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56TH ANNUAL BEAUFORT WATER FESTIVAL



Members of the Gatorland Water Ski Show Team from Gainesville, Fla., display their patriotism during a performance on the Beaufort River at the 2009 Beaufort Water Festival.

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FIRST WAVE

BEAUFORT, SC

Get excited: **Water Festival** starts in a month. Until then, whet your appetite with these events

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Twenty-eight days are all that remain before the official start of this year's Beaufort Water Festival. But there's plenty going on before the 56th annual celebration of music, food, art and just about anything fun you can do on the water.

Here's a list of events leading up to the opening ceremony July 15:

SATURDAY

- **Horseshoe tournament:** 9 a.m., Live Oaks Park, Port Royal
- **Volleyball tournament:** 10 a.m., Parris Island soccer fields
- **Men's softball tournament:** two-day tournament begins at 8 a.m. at the Parris Island softball complex; tournament ends Sunday

TUESDAY-JUNE 24

- **Corn hole qualifying rounds:** 5:30 p.m., Boondocks Restaurant and Sports Bar, St. Helena Island; \$30 for a two-person team

JUNE 25-26

- **Men's golf tournament:** Day 1, 9 a.m., Fripp Island Ocean Point course; Day 2, 9 a.m., Fripp Island Ocean Creek course; \$150 a player

JUNE 26

- **Women's golf tournament:** 9 a.m., Rose Hill Golf Club, Bluffton; \$240 for a four-person team

JULY 10

- **Recreational bowling tournament:** 1:30 p.m., AMF Ribaut Lanes



ABOVE: The Waters Edge team races down the hill toward the finish line during the 2009 Bed Race. BELOW: A team of rafters plow through the water toward the finish line during the 2009 Raft Race.



Bowling Alley, Beaufort

JULY 11

- **Competitive bowling tournament:** 6 p.m., AMF Ribaut Lanes Bowling Alley

THE WATER IS WILD

The 56th annual Beaufort Water Festival will be held July 15-24 at Henry C. Chambers Waterfront Park. This year's commodore is Bob Bible. Details: 843-524-0600, info@bftwaterfestival.com

SUBMIT YOUR MEMORIES

In the meantime, we want our readers to **share their fondest memories from past festivals.** What was it like winning the bed race or almost sinking your team's raft? Were you blown away by one

of the performers at the talent show? Maybe you built a family tradition around the annual event or had a memorable first date there. Let us see pictures of you and your family enjoying all things Water Festival.

We'll run our favorite submissions and photos each day during festival week. **Send your submissions by July 11** to features@beaufortgazette.com or features@islandpacket.com; or send them to Features Department, The Beaufort Gazette, P.O. Box 5727, Hilton Head Island, SC 29938; or hand-delivered to 1556 Salem Road, Beaufort or to 10 Buck Island Road, Bluffton. Be sure to include your name, where you're from and contact information.

FIVE MINUTES WITH

Author Julie Chalpan

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In the 12 years Julie and Keith Chalpan have had Titan, a Jack Russell terrier mix, he's given them plenty of stories to tell, whether it's how they met or how he eats just about anything he gets his paws on.

Julie decided it was time to tell Titan's tale, along with the stories of dogs like him. Her book, "Titan's Tales and Other Dog Adoption Love Stories," is a tribute to rescued dogs and their owners. Part of the proceeds from the book go to help local animal rescue groups.

Julie, a Hilton Head Island resident, tells Titan's tale.

Question. How did the idea for the book come about?

Answer. Titan was getting older. He's about 14 now. I was just thinking, "I need to write down his story." I had been volunteering with local shelters and thought, "Why not have other people tell their stories, too?" I talked to friends and friends of friends and shelters and put it on Facebook and ended up with more than 30 stories from owners about their rescued dogs.

Q. What is Titan's story?

A. We were living in a suburb outside of Atlanta and moved into a large house with a big backyard. I never had a dog growing up because I had cardiac asthma. I outgrew it, thank goodness. I couldn't even be around dogs as a kid.

We liked beagles. The Gwinnett Humane Society had adoptions at the PetSmart and I was constantly up there. I go in, and there's Titan. They rescued him on his "kill day" (when he was scheduled to be euthanized). They had gotten him from animal control earlier in the week. I thought I'd come in and the dog would run up to me. But Titan was just sitting there. I wasn't sure about a Jack Russell mix, but he was just so cute. I called my husband and said, "This is the one."

Q. Any surprises at first?

A. We got him on a Sunday. On Wednesday, he was just sitting in the middle of us gnawing on rawhide while we were watching TV. By the time we were done, he had devoured that rawhide. We thought, "Oh no, we just killed the dog after four days." We called the emergency vet number and they said he'd be OK, and it turned out fine. But that was a start of a long line of (incidents with) Titan and his eating.

I had gone up to Michigan to visit family once. This was maybe a year after we got him. My husband had gone off to a meeting and came home, and he swears that Titan opened the refrigerator, opened the meat and cheese drawer. There were all these empty cartons of cheese and lunch meat all over the kitchen. My husband cleaned it up, no big deal. Then he went to bed that night, pulled back the covers and there was a big block of cheese. I guess in case his daddy didn't come home, Titan thought he'd have food for the next day.

GET THE BOOK

Pick up a copy of "Titan's Tales and Other Dog Adoption Love Stories" at Red



Rover, Pino Gelato, Burke's Pharmacy, Palmetto Animal League, Brooke's Bed and Biscuit and at the Ruff Life table at Shelter Cove's HarbourFest, or go to www.titanstales.com.

PICKS

For a comedy this weekend, rent "**Hall Pass.**" Owen Wilson and Jason Sudeikis star as Rick and Fred, good buddies getting restless in their marriages. Their wives give them a week

to do whatever they like in hopes they'll get it out of their systems. For movie recommendations from blogger Paul Mitchell, go to islandpacket.com/flickspicks.

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