

What do you think is the most important water quality-related issue for Captiva? (pre ranking)

- Stop releasing water from Lake Okeechobee -- 43
- Red tide -- 26
- Pollution from fertilizer & septic runoff -- 19
- Need for sewer system -- 7
- Not sure -- 6
- Red tide and release of water from the lake -- 5
- Regulation /assessment of septic systems -- 2
- Algae blooms -- 2
- Erosion -- 2
- keeping the waters clear and attractive. Lake Okeechobee water release though necessary severely impacted Captiva's water quality
- safe water
- Waste water treatment -- 2
- because of the water coming from Okeechobee the fish population has stopped coming to the back bay and people are afraid to talk about it
- Septic and water waste issues including the impact on the water table
- Educating tourists/boaters about water quality and the importance of protecting fish & birds
- Taste
- Run off and drilling
- Overcrowded rental homes and the subsequently overwhelmed septic systems this creates.
- water treatment chemicals
- the additives which are included in the filtered water (fluoride, etc.)
- Red tide and murky waters
- Excess sewage - it is not a good feeling seeing the 'honey trucks' on occasion
- keeping it clean
- Abuse of septic systems by overcrowding in rental houses.
- Construction and corresponding septic systems close to the beach.
- Oil spills and waste water from the Caloosahatchee River causing more red tide and toxicity for the wild life.
- Fishing line
- Overcrowded rentals overworking/defeating the septic system.
- The Florida water management "Mafia" -- selling out to big sugar/agri \$\$\$\$\$ aka, Okeechobee -- everglades misuse of God's design of the Florida Peninsula water management system.
- Hopefully it doesn't turn into St Lucie
- Septic systems are not regularly checked. This is especially a problem with rental units that have many tenants and parties that stress the septic systems. Have had to call on numerous occasion about septic alarms going off sometimes for days without attention. Sewer would solve these issues.
- Keep turquoise waters here unchanged (Lake O discharges degrade this)
- major structures
- threats to water quality where Captiva is downstream from other possible contaminants/pollutants
- Septic tank matters

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- Lake O releases and excess fertilizer
- Everglades/Caloosahatchee discharge
- Fertilization by farmers upstream the Caloosahatchee
- fertilizer run offs in waters and being sure that residential septics are inspected upon sale. Requiring residents to show that they have an inspection at least once every two years. That isn't really intrusive.
- Get rid of septic systems. We live in on a small island, in the summer, people dumping garbage into the water is a problem.
- Sharks close to shore
- water pollution from agriculture & phosphate mining.
- inadequate sewer service - septic systems inadequate, especially during rainy season and during high occupancy.
- 1. Red tide 2. Corrosive local water supply 3. Threat of inundation of septic systems in a storm surge.
- Pollution
- My main concern is for pollution from the river, which I guess is not within our jurisdiction.
- Failing septic systems and Lake O overflow
- No additional development
- The overall damage us humans do to the water environment and the danger of water pollution.
- The issue of runoff from the mainland. The red algae. Pollution in general.
- THE QUALITY OF THE WATER RELEASED FROM LAKE OKEECHOBEE WHICH INTURN ARRIVES IN OUR AREA.
- Proper and adequate waste systems
- Algae in the bay. stinks and harms fish. I think over protecting the mangroves is bad too. I know they are good for storm protection, but they collect trash, snakes, rats...
- The Village commercial and weekly rented units
- Manmade pollution of water: surrounding waters (Caloosahatchee and litter) run-off water (fertilizer and weed killer use and lack of filtration for cleanliness) Processing and septic (water for landscaping usage not even clean - smells)
- degraded water quality in Pine Island Sound mostly due to Okeechobee flows
- drainage from inland rivers bringing chemicals that are destroying fish and vegetation
- Keeping the bay from rising into captiva
- I think Island Water is doing a great job.
- Keeping trash out of water
- Health issues associated with water quality
- maintaining adequate supply of fresh, cleanable water
- cleanliness
- Garbage and fishing line being left behind
- Haven't been aware of any water quality issues
- Excessive nutrients in the water
- Water quality: monitoring and managing, especially during hurricane/tornado season
- Septic systems that are not up-dated or maintained. It should be a requirement of all dwellings being sold. No control being done by Lee County Health Department to regulate size and continuing maintenance for restaurants. Captiva, as a barrier island MUST get a sewer system in place ASAP!
- degradation of sea grass, and over-abundance of algae in the bay, unclear water in the bay,

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- Keeping gulf waters clean
- safety and cleanliness.
- drinking or swimming? If swimming- monitoring for red tide and other factors that could be health risks
- Most important is the influence that Captiva resorts and residents have. The River is important, but so is groundwater contamination
- Sea weed and trash from fishers
- The negative publicity of the local news painting such a broad brush of the seasonal summer/fall
- Cleanliness
- clarity
- Not qualified to answer
- mangrove setbacks
- Red tide is large problem that is difficult to address as Captivans alone. Water quality in general is a statewide issue.
- Keeping the water clean and liter free.
- Jet skis off beach
- maintaining a wide sand beach by replenishing sand as needed
- septic tank/cistern regulations
- Shoreline protection
- general pollution, red algae
- Tasteful drinking water
- Septic tanks issues and the need for sewers
- Maintaining coastal construction control
- To get rid of red tide release from the lake
- ensuring clean drinking water and safe septic removal
- As a resident of Chicago, Lake Michigan drinking water is beyond compare. As per ocean water, beach preservation is the most important issue. I do wish the drinking water in Captiva tasted better.
- the proximate location of septic systems to water resources including ground water, Gulf and Bay.
- Waters in the bay. Applaud those that are working on the water issues and their communication to all regarding support for their efforts.
- Keeping the waterways clear of debris
- Ensure that property owners receive an unbiased explanation of any issues discussed.
- Fertilizer use and nutrient runoff and water from Lake Okeechobee impacting our waters
- Captiva should have public sewers. Today, septic tanks this close to water on both sides is no longer acceptable.
- Clear water unpolluted from nitrogen fed algae growth
- Sewage related bacteria level
- Keeping gulf water clean
- Black Water, public relation problem
- Cleanliness, clarity
- Overburdened and ill-kept septic systems
- Clean water
- Overcrowded rental properties.

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

- Maintaining Coastal Construction Control Line -- 48
- Fertilizer use and nutrient runoff -- 32
- Overcrowding rental houses beyond septic capabilities -- 31
- Regulating existing septic systems -- 28
- Mangrove/bayfront vegetation protection -- 20
- Jet skis -- 5
- Not sure -- 4
- Red tide
- Water discharges.
- Water quality
- Regulating the number of renters in a house. Again, this is where the real estate companies need to step up and be accountable.
- Septic systems being over used/not maintained
- dog control
- The risk of septic run-off and over crowding
- requiring maintenance and upkeep and therefore regulation of septic systems - some of us already have annual inspections, required maintenance and licencing, and this should be the same for everyone
- keeping dog feces out of the water
- Need structural change rather than chasing our tail. Hook into Sanibel sewer system.
- Reducing fertilizer use as it is the least seen but most dangerous to our environment however all of these pale in comparison next to the releases of polluted waters from Lake Okeechobee
- Dog feces on the beach - our children play in the sand. Dogs must be leashed and owners must pick up after them. Dogs should only be on the beach before sunrise and after sunset.
- Over crowding rental properties. **HAVING BEEN IN RENTAL MAINTENANCE INSPECTION BUSINESS -- THIS IS REALLY BIG!!!!**
- Shoreline protection and keeping mangroves.
- Septic tank and coastal construction limitation issues
- Enclosing non-living space without permit and beyond septic capacity.
- Septic tank issues and the risk of inundation.
- Seriously? This sounds a lot like the I got mine club.
- Septic systems, Island should be on sewer.
- Protection of bayfront vegetation
- Protection of nature
- Dogs and overly loud tenants. 9PM-7AM quiet hours should be imposed on residential (only) streets.
- Very difficult to choose just one from this group, but would have to address the immediate with septic and processing plant capacity as, to me, that also includes runoff, as that needs to go through processing. Tough for me to not push the fertilizer, weed killer issue also, though.
- Construction
- Major structures and septic issues
- Septic systems, fertilizer, mangrove protection
- Septic related issues- including overly large crowds that exceed capacity

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- Fertilizer use and run off followed by overcrowded rental houses
- Having a sewer system on Captiva!
- Setbacks and Septics
- Overcrowded rental houses beyond advertised/safe capacity. Capacity should be number of bedrooms time 2 plus 1 sleeper sofa. That makes a 6 bedroom house sleep 14. This assumes the septic is rated for the proper number of bedrooms/guests.
- Enclosing non-living space w/o a permit
- Rental houses constantly at over capacity. Renters also dragging along their own jet skis, boats, campers, etc.
- stopping further construction and development
- Regulating existing septic systems (and the South Seas sewer plant).
- Preserving Captiva's character--and that would be construction limitations.
- Setbacks and zoning
- Going beyond septic capacity for any reason
- septic systems and jet skis
- enclosed spaces underneath is a hornets nest and enforceable only by citing all! Lee County will not selectively enforce, as demonstrated by the sign debacle in 1999 also 80% of structures probably not in compliance already. Stay away from that, otherwise you'll have a lot of enemies

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

- They are all important and should be included in educating residents and renters.
- Septic maintenance valuable, but difficult to regulate
- Places to dispose of dog feces, trash
- Provide places to dispose of fishing line, etc. Litter boxes.
- Availability of doggie feces bags and disposal and disposal of fishing line.
- I have the most up-to- date septic system as dictated by the county. Why not the others? How about sewers.
- We live on Roosevelt Channel where the speed limit is Idle, yet 80% or more are going fast enough to ski/wakeboard behind. Fishing guides, mullet fisherman, renters, and visitors are the majority of offending parties. Many close calls with kayakers; manatees aren't as lucky. More enforcement needed. Suggestion: close off to all motorized boats except those who live on island.
- The island's infrastructure must be maintained and improved beginning with the septic/water waste issues. Regulation and enforcement may be needed to ensure adherence to the building codes and rental ordinances.
- Mangrove trimming violations should be enforced
- The fertilizer runoff is also a water concern
- algae control
- Many times when you drive down Captiva drive into "town" near Andy Rosse, you smell septic odor. Do we really want Captiva to be known as the Outhouse of SWFL?
- Please continue seeking consensus on Waste Water management.
- As more and more people abuse the ESA codes with their dogs, poop pick up will become more important.
- Captiva is evolving into a rental community and losing its character that made it appealing.

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- Captiva should be in the forefront of protecting water quality.
- It is difficult to say which is most important. Many issues are interrelated.
- I do not want further regulation of jet skis or boats
- Don't know enough about mangrove issues to answer the questions.
- Greater monitoring of the number of renters in units and a two-week rental minimum
- As an aside the survey is very biased in the questions its asking and how they are asked. It's only asking for issues raised by one or few rather than polling the many.
- Prohibition of major structures near beach
- Mangrove setback --- lighten up -- allow homeowners to preserve their expensive view and access to the bay. Fertilizer runoff --- stop big agriculture chemical runoff first --- then come after the homeowner
- A sewer system is needed self-regulation does not work. Rental owners and the rental companies are primarily interested in the income they can derive from the property.
- Maintaining fragile environment very important
- Why can't we tie into Sanibel's system?
- Must control occupancy on rentals to not overload infrastructure.
- As stewards of this unique and fragile environment, we should see everything through the prism of safeguarding and enhancing the natural beauty around us.
- We don't need any more rules on Captiva. Please take care of the board in your own eye before talking about the spec in others.
- Glyphosate Is a known human toxin and should not be used on the island. Leaf blowers are virtually useless and cause too many problems to allow them as an acceptable tool. They really do more harm than good.
- Again, many of these issues are linked. Our short-term visitors, snowbirds and new residents need to be educated on what it means to live on/visit a barrier island. Its assets are obvious, its vulnerabilities are not.
- Septic will always be a problem which is why we need to look at an Island sewage system
- As we learned several years ago, local government can't regulate waterways.
- I would like to see a little more flexibility in being able to remove some mangroves on the bayside of the island
- The CCCL is a big g part of what makes Captiva so unique.
- I'd very much like to limit the noise from jet skis somehow
- Residents should remember they are living in a beach community, where many people can only afford to vacation (not own). Don't crack down too hard on fun, reasonable things are ok.
- Water issues are crucial- not just annoyances or inconveniences- but are the essence of the beauty and preservation of the island. Isn't that why we are here and do we wish to remain?- or at the very least continue to have that option?
- The whole estuary has suffered tremendously. Sea grass is almost non-existent, algae is rampant. Captiva should be proactive in trying to do something about it.
- I would have also listed red tide
- Single family surface runoff without stormwater management contributes to poor water quality.
- The quality of life issues that most threaten the beach is for it to become a noisy crowded interfering space. The quality of life issues that most threaten island life has to do with too many people in too few houses with not enough septic capacity
- Regulating the septic systems is also very important.

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- I also think that the preservation of mangroves and vegetative buffers on the Bay side is extremely important.
- All aspects of overcrowding are important
- Connection of Captiva residences to "city" septic treatment is essential to our future.
- I am very concerned that almost every year there's beach erosion causing a one foot step down on the sand near the water's edge
- The water quality has deteriorated rapidly in the last few years and has made me rethink my ownership on Captiva.
- Mangrove overgrowth
- Don't let Captiva become Marco Island
- Would Captiva please consider going to water and sewer like Sanibel does?
- the mangrove regulations prohibiting trimming and cutting are way overdone
- septic tank regulations
- I do not want to change from a septic system to any other system
- Please provide legal information about seawalls on bayside.
- Some things I've never seen. Maybe one piece of dog crap in 22 years. What amazes me about "Blind Pass" Captiva is the limited amount of bad behavior I've seen. In almost all cases, people have been respectful of the environment and of each other. No Trump-Jared type bullying behavior.
- day trippers and illegal parking result in excessive impacts on beaches and contribute/impact negatively on all above beach related issues.
- It seems important to monitor or check fishers for adherence to regulations
- Mangrove protection.
- Water quality is most important
- Captiva should determine amount of water quality impact from fertilizer runoff.
- Jet skis should be kept in a designated zone near tween waters and min distance from shore. Idle speed in channel
- Maintaining occupancy levels in rentals.
- Concerns about dogs on the beach; particularly in the water.
- Homeowners should be required to maintain their septic systems and upgrade their systems as required by age and current usage
- I checked ALL very important as they all contribute to the health of our islands and water. We drink desalinated water. Let's make sure it doesn't sicken people, fish, turtles or dolphins!
- I question whether it is legal for Tween Waters and YOLO to operate businesses on the shoreline, renting jet skis, etc. Do they have any licenses to do this? It disrupts the shoreline.