



Dear Captiva friends,

Relaxing, enjoyable, and filled with adventure, are some of the ways that families use to describe Blind Pass. Blind Pass sustains abundant wildlife while providing locals and tourist with a pristine area for shelling and fishing. From swimming to sunbathing, Blind pass provides endless opportunities for adventure and fantastic views of the island.

**History:** Blind Pass was re-opened in 2009 after a closing for many years. The reopening was a monumental project that was spearheaded by Commissioner Rene Miville. Maintaining Blind Pass in an open state is an important factor contributing to enhanced flushing of the interior waterways of Captiva and Sanibel.

**Current State of Blind Pass after the 2021 Beach re-nourishment:** As expected, Captiva's beach sand migrates south towards the pass, contributing to the creation of natural sand bars along the opening of the pass, these "by-passing bars" are beneficial as they allow the new sand from Captiva to continue southward and reduce the filling inside of the pass. Additionally, the sand can continue its natural course south benefiting the beaches of Sanibel.

**Maintenance Dredging Status:** Permit applications are already in process by the County with the various agencies. The County is currently monitoring the pass and dredging will commence when the beach from the recent Captiva nourishment project stabilizes. The County stands ready to respond if the need to act sooner arises.

Thank you,  
CEPD

## BEACH BRIEF 0029-2022

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Ariel shot of Blind Pass before it was open



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