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## Fort Pierce City Marina Sponsors Youth Fishing Clinic

- Sponsored by the Fort Pierce City Marina.
- Held at the Fort Pierce River Walk Center on June 28, 2012 from 9am-2pm.
- 136 youth and 44 volunteers attended from the Fort Pierce Police Athletic League (PAL) and the Lincoln Park Community Center.
- Supported by Grants from Fish Florida and the Children's Services Council of St. Lucie County.
- Local Sponsoring Businesses and Organizations:
  - Treasure Coast Boat Rentals
  - White's Tackle
  - Fort Pierce Lady Deep Sea Fishing
  - DeBrooks Fishing Corner
  - Southern Kingfish Association
  - Fort Pierce Sportsfishing Club
  - Publix
  - Wal-Mart
  - Sea Coast National Bank
  - Cobb's Landing/Bluewater Beach Grill /Original Tiki Bar
  - Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission
  - Marine Clean-up Initiative, Inc.
- Attendees received a rod and reel, tackle box and tackle, colorful Fishing Clinic T-shirt, dog tag, a 'brown bag' lunch and have the opportunity to win door prizes.
- "Skill Stations" were set up inside the Fort Pierce River Walk Center to enlighten attendees on Casting, Knot Tying, Fishing Tackle, Good Angler (Fishing Etiquette) and Helping the Habitat. Attendees baited their hooks and practiced their new hobby outside the River Walk Center after they visited the Skill Stations.

**Objectives for the Youth Fishing Clinic:** It is a proven fact that kids who spend time outdoors have less stress, better concentration, more creativity and higher self-esteem than those who stay inside. The Fort Pierce City Marina's primary objective for this event is to positively influence the lives of at-risk youth.

Additionally, the Fort Pierce City Marina utilizes displays, presentations, clinics, and other opportunities to help achieve its ongoing objective to teach and promote public awareness and the protection of marine life and coastal habitats, particularly to Florida's youth.

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