

The 22nd Annual Town of Mount Pleasant *Blessing of the Fleet & Seafood Festival*

PRESENTED BY

**East Cooper
Regional Medical Center**



FREE SHUTTLE
SERVICE LEAVING
MOULTRIE PLAZA ON
COLEMAN BLVD.
11:30 AM - 5:30 PM



Sponsored and Supported by

The Town of Mount Pleasant Office of Community Development & Tourism,
Accommodations Tax Committee and the Blessing of the Fleet Committee.



JACK TANKERSLEY

Sunday, April 26th, 2009 • 11:30 am - 5:00 pm
Alhambra Hall & Park • Mt. Pleasant, SC



FREE ADMISSION

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Photo by Keith Morgan

11:30 am ~ Festival Opens

12:00 pm ~ Permanent Vacation

1:00 pm ~ Blessing

2-5 pm ~ East Coast Party Band

3:15 pm ~ Shrimp Eating Contest

3:30 pm ~ Shag Contest

The Blessing of the Fleet and Seafood Festival began in Mount Pleasant in 1987, with a goal to support the local shrimping industry and honor our shrimpers as a symbol of Mount Pleasant's history. Now in its 22nd year, the event has evolved into one of the most highly anticipated events of the year for residents and seafood lovers. The event features not only an elaborate and lively shrimp boat parade and blessing of the shrimp fleet, but also offers various types of seafood for sale, as well as a major celebration featuring live music, an arts and crafts show and family-friendly activities. With proceeds benefiting the SC Shrimpers Association, the fun is all held in the spirit of sustaining the festival's main goal - helping support the generations of local shrimpers who have come to rely on this industry as their livelihood.



Photo by Red Zeppelin

- Local Seafood from East Cooper Restaurants
- Live Music by East Coast Party Band
- Shrimp Eating & Shag Dance Contests
- Craft Show
- Mt. Pleasant Artists Guild Art Show
- Event Memorabilia Available for Purchase
- Children's Activities
- Marine Exhibits – DNR
- Special Appearance by Roarks Reptiles



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FLEET WEEK ACTIVITIES

Whole Foods Cooking Presentation

Wednesday, April 22, 6:00p.m

Location: Whole Foods Market, 923 Houston Northcutt Blvd. Mt. Pleasant 971-7240 www.wholefoods.com. Free

Shem Creek- A History of the Creek and Shrimping.

Wednesday April 22, 10:00 a.m. Speaker Presentation

Location: Mt. Pleasant Senior Services Center, Von Kolnitz Road, Mount Pleasant 856-2166 Free

Create a Masterpiece- The Week of the Fleet, themes will be: Lowcountry Shrimp and The Blessing of the Fleet

Tuesday, April 21, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Lowcountry Shrimp painting

Thursday, April 23, 6:30- 8:30 p.m. Blessing of the Fleet painting

Located within walking distance to Shem Creek. 424 Broadway Street, Peach Orchard Plaza, Mount Pleasant. Reservations suggested: 345-7365

Fee: \$35.00 refreshments are available. *Adults Only*

www.BottlesNBrushes.com

Taste of Shem Creek

Saturday, April 25th, Time-TBA

Red's Ice House on Shem Creek

Come and enjoy items freshly caught in the creek and prepared by our local Shrimp Boat Captains.

Food tickets available for purchase. Call 388-0003

BOTF Sunset and Shagging Cruise

Saturday, April 25th 7:30 – 9:30 P.M. - Patriots Point

Join the BOTF committee for an evening cruise on the "Spirit of the Lowcountry". Fine tune your shagging moves for the BOTF Shag Contest on Sunday. Music provided by the Jim Bowers DJ Group.

Tickets: \$18, make your prepaid reservations with Spiritline Cruises at (843)722-BOAT (2628) or 800-789-3678. This event will sell out so reserve early! *Adults Only*

[Event details on Facebook](#)