



# One Particular Newsletter

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## Jimmy Buffett Themed Museum Experience Coming To Mobile Alabama

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From AL.com:

Long before Jimmy Buffett strummed a guitar, his family's story was intertwined with Mobile Bay.

Nearly 72 years ago, the Chiquimula—a schooner once captained by his grandfather, the inspiration behind 'Son of a Son of a Sailor'—stood tall along the Causeway and served as a floating landmark. But in 1953, vandals set it ablaze, sending a piece of Buffett's Mobile roots up in smoke.

Now, decades later, those roots are drifting back home. The National Maritime Museum of the Gulf, docked on the Mobile River, is developing an immersive, 5,000-square-foot exhibit celebrating Buffett's seafaring heritage and legendary island sound.

Slated to open in September 2026, the exhibit will bring Buffett's story full circle, back to the waters where his grandfather once sailed and where his parents built a life on the waterfront.

"Our view is that the National Maritime Museum is positioned uniquely being across the river where Jimmy's parents worked and adjacent to the river where his grandfather sailed," said Matt Anderson, executive director of Civic, Culture, and Maritime Affairs with the City of Mobile. "When he talks about the 'Son of a Sailor,' he is talking about the man who sailed across the Mobile River."

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### Claiming Jimmy

Anderson said the city wants to put its imprint on the Buffett legacy, creating a must-visit spot for funky and laid-back Parrot Heads and curious history buffs alike.

The feature will be located on Deck 1 and 1A, essentially the museum's main entrance.

"A lot of places are wanting to claim Jimmy," Anderson said. "He only has one home and that is Mobile."

Buffett, born in Pascagoula, grew up in Mobile and attended St. Ignatius and McGill-Toolen High School. He played his first shows downtown at the Admiral Hotel and made his first recordings inside a studio that was once located within the Loop.

Early mementos will be included within the exhibit, including his first signed music contract, family photos and a paper he wrote when he was 8 years old.

Karen Poth, executive director of the museum, said they have been working with Buffett's family to acquire items that will be displayed inside the exhibit.

"They've kept everything including grade school papers, and things he wrote," she said.

"The gallery part has been a lot of fun to research."

She said that museum officials are also working with Margaritaville Holdings LLC and other entities on the exhibit.

### Coastal focus

It will go beyond Buffett's Mobile roots and will connect to the museum's overall theme of celebrating the entirety of the Gulf.

"He spent his whole life in the Gulf whether it's Key West (or other places)," Poth said.

"We will cover all of those things."

She added, "It will be about his life and his contributions to the Gulf identity and the contributions to his identity."

Poth said the goal is to give visitors a feeling of attending a Buffett concert in an "intimate setting." One potential show to be featured is the intimate concert Buffett delivered at Lulu's, the popular Gulf Shores venue owned by his sister, Lucy. Buffett played a surprised concert before about 2,000 people at Lulu's in 2010.

She said the shows will be interchangeable, allowing the museum to switch out shows to give visitors a different experience.

Poth said one feature the museum is considering is building a replica of Shrimp Boat Studios, a white building with no windows that Buffett used a recording studio in Key West. *Cont'd on Page 3*



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31 Years of Partying With a Purpose!



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"My hope is to build that out in the middle of the gallery and the interactive component is that people can look and see the recording sessions."

She added, "It will be things that people have never experienced before, will be neat and something interactive for the Parrot Heads."

Mobile celebrated the inaugural "Son of a Sailor Fest" in September, a family-friendly street party honoring Buffett and his music. Gulf Shores has hosted two "Meeting of the Minds" events that celebrated Buffett, and featured performances by the Coral Reefers.

Last August, The Wharf in Orange Beach announced plans to build a Margaritaville Resort on 70 acres along the Intracoastal Waterway. The project's first phase is expected to open by 2027, with the complete resort opening in 2029.

A Margaritaville restaurant is expected to open in Gulf Shores sometime this year.



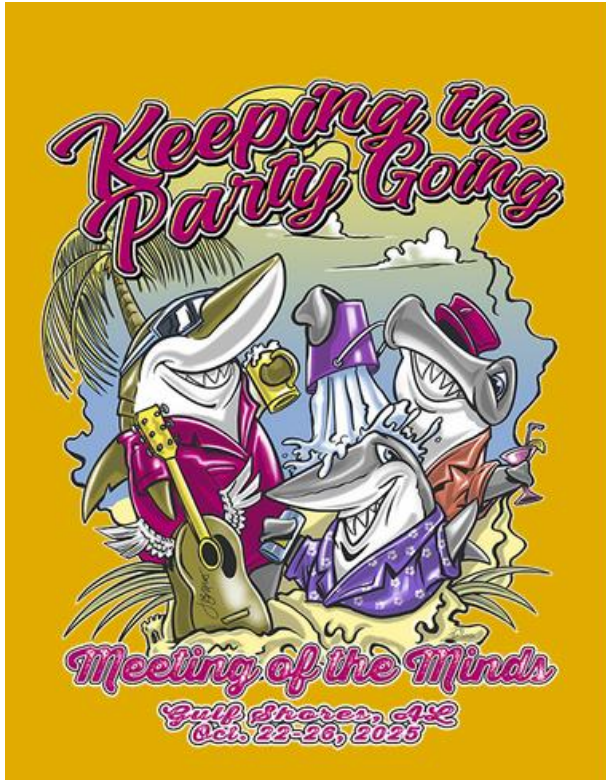
[DanaPoint5thMarines.com](http://DanaPoint5thMarines.com)

We sponsor a hole and hand out margaritas for the golfers during the tournament.

Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Support Group has been a charity of the OCPHC for 5 years.

## Dana Point 5th Marine Regiment Golf Tournament





Meeting of The Minds returns to Gulf Shores Alabama in 2025, October 22nd–26th. Registration is open now! For up to date information on Meeting of The Minds, go to [www.MOTM.ocks](http://www.MOTM.ocks).

## Parrot Head Resources – Read, Listen, Phlock







**April FOOL BUTTON PHLOCKING**

"We'll push the fool button  
I'll meet you in the bar  
We'll push the fool button  
Where everyone's a star"

**Saturday April 12th Noon to 4:00 pm**  
Kenwood's Kitchen & Tap  
1555 Adams Ave Costa Mesa, CA

Join the Orange County Parrot Head Club as we celebrate all of the April Fools in our club. We will be on the patio at Kenwood's Kitchen & Tap in Costa Mesa enjoying some great entertainment provided by Gregville Music. Our 50/50 drawing will go to support the OCPHC MS Walk Team. You can join or donate to our walk team at [www.ocphc.org](http://www.ocphc.org)

**walk MS**

50/50 Proceeds will benefit our MS Walk Team

Special Musical Guest  
Gregville Music



The OCPHC raised \$895 for the MS Walk!







## Meet Buffett Beach

The Buffett Beach Band is a premiere Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band performing throughout the US, with their most popular markets being California, Texas & Florida. The Buffett Beach Band provides the ultimate Jimmy Buffett & the Coral Reefer band experience! Frontman Bob Baldwin (Jimmy Buffett) delivers a great Jimmy-style vocal and provides fun stories and banter between songs to engage the crowd and pull them into the show. With an 8-piece veteran backing band that includes amazing female vocals and a killer horn section. The Buffett Beach Band pays spot-on homage to the large-scale Jimmy Buffett shows that we all know and love.

## Migration is Back!

**June 26th—29th 2025**

**Las Vegas, NV**

The Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Arizona and San Diego Parrot Head Clubs have revived Migration to Keep The Party Going. The dates are June 26th through June 29th 2025. The location is The Orleans Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas Nevada. The Charity for the event is The Alzheimer's Association Desert Southwest Chapter. Entertainment for the event so far include, Ricky Lamb and The No Bad Days Band, Stars on The Water, Heather Vidal, Barefoot Reggie Starrett and Cory Young. Registration for the event is \$135.00. Rooms at The Orleans range from \$50.00 to \$100 per night. [www.westcoastmigration.org](http://www.westcoastmigration.org).





## Margaritaville at Sea Adding Third Ship in 2026

Nathan Diller USA Today.

Calling all Parrotheads: Margaritaville at Sea is expanding its fleet! The cruise line will add a third ship in 2026, according to a May 14 news release. The line is acquiring the vessel from Costa Cruises, which will continue sailing as Costa Fortuna until late next year.

The line's second ship, Margaritaville at Sea Islander, "really outperformed expectations" following its launch last summer, the line's CEO Christopher Ivy told USA TODAY ahead of the announcement.

"I think we've been able to really refine the model with Islander, and had the opportunity to acquire the Fortuna and it just made sense, given all the momentum that we have at the moment," Ivy said.

While the new ship will bear some similarities to Islander – which was also a former Costa vessel, Costa Atlantica – it will be the largest in the fleet at more than 102,500 gross tons and room for around 3,450 passengers (Islander has a capacity of 2,650 guests). The ship will be similarly reimagined in Margaritaville style.

The "nice incremental size upgrade gives us the ability to bring over a lot of the things that people really love about Islander," Ivy said, while also adding others. Guests can expect to see "fan favorites" from both Islander and Margaritaville at Sea Paradise, and the line is in the early stage of developing new concepts.

Given the popularity of its "Heroes Sail Free" program, for example, Ivy said the line is considering how it could "bring a physical space to life to help celebrate the significant number of heroes that we have on board our ships." Additional details about onboard amenities – as well as the ship's homeport and itineraries – are still to come.

The cruise line, which celebrates its third anniversary on May 14, has also been expanding its range of sailings with longer itineraries after launching with round-trip, two-night cruises to the Bahamas from Palm Beach, Florida.

"I always say, like, a two-night getaway, everybody needs one, but it's not a replacement for a vacation," said Ivy. Passengers will still find plenty of shorter sailings – roughly 70% of cruises aboard Paradise are between two and three nights – but the company wants to offer guests variety.

"As we look to this (new) vessel, what we're really looking for and what we will do is continue to provide optionality," he said.





## 9 Hole Charity Golf Tournament & May Phlocking

*Birch Hills*  
GOLF COURSE

2250 E. Birch St Brea, CA



Entertainment by  
D.J. Dave Jensen

**Saturday, May 17th**

**Golf Starts at Noon**

**Phlocking 2:00pm to 5:00 pm**

Proceeds from the tournament go  
to The Dana Point 5th Marine  
Regiment Support Group.

Entertainment provided by  
**D.J. Dave Jensen**

**Green Fee is \$45.00 per player**

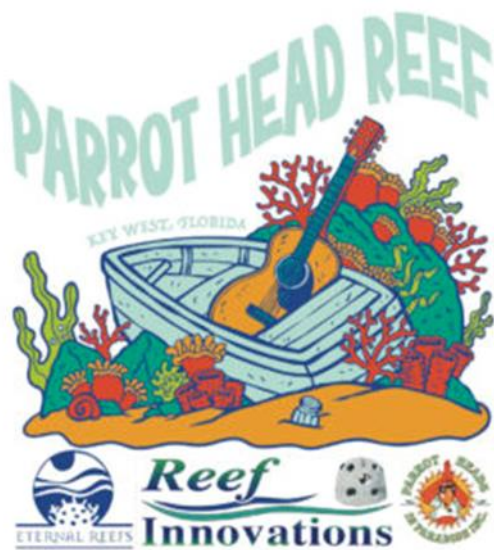
Sign up at [www.ocphc.org](http://www.ocphc.org)



## OCRMDH Walk For Kids







# Parrot Head Reef 10 Miles Off Of Key West to Honor Jimmy Buffett

The Parrot Head Reef will be dedicated to music's beloved Jimmy Buffett, a passionate ocean conservation advocate. Organizers have targeted Tuesday, September 1, 2026, for the inauguration of the project, three years after his passing. The reef will be located off Key West, one of Jimmy's most famously favorite and storied cities.

The marine area will become a dedicated space for underwater memorials featuring individual reef balls containing plaques paying homage to the original beach lover and ocean advocate. The reef will be comprised of two sizes of reef balls, ranging in size from about 600 to 1,600 pounds, and each will feature an 8-inch circular bronze plaque, custom designed by each entity which purchases the memorial.

The project is a collaboration between Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHiP), a network of more than 200 social and charitable clubs around the United States, Canada, Europe, Caribbean and Australia, along with Eternal Reefs, the Sarasota-based creative environmental memorial non-profit, dedicated to placing living legacies that help preserve the marine environment for future generations.

The Parrot Head Reef will be located in a site permitted by Florida's Monroe County that is 10 miles off Key West and outside the sanctuary boundary. It will feature a dedicated space to honor Jimmy Buffett and a cause he held so dear – ocean preservation. While anyone may purchase a memorial, pricing preference will be given to PHiP members and clubs. In the week leading up to September 1, the completed memorials will be displayed in Key West for viewing by individuals and clubs. Pending weather, the first memorials in the Parrot Head Reef will be deployed, targeting Tuesday, September 1, 2026.







## Tribute To First Responders

Wear your Tropical Red, White & Blue and join your club as we walk in the 30th Annual Balboa Island Parade. The parade starts at 11:00am. Line up with our club at 10:00am on Bayside Drive. Look for our club banner. The parade ends at the fire house where M Street band will be playing. We will be handing out Red, White & Blue Leis. Bring your friends and family members and walk with us as we celebrate our brave first responders. More information to come.

[ocphc.org](http://www.ocphc.org)



This was our second year participating in the parade!





## Upcoming Events



## The Lone Palm Foundation Parrot Heads Helping Parrot Heads



The Lone Palm Foundation is the charitable arm of Parrot Heads in Paradise (PHIP), Inc. The foundation exists to support Parrot Heads and the social and environmental needs and concerns within their communities.

By supporting our community and its environs on a local level, striving to preserve the world's ecosystem for generations to follow, exuding genuine concern for humanity by performing charitable actions and giving back to our fellow man in need through our beneficent aid, our philanthropic goals can be achieved. If you need help, and you are a member of a sanctioned PHIP Club, contact The Lone Palm Foundation, [www.lonepalmfoundation.org](http://www.lonepalmfoundation.org)

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The OCPHC is a Jimmy Buffett Fan Club that meets in fellowship and community service to the soundtrack of Jimmy Buffett and the Trop Rock Lifestyle.

We do good work for local charities, the community, environmental concerns and participate in national Parrot Heads in Paradise events.

### Your Membership Includes

*A Club Membership Lanyard*

*National Membership to Parrot Heads in Paradise*

*Subscription to "One Particular Newsletter"*

*Participation to All OCPHC Events and Activities*

*Special Concert Tickets Club Pre-Sale Opportunities*



*For more information go to—[www.ocphc.org](http://www.ocphc.org)*



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