



# Beach Basket Report

Sebastian Inlet District

Q2: April-June 2025

## 1.0 Program Summary

The 2025 Q2 (April, May, June) report herein includes details for three public Beach Basket stations within Sebastian Inlet State Park (SISP). Two of the basket stations are located along the northern inlet shoreline, and one basket station is located on the southern inlet shoreline. It is important to note that at the start of Q2, the southern inlet station was renamed. It was previously referred to as Intercoastal (IC) and will now be called T-Dock (TD). This will ensure that the station location is clearly known and recognized by both beach basket users and surveyors alike.

The data presented in this report was collected and managed by our monitoring partners and CCinc's Beach Basket team through weekly surveys of the Beach Basket stations. These surveys include the following: recording the number of baskets present at a station along with their unique identifying codes, disposing of any debris left in the baskets, cleaning and sanitizing baskets at each station, checking the scale at each station to determine if it is in working order, and returning any misplaced baskets to their originally assigned station.

Throughout the second quarter, each station was monitored regularly, and a total rate of loss (ROL) of 33.3%, or three (3) baskets, was recorded.

## 2.0 Detailed Quarterly Report

During Q2 2025, the total rate of loss (ROL) recorded for baskets was 33.3%, or three (3) baskets out of nine (9) total baskets. When compared to previous quarters, this ROL is slightly higher; however, a new station was installed in Q1, which can increase the chance of loss. During the quarter, there were a few interactions noted between basket stations found along the inlet and basket stations located along beach accesses within Sebastian Inlet State Park.

### 2.1 Detailed Observations for Inlet Stations

Within Q2 2025, the Cove (COVE) station lost two baskets, and the North Shore (NS) station lost one basket. One of the Cove (COVE) baskets was lost during the week ending May 3rd, and the other was lost during the week ending June 28th. The missing North Shore (NS) basket was last seen during the week ending May 31st. It is not known exactly when the basket was lost, as there were no surveys done in the month of June. The T-Dock (TD) station did not lose any baskets in Q2. Regarding

basket movement throughout the quarter, there were several recorded instances of baskets moving amongst the stations within Sebastian Inlet State Park (SISP). On five occasions, T-Dock (TD) baskets were found at the Day Use (DU) station, and there was one instance when one Cove (COVE) and one T-Dock (TD) basket were found at the Boardwalk 3 (BWB) station. In addition, there were three occasions when T-Dock (TD) baskets were found at the South Jetty (SJ) station. Furthermore, baskets were recorded disappearing and reappearing throughout the quarter, a clear sign that they are in constant use. There were no "Report Your Impact" surveys submitted during the quarter.

## **2.2 Basket Maintenance**

At the start of Q2, the North Shore (NS) station had its missing scale replaced. This will allow for weight to be included on the "Report Your Impact" surveys that are submitted for that station. As previously mentioned, the station along the southern jetty shoreline had its name changed from Intercoastal (IC) to T-Dock (TD). Due to the update, all of the basket labeling was changed and/or updated. As needed, other baskets also had their labels replaced at the start of Q2. Every basket has two printed labels in addition to handwritten labels under the basket handles, which minimizes their exposure to the elements. In addition, each of the stations had its signage and scale screens cleaned.

## **2.3 Public Relations and Media Attention**

Within Q2 2025, the Sebastian Inlet District was tagged in four social media posts that were created by CCinc regarding beach baskets and cleanup events. In April, a BeBot cleanup wrap-up post, which included photos from the event, received 55 likes, three comments, and three shares on Instagram and 19 reactions, 1 comment, and two shares on Facebook. In June, a post captioned "Are you interested in being a citizen scientist?" was made to give information regarding the locations and purpose of the beach basket stations, including the "Report Your Impact" aspect. That post featured two pictures of the North Shore (NS) Beach Basket station and received 35 likes on Instagram and 27 reactions, 4 comments, and 7 shares on Facebook. In all, that post had 993 views and 35 interactions. Also in June, the quarterly Coastal Cleanup at The Cove flyer was posted to promote the event. That post received 23 likes on Instagram and 19 likes, 2 comments, and 3 shares on Facebook. A quarterly cleanup wrap-up post went up at the end of June, which featured pictures and stats from the event. That post received 52 likes and 3 comments on Instagram and 28 reactions, 1 comment, and 1 share on Facebook. In total across both platforms, that post had 1,203 views and 63 interactions. In addition, the Sebastian Inlet District Beach Basket stations were featured in stories on both Instagram and Facebook at different times throughout the quarter as part of our "Beach Basket Tuesdays" series.

## **2.4 Coastal Cleanup Events**

During Q2 2025, the Sebastian Inlet District served as a collaborator for a quarterly Coastal Cleanup at The Cove. Fifteen (15) participants attended the cleanup,

removing 20.91 lbs of debris. In all, 1,155 pieces of trash were collected, including 353 cigarette butts, 255 pieces of hard plastic, 135 pieces of plastic film, 59 plastic bottle caps, and 59 pieces of paper.

### 3.0 Recommendations

The following are recommendations to ensure the program continues to engage inlet-goers and remains helpful in keeping the Sebastian Inlet free of debris:

1. Weekly Beach Basket station survey submissions are recommended for generating comprehensive reports about basket use and the rate of loss.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with the Sebastian Inlet District on such an impactful and useful program to protect the environment.

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