

## South Seas Announces its Inaugural Tarpon Tournament Supporting Folds of Honor May 16-17, 2024

**Captiva Island, Fla.** – Feb. 13, 2024 – <u>South Seas</u>, located on Captiva Island along Florida's Gulf Coast, is proud to announce its first annual Tarpon Tournament supporting Folds of Honor, a non-profit organization committed to providing life-changing scholarships for the spouses and children of American fallen or disabled military and first responders. Dedicated to combining the thrill of sportfishing with a deep commitment to honoring those who have sacrificed for freedom, the South Seas Tarpon Tournament sponsorship proceeds will go directly to Folds of Honor scholarship recipients in Lee County, making a significant difference in their lives and helping them achieve their educational dreams.

## Tarpon Tournament May 16-17, 2024

Thursday, May 16 - Captain's Meeting
Friday, May 17 - Fishing Tournament followed by Dinner and Awards Presentation
Register and Information – southseas.com/tarpon

Teams of four people can enter the tournament for an entry fee of \$1,000 per team, with only one captain per team. All monies collected from Tarpon Tournament entry fees are paid to the winners of the tournament. The tournament will be filmed and featured on the popular fishing show, Reel Animals with its host Capt. Mike Anderson.

"We aspire to provide an annual, world-class fishing tournament that combines a spirit of competition with a sense of community, creating an unforgettable experience for everyone involved while raising critical awareness and support for the Folds of Honor Scholarship Fund for the unsung heroes of our nation, our military, first responders and their families," says South Seas General Manager, Shawn Farrell.

Sponsorship information is available at southseas.com/tarpon and inquiries can be directed to JLudwick@southseas.com.

Only 45 minutes, yet a world away, Captiva Island is connected to Florida's mainland via Sanibel Causeway and a small bridge over Blind Pass, joining it to Sanibel Island. Tucked away at the northern end of the five-mile long, one-half-mile wide Captiva Island, South Seas is between Pine Island Sound and the Gulf of Mexico, ensconced by two-and-a-half miles of powder-white beaches lapped by turquoise tides.

For more information, visit <u>SouthSeas.com</u> or call (800) 237-6000. To follow along on social media, visit <u>Facebook at @SouthSeasResort</u>, Instagram at <u>@SouthSeasResort</u> or X at <u>@SSIslandResort</u>.

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## **About South Seas**

Presenting classic island charm, the 330-acre South Seas is nestled among mangroves with more than half of the resort a dedicated wildlife preserve and estuary. World-renowned fishing, boating, and yachting, and discovering storied barrier islands are among the unforgettable experiences of a South Seas guest. The resort has been a cherished destination for more than 75 years. A new chapter begins, one that has been inspired by the many past generations of guests, and thoughtfully recast for the future. South Seas has embarked on a phased reopening, an important milestone in efforts towards recovery and rebuilding from the devastation of Hurricane Ian, dedicated to delivering a resilient, world-class resort.



## **About Folds of Honor**

Folds of Honor is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization that provides educational scholarships to the spouses and children of military members who have fallen or been disabled while serving in the United States armed forces. Beginning in 2022, Folds of Honor expanded its mission to include first responders. Its educational scholarships support private-school tuition or tutoring in grades K-12 as well as post-secondary tuition. It is rated a four-star charity by Charity Navigator and Platinum on GuideStar. It was founded by Lt Col Dan Rooney, an F-16 fighter pilot, who is currently stationed at Headquarters Air Force Recruiting Service Detachment 1, at Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, TX. For more information visit FoldsOfHonor.org.