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Island slang

Slang is a part of the American setting. We can't escape it. I don't like it, but every part of the country I have been to and that is "All" of them, has its own slang. The word "Booger" just doesn't mean the same thing in New York City as it does here.

We have our own slang here on the Redneck Riviera as well. Over the years, I have learned, added to and selected our Island Slang. It is well known by my island friends, but we all need to learn it as it is sometimes used on "mainlanders" and other folks.

Our Slang language refers to many types of people. Here is a list of the words you need to learn to be able to communicate with others here on "da Beach."

BLAME BURSTERS: are the people that react to every problem we have with "blame shifting," shifting responsibility to someone else and never take any themselves. You will find them in government a lot. They are like cloud bursts of acid rain on us all.

SEA GULLS: a person that flies in, makes a lot of noise, craps on everything, and then leaves. They are in all bars, usually have red noses, have not read a newspaper in years and have an opinion on everything.

ASSLANDERS: This is self explanatory. They come from everywhere at all times.

CUBER: This is a person that spends the entire work day in a cubicle, then comes to the island to relax and doesn't know how to. They can usually be seen with milk white legs and socks on with their thong sandals. Cuber is not a redneck trying to say Cuba!

PRAIRIE DOGS: These are people you see popping their heads up from bars and around corners when Bubba slaps somebody upside the head for using bad language in front of his woman. They will scatter easily and have a lot of hair on their bodies.

STRESS GUPPY: is a person that seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny. Many of them get drunk on one beer and have enjoyed poor health most of their lives.

ADULT DAY CARE PEOPLE: can be found in the bar parking lots at 10 a.m., waiting for the bars to open. They have no life, and if we didn't have the bars, they would all be in nursing homes. They also smell like stale beer and cigarettes, 24-7!

SAND SEEKERS: are always looking for whiter sand. You can hear them say things like, "That sand is not as white as the sand in the Sugar Bowl," or "Why is the sand not white today?" As if it has ever mattered. They also smoke milkweed and many are vegetarians.

WATER WANTERS: A person that is landlocked in the middle of the island and spends a lifetime trying to get "on the water" instead of being happy walking 300 steps to either side of the island and being in the water! Many of them wear horn rimmed glasses and eat seaweed on their salads.

SHELLERS: These are Tourons, a mix between Tourist and Moron, that come to go "shelling." They walk the beach with heads bent, stick and net in hand, hoping for that one shell that they can frame or a lot of broken ones that always end up on the back of the bathroom commode. They are lost souls who have not had intimate relations in years and buy a lot of adult toys.

LOCALS: have the courage to live here all the time.
Just thought you'd like to know ...

"This is a watershed moment on this beach" — Gary Smith

SRIA still ponders Hotel definition

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As Northwest Florida marks the third year after Hurricane Ivan hit on September 16, 2004, Island Authority officials have yet to decide how to define a hotel on Pensacola Beach.

After the Island Authority deliberated for months to settle on a definition, Escambia County commissioners came up with their own, more lax definition, and now Santa Rosa Island Authority Board members wonder whether they can further restrict the county's rules.

Island resident Gary Smith said "this is a mixed use beach, separated from Navarre and Perdido Key," which he stated are "condo canyons."

Smith told the SRIA to use the three basic tools afforded to them: building caps, lease restrictions and policies they set to ensure that hotels remain a part of the development mix on the island.

"The BCC sold out to developers," Smith said. "It's a blatant end run around the building cap" which will kill hotels, bars and restaurants, he added.

Many who are in favor of restricting condo development on the beach say that condominiums will attract more long term residents, who are more likely to dine in, and not support the tourist attractions on the island.

However, developers make more money by selling condominiums than hotels.

"This is a watershed moment on this beach," Smith said.

Former SRIA board member Kelly Robertson, who was removed by the commissioner who appointed him, told the board to stand up for what is right and not be tempted to parrot the same line as the commissioner who appointed him or her. He urged the board to act in the best interest of Pensacola Beach.

Additionally, board members discussed how bed taxes would be collected if an owner occupies the unit for an extended period of time.

Buck Lee, whose title was changed to Executive Director of the Santa Rosa Island Authority, pointed out that "the owner can't stay free, or we'll be out of funds," referring to the SRIA.

And, Lee said that when a hotel is torn down to rebuild another hotel, the

fees generated will come to a stop unless an arrangement is worked out to collect the same amount of fees during the construction phase, which will be credited upon reopening the new hotel, which theoretically will collect higher fees.

Robert Rinke, one of the developers of Portofino and a staunch opponent to adding more condos to the beach, said he would be one of the first to apply for 366 additional "unlimited size" hotel leases if they become available. He is in the planning process for the final phase of Portofino Resort.

The issue will be discussed again at the committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 5 p.m.

At the September board meeting, the SRIA board voted to:

- Lengthen the no wake zone in Little Sabine Bay
- Allow Paddy O'Leary's to sublease unit 49A to Florida Pizza Kitchen
- Approve a request by Herbie T's owner to sublease to Island Realty.

Additionally, the majority voted to grant \$20,000 to the Mardi Gras festivities, with member John Peacock objecting.



Casting Nets
Chuck Randle

A lifetime of learning is ahead of us

Before the beginning of school in August, my great-grandson was wondering how he would learn to read. I told him that his kindergarten teacher would help him learn words and then he would be able to read. That seemed to satisfy him.

After his first day in kindergarten, I asked him how the day went and he said, "Fine, but I didn't learn to read yet."

I find it so interesting that our children have this innate desire to learn. Their minds are like little sponges, taking in all the sights and sounds around them, and the amazing thing is how they are able to retain it.

Carl Rogers wrote, "I want to talk about learning. But not the lifeless, sterile, futile, quickly forgotten stuff that is crammed in to the mind of the poor helpless individual tied into his seat by ironclad bonds of conformity! I am talking about LEARNING - the insatiable curiosity that drives the adolescent boy to absorb everything he can see or hear or read about gasoline engines in order to improve the efficiency and speed of his 'cruiser'. I am talking about the student who says, "I am discovering, drawing in from the outside, and making that which is drawn in a real part of me." I am talking about any learning in which the experience of the learner progresses along this line: "No, no, that's not what I want"; "Wait! This is closer to what I am interested in, what I need"; "Ah, here it is! Now I'm grasping and comprehending what I need and what I want to know!"

Someone said "Books are friends" — and how true that is! Through books we can travel to all parts of our universe, get to know and understand people we may never meet, understand some of the reasons our world is as it is, grasp the thoughts of philosophers and poets, and move out of parochial thinking that takes us a level of understanding we never thought possible. That doesn't happen on the first day of kindergarten. It takes a lifetime. And just when we think we've learned it all, we realize there is another plateau to conquer.

Hopefully, the insatiable desire to learn will be part of us until the end of our lives.

Top 10 tips to stay safe on your personal watercraft

• PWCs represent 9% of registered vessels but account for 26% of all reported boating accidents

Are PWCs dangerous? According to Boat Owners Association of The United States, the answer to that question depends on who is driving. The most recent figures from the U.S. Coast Guard and National Marine Manufacturers Association show that PWCs (personal watercraft) represent 9 percent of all registered vessels in the U.S., but account for a whopping 26 percent of reported boating accidents.

However, Boat U.S. recently looked at the issue and reviewed its member's insurance claims files. Interestingly, it found that while PWCs represent 4.3 percent of all insured vessels, they account for just 3.8 percent of all reported accident claims. So what explains the fact that Boat U.S. PWC insureds have significantly lower accident rates?

Adriance offers the following 10 tips that can help PWC operators stay safe:

1. Know your state's age and education requirements. PWC manufacturers recommend a minimum operator age of 16 years old.
2. Even if your state doesn't

require it, PWC operators should take a boating safety course, one that includes the unique handling and operational characteristics of PWCs. (The Boat U.S. Foundation has an online PWC course available at <http://www.BoatUS.org/onlinecourse/watercraftcourse.htm>)

3. Boat U.S. claims files show that 70% of PWC collisions are with another vessel, the majority of which are other PWCs. Try to gain on-the-water PWC experience in an area away from busy waterways — and other PWCs — where there is plenty of room.

4. Always wear a personal flotation device, attach the engine shut off cord (lanyard) to your wrist, and remove the cord when not riding to avoid unauthorized use. Never ride after consuming alcohol.

5. Loaning out your PWC can be risky business. A National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) report indicates that roughly 84% of PWC accidents involved operators who had no boating safety education or instruction. If you choose to loan out your PWC, be fully confident that your

friend or family member is of legal age, has completed a boating safety course, and has the operational ability and knowledge to operate a PWC.

6. If possible, gain some experience as a passenger on other PWCs before going out alone. The insights you gain from fellow PWC operators, such as handling, rules of the road and good boating etiquette, are invaluable.

7. Before heading out, do a thorough check of your PWC, ensuring that the throttle, switches and steering work properly, fuel lines and battery cables are secure, and there is no fuel in the bilge.

8. Always operate defensively: keep a safe distance from people, objects or other PWCs (PWCs can take up to 300 feet to stop from 60 mph); understand a PWCs handling characteristics and loss of steering when off-throttle; and avoid maneuvers that make it hard for other boaters to understand where you are going.

9. Never carry more than the maximum passenger load, and never place a passenger in front of the driver.

10. Remember that a PWC is a boat, and like every other vessel must follow basic boating rules.

Networking at the Covenant Hospice Evening of Comedy



Martha Cobb of Bloomer Geri & Company Accountants and Dave Hoxeng of Cat Country Radio.



Cherry Fitch, Gary Michaels and Mark Lee of Resort Realty with Dee and Dr. Kurt Krueger, center. Dr. Krueger is with the Andrews Institute.



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