

# Tybee Island Pirate Fest Royalty Fact Sheet

- Tybee Fest, the non-profit organization which produces the Tybee Island Pirate Fest decided that each year two individuals should be honored with the title of Pirate King and Queen.
- Selection: The festival organizing group, The Admirals Krewe, elects the Pirate King and Queen. Local individuals from Tybee Island whom are active in business, tourism, give back to the local community, and have been supportive of the Tybee Island Pirate Fest and Tybee Fest nominated.
- Duties: Each year the duties grow. In 2009, the Pirate King and Queen will be crowned at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Buccaneer Ball at the Crab Shack on October 8<sup>th</sup> and will reign over the ball. They will then lead the Pirate Victory Parade on Saturday and will be visible throughout the event. They will also make appearances around the community prior to the festival.



**2005**

**King Jack Flanigan & Queen Jenny Orr**

For the 1st Annual Pirate Fest event Organizers reached out to Jack Flanigan to be their Pirate King and Jenny Orr for Queen. Jack owns The Crab Shack, which is an incredibly popular seafood restaurant on the island known as “Where the elite eat in their bare feet.” The Crab Shack also held the inaugural Buccaneer’s Ball in 2008 and will host it again this year. Also, that is a real parrot he is holding in the picture. Jenny Orr is the owner of two restaurants on Tybee Island, Fannie’s and Marlin Monroe’s. Fannies is located on the south end of Tybee, directly bordering the festival grounds and has a great view of all of the action.



**2006**

**King Gene Kindrick & Queen Debbie Brady Robinson**

In 2006, TybeeFest chose Gene Kindrick and Debbie Brady Robinson as their Pirate King and Queen. Gene was the long time commander of American Legion Post 154 on Tybee Island. Debbie is a well know local artist and owner of Atlantic Beacon Gallery and Hall of Frames and she also serves on the board of the Tybee Island Tourism Council.



**2007**

**King Jiggs Watson & Queen Bonnie Gaster**

In 2007, TybeeFest selected Bonnie Gaster and Jiggs Watson as their Pirate King and Queen. Bonnie is a well known real-estate broker on Tybee Island for Prudential SE Coastal Properties. Jiggs owns Tybee Island Insurance and is the organizer of the Tybee Island Beach Bum Parade.



**2008**

**King Jimmy Price & Queen Natalie Gordon**

The 2008 honorees were Jimmy Price as King and Natalie Gordon as the Pirate Queen. Jimmy Price is well known on Tybee Island as the Chief of Police. So be warned he definitely knows how to defend his “crown”. Natalie owns the Atlantis Inn on Tybee, and she serves on the board of The Tybee Island Tourism Council.



**2009**

**King Scullen Bones & Queen Amelia**

In 2009 Tybee Fest has voted to honor Cullen Chambers as Pirate King and Amy Gaster as Pirate Queen. Cullen has served as the executive director of the Tybee Island Historical Society since 1994. He oversaw the restoration of the entire Tybee Island light station and has received several prestigious honors for it. Amy Gaster is co-owner and President of Tybee Vacation Rentals, a founding member and former board member of Tybee Fest. Amy also serves on the board, along with Cullen, of the Tybee Island Tourism Council. They are both very active members of the community.

High resolution images are available for download at: <http://tybeeisland.com/tybeepiratefest/press-room>

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