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Island Author Wins National Award

GALVESTON ISLAND, TX - Author Coral Beach was recently awarded the 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Award for her independently published book titled *Happy Hour in Paradise: Twelve Years on Beachouse*.

The award was established to recognize and honor the most exceptional independently published books in 60 different categories for the year, and is presented by the Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group in cooperation with Marilyn Allen of Allen O'Shea Literary Agency.

***Happy Hour in Paradise* is a memoir written by Coral Beach about her parents, Buford and Jerry Beach, a retired couple who took on the incredible challenge of building a sixty-foot trimaran to sail the oceans of the world. The couple, who had never sailed before, followed the wind, island to island, for twelve years before returning to the United States.**

The author, Coral Beach, is the eldest daughter of Buford and Jerry Beach. She currently resides in Galveston, Texas with her husband and their Jack Russell Terrier. She and her family visited Buford and Jerry Beach on their boat, *Beachouse*, in many locales.

Coral stated, "They were incredible people who held the philosophy that 'you have to get off the boat and go inland to meet the people.' In their letters and journals they wrote of meeting South Pacific Island chiefs and of listening to a well-known revolutionary for Vanuatu independence sing *Deep in the Heart of Texas*. I wanted to share their travels and rich experiences with others through this book. The book is a tribute to them and an inspiration to travelers, sailors, adventurers, and readers of memoirs. I loved every minute of reliving their adventures by writing the book."

Reader Views, reviews by readers, for readers, Austin, Texas, had this to say about *Happy Hour in Paradise*:

"Few of us ever do it though, and for those who are brave enough to even attempt it, Coral Beach's *Happy Hour in Paradise* should prove to be an invaluable book to read before they even think on embarking on such an adventure."

"I have greatly enjoyed reading this well-balanced and thoughtful true-life story, "*Happy Hour in Paradise*," as would, I believe, any reader who enjoys a good travel story and a well-written adventure."

For more on the book go to www.happyhourinparadise.com. *Happy Hour in Paradise* is available for purchase online at www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com, www.iuniverse.com, and e-book. Retail outlets include The Admiralty, Galveston Bookshop, and J. Bangle Galleries on Galveston Island; Paragraphs Book Store, South Padre Island, Texas.