Fiddler Fest was a success

The 13th Annual Fiddler Crab Festival, which was held Feb. 12-14, was a success in spite of poor weather, according to organizer Pam Wessels.

"We managed to make a little money although invoices are still coming in. Entertainment was good on Friday night (Feb. 12)

and drew a large crowd," Wessels said.

Saturday's weather put a damper on things in the late afternoon, so organizers decided to close the gate at 8 p.m., and entertainment shut down around 9 p.m.

While Sunday was "a wash," with continuous rain, "everyone there --

vendors, volunteers and attendees -- seemed to have a great time," Wessels

"Vendors were thankful that we had the festival. I'd like to thank all of our volunteers and sponsors who make it a success, Wessels added.









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Fiddler Crab Race heat winners (above right and top right) are shown above along with overall winner Rachel Holler (above left).

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CAPT. BRADY

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the next time, Bobbi said, 'No, you can just delete my number. You don't need to fish with me."

In addition to their business, the charter Bradys have recently added lodging as an option. When

COVID-19 caused many businesses to close, the Bradys had just finished renovating one of the four rental units on their newlypurchased property, now known as Reds & Beds Lodge.

With over 30 charters and numerous lodging reservations canceled due to COVID, the Bradys worried about their future. Now that businesses have reopened, Capt. Bobbi has been staying exceptionally busy between charters by cooking meals for some of her clients and cleaning the four rental units.

"I told my mom the other day, I never thought I'd have a place that had 10 bedrooms and eight bathrooms that I'd have to clean all the time," she

Brady is no stranger to competition. Since becoming an fisherwoman, she has won numerous trophies.

Two years in a row Brady had the only allwoman fishing team in the entire state of Florida in the Florida Pro tournament, finishing in the top 20 both

Capt. Bobbi is often asked her opinion of the bikini-clad ladies featured on magazine covers holding up fish or shown in the act of fishing.

"Some of those ladies do know how to fish, and some don't know how to cast a line. I dress the way I do because I don't want fish slime on me, and there's

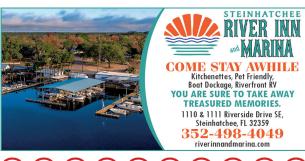
always hooks flying around she explained. on a boat. I could wear a low-cut top and probably get good tips, but I don't

want to get hooked there,"

With a grin on her face she adds, "Looks fade. but I'll still know how to



Posing with their catch of the day are (from left to right) Ricky Moore and grandsons Tyler Thomlinson, Brody Thomlinson and Capt. Bobbi Brady.



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