival, order mango's from the market or stop at one of the local fruit stands on the way to the marina. The fruit vary in shape (kidney, round, oblong, oval) and weight ranges from a few ounces to five pounds. Although the fruit will ripen on the tree, it is usually picked green and will ripen quickly. The fruit is just delicious. Why not celebrate your own mango mania while visiting North Captiva!

## Tarpon Fishing: May is Tarpon Season

Growing to lengths of more than eight feet and weighing more than 280 pounds, it is easy to see why the tarpon is one of the most sought after saltwater game fish in the world. It's habitat is close to the shoreline so fishermen of all types and skill levels can catch them.

If you have ever had the privilege of hooking up on a big tarpon then you know the exhilaration and thrill of testing yourself in battle against one of the most sought after gamefish in the world. This distinction is easy to see at first glance as the tarpon starts a series of spectacular acrobatic leaps in the air that will have your heart pounding, your rod bending and your drag screaming. You better hold on!



Fishing for the tarpon can at times be an exercise of patience and discipline. You may be surrounded by large schools of rolling tarpon containing hundreds of fish and they will not hit anything you throw at them. Other times, it is a feeding frenzy. So, go fishing for tarpon every chance you get, that next world record catch may be waiting just for you.

Contact Captain Dennis at 239-707-9701 for a great fishing guide and mention this newsletter for \$25.00 off your fishing adventure. This offer good through May 31, 2009.

## WWW.BEACHVACATION4ME.COM

We have started a new website with a brand new look and feel. You can find our listings and important details about our homes. We hope the new website will be helpful for you to locate the vacation home just perfect for your needs. Some current homes on specials include the Tropic Ten on Boca Grande and many properties on North Captiva, including Palm Paradise, Snail's Pace, Cinco De Mayo, Rosetta House, and many more. Ask about our specials today! See our guest comments!!!

