

Fishing Licenses

Fresh and saltwater licenses are required by the State of Alabama. Combination fresh and saltwater: \$24.50; saltwater \$16; freshwater \$9.50. Seven-day short term license \$6; disabled \$1, residents 65+ exempt. Out-of-state costs vary. Fishing licenses are available at: Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries office at 5 Rivers Delta Center, 5093 Battleship Parkway, Spanish Fort, 626-5153; Wal-Mart Supercenter Wal-Mart Drive off Highway 98, Daphne 626-0923; Fairhope Satellite Courthouse, Fairhope Avenue 928-3002; Licenses by Phone 1-888-848-6887.

Jubilee!!!

A Jubilee is an extremely rare phenomenon that occurs on the Eastern Shore during the summer. Old timers say that they can predict a Jubilee, but there is really no way of knowing when changes in temperature and oxygen levels in Mobile Bay will drive fish, shrimp, crabs and other bounty onto the beach. Folks are awakened during the wee hours of the morning by the cries of "Jubilee!! It's a Jubilee!" If you happen on a Jubilee, be sure to bring a net, gig and bucket to scoop up as much fresh lunch or dinner as you can carry!

Seafood Market

Market By The Bay 621-9994
29145 Highway 98, Daphne

If you're not successful in catching anything, these folks can help you out. Fresh fish and seafood-to cook or to carry, and they also serve it up - ready to eat.

Tune into FM Talk 106.5
Thursday Mornings at 7:45 am for Fishing
Report

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ESChamber.com

Marinas

City of Fairhope Pier & Marina 928-2136
West end of Fairhope Avenue, Fairhope, AL

Fairhope Yacht Club
928-8888
101 Volanta Avenue, Fairhope, AL 36532

Fly Creek Marina 929-0721
831 N. Section St., Fairhope, AL 36532

Lake Forest Yacht Club 626-9329
One Golf Terrace, Daphne, AL 36526

Grand Hotel Marriott Marina 928-9201
One Grand Boulevard, Point Clear, AL 36564

Piers

City of Fairhope Pier - west end of Fairhope Avenue. Free, quarter-mile long pier with restrooms, drink machines & a covered area.

Pier Avenue & Mobile Street on Scenic 98 in Fairhope - No fee.

Orange Avenue & Mobile Street on Scenic 98 in Fairhope - No fee.

May Day Park - west end of College Street in Daphne. No fee.

Blakeley State Park - Highway 225 in Spanish Fort. Two observations decks on the Tensaw River - Fee.

Meaher State Park - east end of Battleship Parkway in Spanish Fort (Exits 30 or 35 off I-10) - Fee

Corps of Engineers pier on Battleship Parkway at Exit 30 off I-10 - No fee.

Battleship Park pier on Battleship Parkway at Exits 27 & 30 off I-10 - Fee.

Boat Launches

5 Rivers Delta Resource Center 625-0814
Across from Meaher State Park on the Causeway

Battleship Parkway Launches
Corps of Engineers Area, Meaher State Park.

Daphne Launches
May Day Park & Pier

Fairhope Launches
Fairhope Municipal Park & Pier, Mobile Street & Pier Avenue, Mobile Street & Orange Avenue

Point Clear Launches
Mary Ann Beach Park at Mullet Point on County Road 1, Palmetto Creek Boat Ramp, Scenic Highway 98, Viewpoint at end of County Road 1

Spanish Fort
Byrnes Lake on Highway 225 @ .3 mile beyond 9-mile marker, Cliff's Landing - Handicapped accessible on Highway 225

Boats, Marine Equipment Sales, Services & Supplies

Eastern Shore Marine, inc. 928-1283
848 Seacliff Dr., Fairhope 36532

L&M Marine, LLC 937-1380
41840 State Highway 225, Bay Minette, AL 36507

Marine Max Gulf Shores 981-1113
3829 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores, AL 36542

Paradise Marine Center 625-3423
2215 US 98, Daphne, AL

Safe Harbor Mini Storage, LLC 625-2590
31756 Buzbee Road, Spanish Fort, AL 36527

Sportsman Marine & Outdoor Center 928-2244
PO Box 1282, Fairhope, AL 36533

Tours & Charters

Alabama Coastal Outdoors, LLC 554-0090
Kayak Charters
Guided Kayak Fishing Excursion
Guided Kayak Eco-Tour Adventure
Guided Kayak Snorkeling Journey

Capt. Dan Kolenich 422-3474
Fly and light tackle fishing in Mobile Bay and Alabama coastal waters.
Orvis Endorsed Fly Fishing Guide.

Capt. Sonny Dean 689-3612
Crooked Hook Fishing Charters, LLC
In-Shore charters & guide trips. crookedhookcharters@yahoo.com, P.O. Box 2062, Fairhope, AL 36533

Delta Airboat Express 370-7089
Eco-touring at its best, night trips available, gator sightings. Leaves from Original Oyster House. There is also a boat that leaves 5 Rivers Dalts Resource Center. 625-0814

Delta Explorer 626-0798
Operates group tours of Mobile/Tensaw Delta; covered boat, bench seats & restrooms on board; Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort.

Making Waves Charters 443-9463
Tall sailing ship and motor charter. Tours of Mobile Bay for sightseeing or fishing. Great family activity, reunions, company outing, corporate customer appreciation, and more. Food can be provided. Restrooms on board. Comfortable seating.

Middle Bay Lighthouse Charters 586-2272
Sunset sailling or day sails.
831 N. Section St & 1 Fairhope Ave., Fairhope

Historic Lighthouses

Middle Bay Lighthouse (circa 1885) is located in the middle of Mobile Bay just south of Point Clear and is accessible only by boat. Can be seen with binoculars from the beachfront at Marriott's Grand Hotel.

Sand Island Lighthouse (circa 1863) is located south of Fort Morgan & east of Mobile Bay. Union soldiers hid in this lighthouse to spy on Fort Morgan during the Civil War. Accessible by boat only, but can be seen by binoculars from the beachfront at Fort Morgan.

Ferry

Mobile Bay Ferry 861-3000
Departures begin at 8:00 a.m. on Dauphin Island and at 8:45 a.m. at Fort Morgan and continue until 6:30 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. respectively except during November-February. During these months, the last departure time is 5:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. respectively. Rates range from \$25 per car one way to \$100 per bus. Passengers are also charged a maximum of \$3 per person. Please call for a more detailed rate schedule