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Junior Lifeguards Capture Gold at USLA Competition

Eleven Okaloosa County and 34 Destin junior lifeguards joined forces to represent the United States Lifesaving Association (USLA), Emerald Coast Chapter (ECC), in the USLA South East Regional Junior Lifeguarding Championship. The Emerald Coast Chapter brought home a total of 8 Gold Medals, 21 Silver Medals, 20 Bronze Medals, and 85 Top-5 finishes.

“These are our future lifeguards - I am so proud of our ECC Juniors from Okaloosa and Destin, and congratulate them on a job well done,” said Beach Safety Chief Tracey Vause.

The event was held on Saturday July 26th on the beaches of Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, where the region’s junior lifeguard programs came together to compete in a multitude of races in an all out race for the gold.

Lifeguards and Beach Safety Teams experience training throughout the year to maintain their qualifications and prepare them for the summer season. Please be observant of the warning flags placed along public beaches. Green flags indicate favorable swimming conditions, yellow flags- medium hazard, red flags- high hazard, and purple flags indicate marine pets are present. If a double red flag is flying, the water is closed. Choose to make wise choices and to be safe this summer. For more information, contact Beach Safety, 850-651-7150.

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