

## BEACH CAM SAVES PELICAN'S LIFE

It was a usual sunny day on the beach at Datura when the Windjammer Resort received an unusual call from a man in Winnipeg, Manitoba. It wasn't for room reservations, but rather a call for help. The caller was agitated and he informed Front Desk Clerk Joseph Lynch that there was an injured pelican in trouble on the beach. Joseph's reaction was to have the



LIVE VIEW OF LBTS BEACH FROM WINDJAMMER CAM

man repeat where he was calling from, which prompted the explanation that the "Pelican Man", as he came to be called, was watching the scene unfold live from his computer on Windjammer's new Beach Cam.

Joseph checked the camera feed, and sure enough there was a pelican in the sand with a group of kids kicking sand at it. He then sprang to action and called for Patty Reynolds, the Windjammer's Administrative Assistant, to help. They ran out to the beach and stopped the kids from further antagonizing the bird. The Pelican was in dire straits, with fishing line and weights wrapped around its legs, preventing it from swimming or diving for food. Patty called animal rescue and they dispatched a local volunteer. Carroll Bower of the Sea Spray Inn, who was walking her dog nearby, came to assist as well. Fortunately, she teaches a Pet First Aid class, and her friend Frank Walsh who was with her is a Veterinarian in Stuart County! They were able to cut the Pelican free and keep it safe until Animal Rescue arrived to take it to the shelter and nurse it back to health.

All this was possible because the bird hero Joe the "Pelican Man" was watching a live feed of our beach from an HD camera at the Windjammer 2000 miles away. He had the presence of mind to make the call and get immediate help for the pelican. In comparison to current events, it does not sound like much of a heroic act and it doesn't mean a lot to most people, but it meant everything to that Pelican. Windjammer General Manager John Boutin got to talk with the Pelican man when an hour later he called back to see how everything turned out. "I was very thankful to Joe for calling us. It made us all feel good about being a part of saving the pelican, and I offered Joe a very special rate for him to come down and feel the sand instead of just viewing it."

The live HD Beach Cam went live only one week before, and is the first live-streaming webcam of the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea beach. It is hosted on Earthcam.com, a popular site for scenic view webcams. Originally intended to attract vacationers and promote Lauderdale-by-the-Sea to the world, the camera demonstrated the boundless value of technology by saving the life of a local pelican.

You can view the Windjammer's LBTS Beach Cam at [WindjammerResort.com](http://WindjammerResort.com).