

## ANNUAL EVENTS

### **A Hilton Head Island tradition for 30-plus years, HarbourFest attracts thousands to Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina for summer fun that includes music, fireworks and all types of family entertainment**

**HILTON HEAD ISLAND, SOUTH CAROLINA** — For more than three decades, guests and locals have enjoyed the annual Hilton Head Island and Southern summer phenomenon known as HarbourFest at Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, including music from the beloved Shannon Tanner, weekly Tuesday night fireworks and family-friendly entertainment. HarbourFest has been named a Top 20 Event by the Southeastern Tourism Society and a Best of Southern Fests by The South magazine.

From Memorial Day through Labor Day, Shannon Tanner performs two shows on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 6:30 and 8 p.m., featuring fan favorites like “My Hair Had a Party Last Night” and “Flying Purple People Eater,” as well as classic island songs. For 30-plus years, Tanner’s entertaining, multi-generational show gets the crowd involved through energetic and animated singing and dancing. Many parents who attended his shows as children return yearly with their own families.

Tanner, who’s known for his trademark beanie hat with propeller, loves to write inspirational notes on kids’ beanie hats, signing a new panel every year. “We’re in the business of creating memories every night at HarbourFest for vacationing families,” says Tanner.

Shelter Cove Harbour also hosts Thursday night Parrot Palooza, a Caribbean sunset celebration with Shannon Tanner and his Jimmy Buffet tribute band, the Oyster Reefers, performing island-inspired tunes.

From mid-June until mid-August, HarbourFest includes weekly fireworks over Broad Creek on select Tuesday evenings, as well as the largest fireworks display on the island July 4. Fireworks begin at dusk, weather permitting for the set-up and launch. Guided kayak tours and boat cruises leave from Shelter Cove Harbour for a view of the fireworks from the water.

In addition to the music and fireworks, attendees can join in family-friendly activities and entertainment at Shelter Cove Harbour during HarbourFest, like Cappy the Clown who will be in attendance Monday-Friday from 6-9 p.m., as well as face painting, bounce houses, balloon animals, arts & crafts, practice putting and a variety of interactive games and activities.

All HarbourFest events are free and open to the public.

Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina is a Mediterranean-style village located mid-island at mile marker 8 across from Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort, offering casual waterfront dining, unique shopping, live entertainment and beautiful views of Broad Creek. With 178 slip rentals, Shelter Cove is Hilton Head’s largest deep-water marina. One of the finest ports of call along the East Coast, Shelter Cove’s state-of-the-art facilities and comprehensive amenities are complemented by the island’s Lowcountry charm. All types of water activities are enjoyed here, from inshore and offshore fishing charters to sport crabbing, sailing and dolphin tours, sightseeing and nature excursions and more.

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#### **About Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort**

Palmetto Dunes Oceanfront Resort is a 2,000-acre resort destination located in the middle of Hilton Head Island, S.C., bounded by 3 miles of Atlantic Ocean beach on one side and a sheltered Intracoastal Waterway marina on the other. Named No. 3 “Best Resort in the South” in Condé Nast Traveler’s Readers’ Choice Awards and to the top 25

World's Best Family Getaways by Travel + Leisure, the resort features vacation home and villa rentals, three world-class golf courses, an award-winning tennis and pickleball center, an 11-mile inland salt-water lagoon system for kayaking and fishing, and Hilton Head Outfitters for bike rentals, canoes, kayaks, fishing, beach rentals and retail shopping. The Mediterranean-style Shelter Cove Harbour & Marina, Hilton Head Island's largest deep-water marina, located right across from Palmetto Dunes, features waterfront shopping and dining and a wide variety of charters, including nature cruises, dolphin tours, fireworks tours and fishing. For information about activities or reservations, please call 877-567-6513 or visit [www.palmettodunes.com](http://www.palmettodunes.com).

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