

## Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve 50th anniversary celebration

The Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve (EBAP) will celebrate its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Friday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point in Bonita Springs. Guests will enjoy dinner, a silent auction, the *Living Waters* exhibit of photographer and conservationist Clyde Butcher, and presentations highlighting the EBAP's past, present, and future. A historical retrospective, oral history footage and keynote speakers will take you back in time through the rich history of Estero Bay and the aquatic preserve program. Renowned photographer and longtime friend of the aquatic preserves, Clyde Butcher, will be in attendance, and all guests will receive a signed poster commemorating the 50th Anniversary. Please visit [www.esterobaybuddies.org](http://www.esterobaybuddies.org) for more information or to register for the event.

### Estero Bay Buddies

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The Estero Bay Buddies (EBB) is a non-profit Citizen Support Organization (CSO) for the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve and the Estero Bay Preserve State Park.

Additionally, The Estero Bay Buddies and [Good Time Charters](#) present Brews on the Bay on Saturday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-6 pm. Join us for a three-hour sunset brews cruise celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Estero Bay Aquatic Preserve. Our local brewer, [Point Ybel](#), will provide some of their locally made brews for you to enjoy, and [Florida Born Company](#) will be donating commemorative 50th Anniversary glasses that passengers can keep as a memento! Please visit [www.esterobaybuddies.org](http://www.esterobaybuddies.org) for more information or to register for the event.

The EBAP was Florida's first Aquatic Preserve and the model for the statewide Aquatic Preserve Program.

Florida now boasts 41 aquatic preserves encompassing over 2.2 million acres that are maintained in their essentially natural condition for future generations.

Proceeds from the events will benefit science education programs for Lee County students, science-based internship programs, and community outreach activities within the EBAP and Estero Bay Preserve State Park.