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Seafair Celebrates 47 Years

Carnival Oct. 6-9; Seafair Oct. 7-9

Featuring: Cory Morrow on Friday and the xx on Saturday ... and more
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(ROCKPORT TEXAS) The 47th annual Rockport-Fulton Seafair, the family-oriented event which has become a favorite for South Texas, will be held Friday, October 7 to Sunday, October 9 at the Festival Grounds at Rockport Harbor, 110 Seabreeze Drive. The Carnival will kick off the festival with a free family night.

The Opening Ceremonies for Seafair begin with a ribbon cutting when the gates open at 5 p.m. The ceremony is held at the Big Stage with a proclamation reading by elected officials.

Seafair offers a weekend filled with entertainment. On Friday, the popular Powell Brothers will set the stage for the Cory Morrow Band, the **best ambassadors of Texas country music with over 500,000 records sold independently and 10 albums**. On Saturday, step back into the xx with the popular xxxx. Festival attendees can also enjoy non-stop entertainment with live entertainment by local and regional performers throughout the weekend.

For shoppers who are looking for that one of a kind gift for someone special...or yourself, Arts and Crafts and Seafair Market Place will showcase more than 120 vendors.

A recent addition to Seafair is a Boat and Outdoor Show with speakers available to talk about topics such as professional boating and fishing to other marine-related themes. Join us for the popular parade through downtown Rockport on Saturday. Stop by the water activities area, for kayaking and other water activities, check out the new "night kayaking" display booth. While you wait, watch the crazy cardboard boat race at 2 p.m. and the hilarious crab races on a wooden race track at 4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. On Sunday, you won't want to miss the annual Car Show with entries from classic to muscle cars.

We know ... you wanted more gumbo. So, plan to visit the Gumbo Tent now under the direction of SR Boil House and taste the best gumbo, boiled seafood and all the fixings. Speaking of best gumbo, check out the Gumbo Competition on Saturday. Think you have the best gumbo recipe? Feel free to enter the Saturday gumbo cook-off.

Bring your favorite dessert or salsa for a quick contest at the Big Tent stage around 1 p.m. Sunday. Contestants will need to arrive by 12:30 p.m.

Make sure you get one of the 47th anniversary T-Shirts designed by local artist, xx. Sue will be available to sign your T-shirt at her booth during the festival.

The Seafair Carnival opens Thursday, Oct. 6 at 5 p.m.

Seafair's official opening ceremony kicks off the event at 4:45 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7. Seafair hours are Friday, Oct. 7, 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 8, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 9 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Seafair Admission is \$10-\$30. Children under the age of 12 have free admission this year. For a full schedule of events and more visit www.rockportseafair.com.

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About Rockport-Fulton Seafair

Seafair celebrates its 47th Anniversary by welcoming autumn's arrival at what we call the "Charm of the Texas Coast." It is festivals such as this that make living on and visiting the coast so exciting! Previous Seafair headliners have included Shania Twain, Bruce Robison and Kelly Willis, Restless Heart, Shenandoah, Bryan White, Mark Chesnutt, Joe Diffie, Asleep at the Wheel, and Tracey Byrd.. The Rockport-Fulton Chamber of Commerce is proud to host this event during this economically slow period. The outpouring of support and assistance by people in our community, near and afar has been a true showing of American pride. It is with extreme gratitude that we present to you this fabulous festival each year.

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