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2011-2012 Tybee Island Calendar of Events

TYBEE ISLAND, Ga. – From festivals to sporting events, Tybee Island abounds with special activities throughout the year. Mark your calendar and be sure to check out these exciting upcoming events:

SEPTEMBER 4 - Labor Day Beach Bash

Enjoy the ocean breezes, while live music fills the air from the Tybee Island Pier & Pavilion. Come to the 4th Annual Labor Day Beach Bash featuring free live entertainment by the Swingin' Medallions and a spectacular fireworks display over the beach! www.tybeefest.com

OCTOBER 6-9 - 7th Annual Tybee Island Pirate Festival

Swashbucklers of all ages will converge on Tybee Island to participate in the 7th Annual Tybee Island Pirate Fest! Featuring a Pirate Victory Parade, Live Entertainment, Costume Contests, Children's activities and the Thieves Market filled with treasures, grog, grub and more. www.tybeepiratefest.com

OCTOBER 15-16 - 15th Annual Festival of the Arts

Upscale art and fine craft show with exceptional artists, live music and culinary delights.

NOVEMBER 24 – JANUARY 1 – Tybee for the Holidays

For the third consecutive year, Tybee for the Holidays will offer plenty of family-friendly fun to brighten the holiday season. Special holiday activities planned from Thanksgiving Day through New Year's Day include the Lights On for Tybee tree lighting celebration on Friday, December 2 at 6:30 p.m., the Tybee Island Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 3 at 1 p.m., and the Tybee Floating Christmas Parade, which departs from the dock at the Crab Shack on Saturday, December 10 at 7:15 p.m. Don't miss all the fun!

DECEMBER 31 - New Year's Eve Fireworks

Bring in the New Year with a bang! Enjoy the show launched from the Tybee Pier at the stroke of midnight at one of Tybee's many restaurants and bars, or watch it from the beach. The fireworks show will be spectacular!

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JANUARY 1 - Tybee Polar Plunge

This event has become a Tybee tradition, held every January 1st at noon at the Pier on the south end of the island. Invigorate your soul with a cleansing dip in the Atlantic Ocean. Come take the plunge, as we are freezing for a reason! Funny hats and costumes are strongly encouraged at this family-friendly event. Get a group together of four or more for the NEW Gang of Goofs competition to win the coveted Le Goofs trophy. Don't miss all the fun!

ABOUT TYBEE ISLAND:

Tybee Island, Georgia, a historic island located just 20 minutes east of historic downtown Savannah, is an ideal year-round coastal destination for couples, families, meetings and more. Steeped in tradition and natural beauty, Tybee Island is home to several notable forts, informative museums, a historic lighthouse complex and miles of pristine beaches. Rich in relaxed style, Tybee Island also features a blend of eclectic art galleries, charming shops and exceptional restaurants. For more information about Tybee Island, please visit www.tybeevisit.com online or call 912.786.5444.

Tybee Island's Most Recent Accolades:

- “Best Beaches for Families” – *Parents Magazine*
- Top 10 Vacation Rental Hotspots for 2010 - TripAdvisor
- Top 10 City Beaches in America - AOL
- #1 Healthiest Beach in America - *Health Magazine*
- “Readers' Choice Best Beach” - *Georgia Magazine*
- “Best One Tank Trip” - *Atlanta Journal Constitution*
- “Best Beach Retreat” - *Creative Loafing Atlanta*
- Bicycle Friendly Community – League of American Bicyclists

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