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2017 Seafood Festival Parade provides fun for all

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CEDAR KEY -- The 2017 Cedar Key Seafood Festival kicked off Saturday morning (Oct. 21) with one of its perennial favorites - the Parade down First Street and Dock Street.

Cedar Key Police Chief Virgil Sandlin was at the head of the parade with the Chiefland VFW Post 5625 Color Guard, followed by dignitaries who were in attendance for the Big Bend Trail ribbon-cutting ceremony, along with our friends at UF/IFAS, Smokey Bear of the Florida Forest Service, the Shriners on those little motor scooters, our own CKS cheerleaders and sports teams, CKS fifth graders (Ice cold water for a dollar!), CK Boy Scout troop, our own Volunteer Fire Department, Ricky Cooke and his boat with oysters, and a veritable cast of thousands (almost).

Prizes were awarded as shown below.



Best Golf Cart (\$75) went to Island Bags.

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Best Boat (\$75) went to Island Arts - Spice Girls.



Best Truck (\$75) and Best of Show (\$150) went to Crab Crew.

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The best Sea Creature costume (\$75) went to the Crab Suit Guy - Gabriel Walker of Hartwell, Ga.

As the Cedar Key Lions Club Parade Committee chairman, I want to express my special thanks to the people who helped to make the parade a success -- Cedar Key Vice Mayor Sue Colson, whose thoughts and ideas were invaluable to me; Police Chief Sandlin for his help in keeping G street from erupting into chaos; Alicia Johns, who was one of the judges and took the pictures of the winners; Ken Young, whose insights were valuable to me; and Lions Steve Priessman and Rory Brennan, without whom I could not have done this job. Thank you all so much.