

## What do you think is the most important beach-related issue for Captiva? (before ranking)

- Beach erosion -- 60
- Renourishment -- 30
- Water quality -- 16
- Keeping the beach clean -- 13
- Red tide -- 6
- Keeping the beach beautiful and clean for visitors
- Keeping beaches clean and clear of personal property.
- Parking needed
- Leaving furniture umbrellas etc. etc. on the beach overnight every night. Garbage is also an issue as well as leaving large holes in the sand for people to fall in. A minor issue is the occasional times we have dead fish wash up. It would be nice to have a number to call and have the fish removed or buried. Perhaps that could be a community effort volunteers having specified areas say 100 or so yards.
- Sea level rise
- Vegetation
- Lack of enforcement to current beach infractions; why have rules if not enforced? (i.e. stickers are placed on abandoned beach paraphernalia to the point that can hardly see chair for the stickers)
- 1) Erosion 2) Poor quality of dredged sand
- Erosion issues affecting the shoreline and bayside
- Chairs, umbrellas and canopies being left up overnight.
- Equipment, chairs, umbrellas, tents, volleyball nets left overnight on the beach...
- loose dogs
- Clean water, public access/parking
- Preservation of the beaches and dunes for the benefit of nesting sea turtles.
- Erosion and trash
- Erosion and then cleaning
- crowding
- Keeping it clean, especially at South Seas
- Removal of beach paraphernalia after dark at all times during the year, not just during turtle season.
- Large tents and leaving beach equipment overnight on the beach.
- Water quality. We should hook into Sanibel sewer system. Caloosahatchee runoff is the major issue but we also need to take responsibility for septic system impact.
- Erosion & removal of dead fish after red tide.
- Drones
- the over-abundance of day trippers and them leaving their garbage and waste
- Lake Okeechobee releases
- That we keep our beach renourishment projects - the beach here is GREAT - let keep it this way!
- Boats too close to beach
- Renourishment and the formula for calculating the fees. Commercial and rental properties do not pay their fair share, yet their clients have the greatest impact on the beach and they receive significant financial benefits.
- Dislike music on beach (except weddings)
- keeping the beaches and ocean clean

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- Re-nourishment and keeping it pristine as possible
- Shoreline erosion and related water level issues
- Keeping our beach free of garbage, debris, red-tide and prevention of erosion of our beaches
- How to keep the sand on the beach.
- No shells
- Maintaining beach for wildlife and human enjoyment. Renourish, reduce trash, build dunes.
- Releases from Lake O
- Keeping clear and clean - everything from trash and overnight beach gear to visitors who are here without toilet facilities (day trippers who can park at McCarthy's)
- 1. Urgent need to develop protective dune systems against increasing risk of storm surges; 2. Need to keep beach free of debris, in particular dead fish; 3. Quality and color of sand used in beach renourishment exercises; too grey compared to other Florida and Caribbean beaches.
- I don't think there are any beach issues other than Rude environmentalist and Turtle Patrol
- Free parking for daytrippers
- Beach renourishment and its cost
- Funding
- Limited access
- red tide guidance and predictive water quality access online more than once a week with data from the previous week
- safety
- Continued Preservation and value. Keeping development away from it.
- I think the CEPD has done a good job monitoring the beach over 25 years that we have spent time here. Parking is a problem that has no solution.
- Maintaining the largest beach size possible.
- clean water
- preservation of beach sand
- too much growth
- sidewalks!!
- keeping Blind Pass open
- traffic
- Erosion prevention; sea grasses holding sand in place
- Quality of water and erosion
- Preserving the Captiva Erosion Prevention District as an independent district. Otherwise if the legislature sunsets the District Lee County will take over management of the beaches.
- Keeping it pristine spacious and natural.
- Controlling public beach access
- Managing the entire beach area to minimize erosion
- preserving it.
- Water quality; red tide
- Beach erosion and overdevelopment
- Adequacy of dunes to protect against storm surge
- Water quality (red tide)
- keeping tourists from crossing our land onto the beach and then using our chairs.
- reclamation

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- Loud music
- Maintaining the geology of the beach.
- Sand healthy Erosion Trash Privacy from public
- Maintaining the beach in its unique and pristine condition
- smoothing out drop offs at beach paths after erosion events to lessen the visual effect of storm damage
- clean up of dead fish
- Beach maintenance - Keeping it clean, free of dead fish and trash
- Day trippers trolling for extremely limited beach parking.
- Keeping the beach clean and safe.
- rising sea levels
- Beach renourishment
- dune vegetation protection
- Protecting the Dunes and sea grass
- Maintain the general cleanliness of the beach.....trash, broken/abandon beach toys and beach chairs are an eyesore.
- That we make sure we have a beach with no more beach vegetation being added.
- keeping it in its most natural state possible and controlling litter.
- Preservation
- ongoing commitment to renourishment
- Seaweed
- Continuing to renourish the beach, and expand the dunes.
- Beaches should be kept clean and free of commercialism
- Maintaining at least some degree of privacy in areas of the beach that are not supposed to be open to public beach access such that those who own homes on the island may enjoy areas in which they have invested resources for renourishment, maintenance, etc.
- Protecting the beach from erosion
- Keeping the beaches re-nourished. Keeping beach dunes planted to prevent wind erosion Keeping beaches natural feeling.
- Garbage left behind by beach goers / loud music
- Maintaining a clean attractive beach for tourists and residents.
- Dune vegetation
- Pollution from Lake O
- Unauthorized beach access
- Clean water. Preventing runoff from Lake Okeechobee.
- Misuse by renters, leaving items on the beach, digging holes, fireworks, etc.
- rejuvenation of the beach sand

**If you had to name one of these as the most important issue in this “Beach Issues” group, which one would you choose? (post ranking)**

- Beach cleanup -- 67
- Dune vegetation -- 56
- Dune protection -- 15
- Beach paraphernalia being removed at night and not stored in the sand dunes. -- 11
- Proper disposal of fishing line -- 10
- Loud music -- 10
- Unauthorized peddlers and vendors on the beach -- 9

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- No open fires on beach -- 4
- Protection of the sand.
- Leaving debris all debris furniture cups etc.
- people on the beach that don't belong there
- Beach cleanup overall. Like a puzzle, put all of the above pieces together and you get ... Fort Myers Beach. Captiva is better than that!!!
- Removing beach related items and trash
- vegetation control
- Beach cleanup (of dead fish)
- Beach erosion
- beach cleanup, especially regarding red tide fish kill
- Dune vegetation protection, then cleanup
- Dune protection and removal of beach paraphernalia after dark at all times of the year
- Keeping dead fish & debris and other paraphernalia off the beach
- Loud music and drones
- Although I think many of these issues are important, I don't think many are relevant to Captiva.
- Erosion, which is a way bigger issue than the items listed.
- Sand dune
- Proper disposal of fishing line/ plastic straws
- You didn't mention it, but keeping red tide away and cleanup of it immediately when it hits. That's an emergency that not tended to, becomes really stinky and messy.
- Dune protection and fishing line
- Protection (and urgent development) of dune height and vegetation
- Seriously...?
- Noise from Leaf blowers on resort and private properties
- loud music and trash and teenagers with drones
- fish line and vegetation
- Use of the beach in a way that intrudes on others; i.e., loud music or large tents. These often--but not always-- occur with large groups.
- Preservation of vegetation..... to have this you would obviously need all the other factors in place like cleaning, straws out, alcohol out, fish lines, extra junk from hustlers, and fires not permitted.
- Plastic contamination
- No commercialization of beach areas
- clean up of beach overall Dogs should not be allowed on beach without a leash. Dogs should not be allowed to go to the bathroom on the beach.
- Overall beach cleanup- that would include straws, fishing line, chairs and umbrellas overnight, etc.
- ALCOHOL
- Protecting sand dunes
- Beach cleanup, erosion and dune vegetation
- I would have liked to have seen beach erosion and the future ability to get local and national funding for beach re-nourishment as a choice
- Dune vegetation and how litter impacts birds/turtles, etc.
- fishing off the beach
- Amplified music because loud parties, etc., would have a negative impact on several other items in the survey.

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- Is this about the environment? Dune vegetation. Or about the user experience, then buskers and vendors and music
- Keeping beaches clean and pristine on a daily basis....trash, tents, paraphernalia all clean and policed on a daily basis.
- Cleanliness - although I think our beaches are generally very clean. I think parking is an ongoing issue in general on the island but specifically beach parking. It'd be nice to have an area where residents could park golf carts for beach-going.
- Beach preservation due to the constant erosion we are now experiencing.
- beach cleanup and dune protection.
- Dune protection for surge control.
- beach cleanup INCLUDING dead fish clean up
- no peddlers or advertising.
- I think we do a good job of removing paraphernalia, but we do not do anything about the dead fish which can remain on the beach for long periods of time and many of our guests have paid high captiva prices and only have one week. Is it possible to organize a volunteer patrol to clean the beach after red tide.
- Clean water
- Noise.
- Dune vegetation also where is beach renourishment on survey

### **Do you have any additional comments about any of these issues?**

- It is important that tourists understand the fragile nature of Captiva's beaches.
- Businesses should not be driving motorized vehicles onto the beach to move their equipment there or to conduct business on the beach.
- dune protection
- Review existing rules before pursuing new ones.
- people who open my gate on my private property to reach the beach, then use my chairs which are on my property and take them for use on the beach
- Regulations/rules/laws about how to treat the beach, water, and area have to be enforced. Otherwise they (and we) become a joke. Enforcing them won't keep tourists away, but it will enlist their help in keeping this island beautiful.
- The beach issues are inter-related and complimentary. Respect for the natural resources of Captiva beaches and the related environment is paramount to the health of the island, the wildlife and people, both residents and visitors.
- It's not enough for real estate companies to post rules in rentals. They need to check the homes periodically.
- I don't recall ever seeing paddlers or buskers on a Captiva Beach
- If you don't focus on dune vegetation protection the beach could erode away and then with no beach you wouldn't have to worry about those other things. Seems only practical you would see the foundation (having a beach) as the first priority.
- Who would enforce many of the issues ie alcohol etc?
- The beach trash is also important especially all the trash in front of & around the Mucky Duck property....
- All are important
- Fire, noise, Large tents, and sales people will change what the beach is and has been to the island and why it attracts so many here
- Loud music is also an issue, you can't get away from it.
- Need more focus on beach clean-up and restoration

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- Regarding vendors, Joey needs to continue. It is a Captiva tradition that kids and adults alike look forward to. He is kind, generous and the hotdogs are great!
- South Seas needs to do a better job of keeping the beach clean and separating the public from the private beach . The public is encroaching into SSR's space
- Removal of all beach paraphernalia after dark at all times of the year could well eliminate the problem of large tents and canopies unfairly occupying the beach.
- Need to hook into Sanibel sewer system.
- What can we do to mitigate beach erosion due to storms
- Informing new residents & visitors of what is expected and tolerated on the beach, especially during turtle season.
- It seems that once the “well-kept secret” became known that McCarthy’s Marina offers inexpensive all day beach parking, we have seen an extremely negative impact on the beach at the end of Andy Rosse Lane. We know, we live there and witness it constantly. The number of “day trippers” has gone up tremendously as they are not going to the public beach parking lots at each end of the island now that McCarthy’s is available. Litter, tents, music, drones accompany those that visit for the day. Since a public restroom is not conveniently provided, the Gulf and the sea oats become the restrooms. It seems that as the day progresses, it becomes a proud and sometimes announced moment to get up out of the beach chair and wade into the water, waste deep and stand there with a smile. If the water is too cold the sea oats are often the alternative for those not so brave. We once heard a father tell the frantic mother of a toddler who had to “poop” and didn’t know where to take her, to take her into the water and let her “poop” there. Not only humans use our beach, water and sea oats as their restrooms, so does the occasional dog. Yes, most owners are conscientious and carry bags, but not all and it is those that ruin it for others. We’ve seen those try to bury what the dog left behind with their feet, meanwhile children are digging in the sand a few feet away. As we said in the beginning, what was once a clean serene beach has morphed into a place for some of those day trippers to abuse for their personal enjoyment. What a shame.
- Some of these items would require more "policing" to control/enforce than is available or desirable.
- Are we addressing the red tide problem?
- Most if not all of the items listed in the survey must be related to the village area and/or Blind Pass. I don't think they are reflective of most of our shoreline which is quiet and beautiful.
- Let's continue to keep our beaches clean
- Litter is becoming an increasing problem around the country as well as the beach. The beach needs to be protected.
- Loud music is also a possible problem
- Rental properties create significant negative impact on our beaches. They leave beach paraphernalia regularly on the beach.
- If walking the beach and trash is apparent, pick it up and don't bitch, you're dealing with humans here!
- All of the identified issues are relevant to protection and enjoyment of our beaches
- amplified music without benefit of permit for a special event
- Plastics improperly disposed includes straws, cups fishing line etc.
- We should have a red tide volunteer pick up program. Allowing use of equipment on beach if necessary before fish become bloated.
- beach cleanup
- What to do about turtle season and people with their lights

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- Quiet beautiful beach is one of the strongest draws for Captiva.
- Dune vegetation protection.
- Sand quality is terrible
- Red Tide
- Have not address inadequate toilet facilities and/or day trippers who have no facilities due to parking 'opportunities'
- See opening comments above
- Yes, there non issues. You are not going to have a Utopian beach. People are imperfect. Stop making mountains out of Mole hills
- illegal parking is also an issue both on roadway & unauthorized cars in private complexes
- Why not ban all leaf blowers from Captiva? They foul the air, ruin the soil and disrupt tranquility and peace. Plus they are incredibly overused and cause hearing loss.
- Many of the issues are linked and, thus, an educational, branding/marketing "campaign" may be a crucial part to resolutions.
- While I support beach restoration the effort to keep pushing the dunes further out results in less natural beach for beach goers. We should not have done the last dune push out and should not try to maintain what is beyond nature to hold.
- It seems to me that many of the issues raised are problems that I have not observed.
- People have too many issues and too much time on their hands. They're always looking for things to get upset about. Need to let people enjoy the beach and stop being old biddies and scolds.
- beach cleanup
- Protection of the vegetation and nature is vital to keeping the beach and its value high.
- Not sure what unauthorized vendors are. Mostly a public beach at the water line.
- Peddlers
- Dune vegetation and erosion prevention should include the property in from of the South Seas Beach Villas. For some reason there was no dune grass planted in front of this property after the last beach enhancement.
- Spring break needs to be better patrolled and controlled, on the beach and off.
- Dune vegetation protection/renourishment
- some of the most fun places in the world have music, vendors, restaurants on the beach. Don't over-purify Captiva
- I have never encountered unauthorized vendors, buskers or peddlers (would be a problem if I had); Rarely, if ever, have I ever witnessed abuse of alcohol on the beach ( Mucky Duck?)- but who doesn't love a glass of wine with sunset- It is a ritual with most. goodness.....
- Expanding the dunes will lessen the need for renourishment
- dogs on the beach leave worse messes than some of the above - there seems to be no enforcement of the rules re dogs
- Red tide
- They are all essential most important issues.
- A lot of public beachgoers aren't using the public beach access. They figure out a way to park on Andy Rosse Ln
- The dune vegetation protection is also very important to us.
- My second priority (#1B) would be the noise and mess left by uncaring tourists.
- Excess paraphernalia of all sorts interferes with the quiet serenity that has been the hallmark of the beaches

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- Our sheriffs do an excellent job of controlling fires, noise, peddlers, vendors, campers on the beach. I don't see these as a problem.
- thanks!!
- tourists digging holes and then leaving them. not obeying rules during turtle season.
- Dune vegetation protection.
- assume that when asked about "unauthorized" vendors and other questions it was meant that we don't approve. ...as opposed to no objection. Questions could be more clear
- Keep it private
- Overall protection of wildlife
- beach clean-up
- Is there a concern about peddlers on the beach?
- I think local business' and owners can pick up misc. small items on the beach. However, when there is a major red tide event with dead fish, there should be a service for cleanup.
- Captiva is now attracting a much lower end crowd that negatively impacts all of the issues above. Beach paraphernalia rental stores are rapidly expanding for jet skis, umbrellas, scooters, etc. that draw more of that same day crowd to our shores. The equipment lines our once pristine beaches.
- don't post signs with 100's of rules on them - this would present a very 'unfriendly' environment
- Loud music with amps with weddings or parties are not fun for neighbors and should not be allowed
- I'd like clarity about who owns what parts of the beach
- There needs to be more public parking for visitors who want to use the beach.
- We have to protect the beach from erosion and the island from storm surge.
- I do not want peddlers, buskers or unauthorized vendors on the beach at Captiva.
- all of the above are reasons to control what happens on the beach.
- Have never seen unauthorized vendors on Captiva. Never. And I've been there for 22 years. Maybe they're at Andy Rosse and we're closer to Blind Pass. Banning alcohol on the beach is like banning sand on the beach. Not going to happen. Rarely have I seen raucous behavior as a result. My guess is that there are three distinct areas--Blind Pass, Andy Rosse and South Seas and that Blind Pass might not have the issues of Andy Rosse.
- Addressing fish kills promptly is essential.
- This is personal as my property is at the end of Captiva Drive, but would be interested in talking to someone about the congestion there which backs up and a couple of ideas for alleviating. Susie Henry 417 8615282
- I think that people should be allowed to enjoy the beach with tents and such and even parties but cleanup is what is important. I wouldn't want vendors without permission but, again, they must clean up and only be allowed at certain days and times.
- Enhance the entrance to the beach at Andy Rosse. Very dirty, messy landscaping, disgusting trash cans, line of free brochure stands looks awful, needs general sprucing up and a landscape plan put in place.
- Captiva should insist upon routine government paid beach cleanup.
- I have no problem with a resident having a glass of wine or a beer on the beach. Not the same as a loud party of people with music. Let's not punish people doing things the right way because of those who do it wrong.

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- We all like the vendor known as Joey's Hot Dogs in the pontoon boat. It adds a hint of nostalgia...like the old ice cream trucks of long ago. The vendor is very conscientious about keeping trash to a minimum.
- It is hard to prioritize as several are important in the "whole package" that is Captiva.
- Other than the 2 public beaches on Captiva, beach access should be strictly limited and enforced. And private homeowners' dry beaches should be used only by the homeowners.
- We need to keep our beaches and the water safe for sea life and people