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Family Fun for the Inaugural Fort Pierce Oyster Festival

Ft. Pierce, FL (March 14, 2012) — Don't miss the Inaugural Ft. Pierce Oyster Festival, Saturday, April 7, 2012. This fun filled event will take place along the Riverwalk in downtown Fort Pierce. Participants 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 & crafts, educational exhibits, marine items, food and more. The fun will begin at 10am and run until 8pm.

"We are very excited to see this event coming together," says Andy Brady, President of Sea-Life Habitat Improvement Project, Inc. (SHIP) and one of the event benefactors. There will be plenty to do for the all age groups. The Manatee Center will be hosting the children's activities which will include an "Oyster Egg Hunt" that will begin at 11am and the 2nd Annual "Great Coconut Float" that will take place at 1:30pm.

Tours will be conducted of the oyster restoration reefs on the Indian River Lagoon Boat Tours with Capt. Chop Lege'. Learn about the success of our oyster reef restoration from

the experts who oversee these projects. The boat will depart from the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club dock at 10:30 & 11:30am, 3:30pm and 4:30pm.

The Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation will present sailing demonstrations at 12noon, 2pm and 4pm. They will also present instruction on nautical knot tying at 11am, 1pm and 3pm. This will take place near the river by the Ft. Pierce Yacht Club. Treasure Coast Youth Sailing Foundation will also be conducting a marine flea market in conjunction with the event.

Sunrise Theatre will be sponsoring the “Pearl Scavenger Hunt” where patrons will be given a list of vendors to visit at the festival to collect stamps. Once you have obtained all of your stamps you will be eligible for our drawings to win tickets to the following shows: Jimmy Thackery (April 13, 8pm), Burn the Floor (April 18th, 7pm), One Night of Queen (April 21st, 8pm) and Ziggy Marley (May 6th, 7pm). Forms must be completed and turned in at the Sunrise Theatre display next to the Main Stage and the drawing will take place at 7pm, the night of the Festival.

Sponsors and vendors are welcome. Get you application and money in by Monday, March 23rd and be eligible to win tickets to an upcoming Sunrise Theatre Shows. Volunteers are needed and appreciated. 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.