

At A Glance: Thirty-Second Annual Cortez Fishing Festival

- What:** 32nd Annual Cortez Fishing Festival. A celebration of Florida's commercial fishing and maritime heritage.
- When:** February 15 – 16, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- Where:** Along the beautiful Sarasota Bay shoreline in the historic fishing village of Cortez.
- Entertainment:** Live music. Marine life talks and displays. Children's activities. Wide variety of seafood with choices for land-lovers.
- Arts and Crafts:** Over fifty artists, each exhibiting artwork with a nautical theme.
- What's New?** New location! Festival moved to east end of town, adjacent to Florida Maritime Museum. Expanded parking!
- Getting There:** The Festival is easy to find. Just head west toward the beaches on Cortez Road, you can't miss it (4415 119th St. W., FL 34215).
- Parking:** Offsite parking available at available at G.T Bay Park overflow parking (5502 33rd Ave. Dr. W., Bradenton, 34209 – turn east off of 59th St onto 33rd Ave. Dr.) or Coquina Beach with shuttle bus to Cortez (\$2.50 round trip). Additional parking will be available east of the village off of Cortez Road (5 minute walk). This parking area has been expanded compared to last year, but it is expected to be full in the middle of day so come early or check in afternoon. Additional pay and free parking in village, west of Festival grounds.
- Cost:** \$3.00, children under 12 free.
- Why go?** All Festival proceeds go to expansion and restoration of the FISH Preserve (environmentally sensitive land along Sarasota Bay). A cause endorsed by famed ocean explorer Jean-Michel Cousteau.
- More Info?** www.cortez-fish.org, 941-708-6120 or 941-722-4524