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Family Fun at the 2nd Annual Fort Pierce Oyster Festival

Ft. Pierce, FL (March 29, 2013) — There will be fun for the entire Family at the 2nd Annual Fort Pierce Oyster Festival. This festival takes place along the Riverwalk in downtown Fort Pierce, on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Festival goers will be able to enjoy delicious oysters, and contribute to a better ecosystem as shells will be gathered for oyster reef restoration projects. This family-friendly festival will feature music, arts and crafts, marine eco exhibits, a wide variety of food and more.

“We are very pleased to present the 2nd Annual,” says Andy Brady, President of Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. (SHIP) and the event benefactor. “Our Inaugural event this past April far exceeded our expectations with more than 6,500 people coming out to support the oyster reef restoration projects and to celebrate our most precious asset, the Indian River Lagoon.”

“The 2nd Annual promises to be bigger, better and have a much larger variety of oyster dishes,” explained Brady. “We received great reviews on the inaugural event from the community, but the one thing that everyone craved was more oyster dishes. So, although we shucked and served more than 10,000 oysters on the half shell, this we will be serving grilled oysters at the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club. Oysters Provençal, Oysters Mexicali and oysters on the half shell will be served at 2 separate locations on the festival grounds. In addition, we have area restaurants serving a variety of food, so there will be something for everybody.”

The Manatee Observation & Education Center is a partner in the festival and will be hosting fun things to do for the kids. There will be face painting, mural painting, Life in the Lagoon stamping activity, appearances by Moe the Manatee and free admission to the Manatee Center from 10am-4:30pm, the day of the festival. The festival will also feature an “Indian River Lagoon Speaker Series” which will be 20 minute presentations from area research scientists. This will also take place at the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club. From the dock behind the Yacht Club, Capt. Chop Lege’ will

be giving tours of the Indian River Lagoon for \$10 per person. Performing on the Main Stage will be Frank the Acoustic Tank, Blue Cypress Bluegrass, The Sweet Chariots and the Cheyenne Band. For a complete event schedule, please visit our web site or like us on Facebook.

There is no charge to attend, so bring the family. This event is produced by Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc., with the support of the City of Ft. Pierce, Ft. Pierce City Marina, Ft. Pierce Yacht Club, Ft. Pierce Authentic Tours, Manatee Observation & Education Center, Sunrise Theatre and COSEE Florida. For more information contact April Price (772) 285-1646 or go to our web site at www.FtPierceOysterFest.com.

Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. is a 501(c) 3 public charity and is dedicated to sinking a large Navy type ship for an Artificial Reef and the enhancement to our artificial reef systems on the Treasure Coast of Florida.