

# The Classy Rat Newsletter

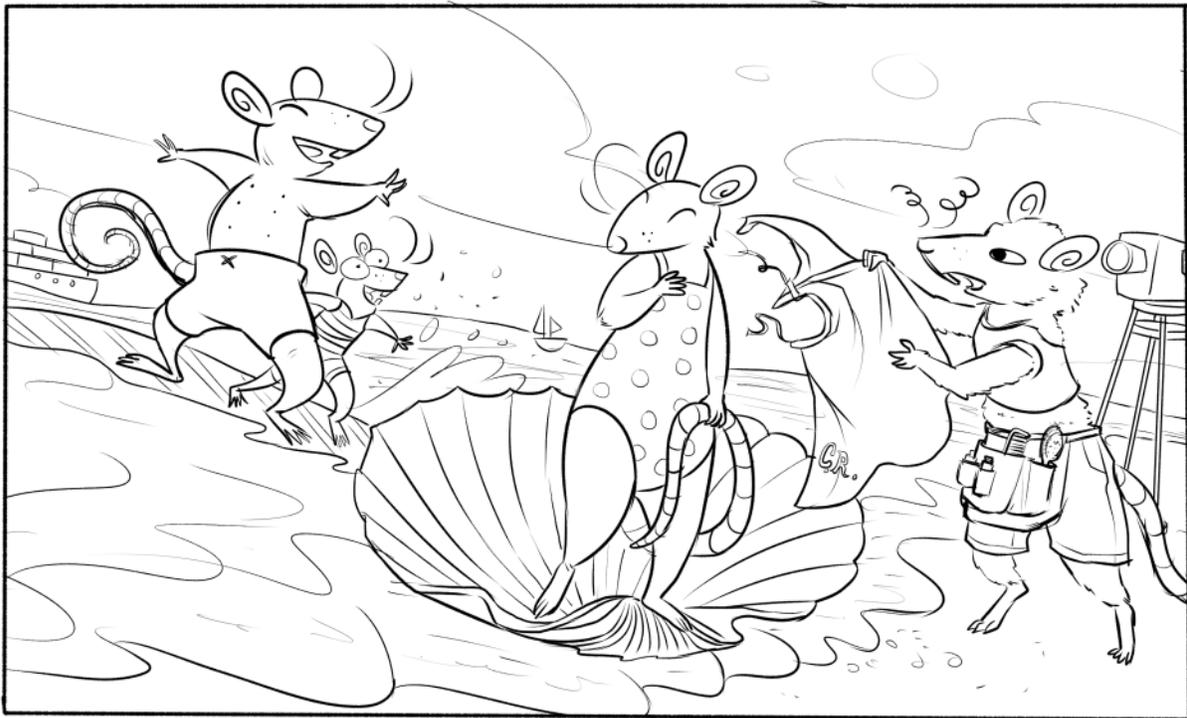
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## A word from Classy...

It's time for summer fun and new swimwear! Can you believe it's already July? This month, so I can focus on running my charities, I'm handing off an article to Sneakers, my junior-rat host. She's done an incredible job and has some great insight to beach life that I'm simply out of touch with. Don't worry, I still had time to make my annual Classy Swimwear picks. We're quite close to the Crumbs for Class Charity goal! The end is in sight. I can't wait to show you what's in store for the rats of Academy Rattus and other underfunded institutions who opted in for the charity.

Get your beach bags packed and flower hats ready!

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## Classy Ratist: Rat Lady Art

Premier Rat Artist, Ilincia Mitchell is creating precious and magical rat art in the form of prints, and enamel pins. With over 9000 followers on instagram, Rat Lady Art is one of the heavy hitters in the rat art world. Follow them on instagram and check out their patreon for the option to join their pin club or get a commission by them.

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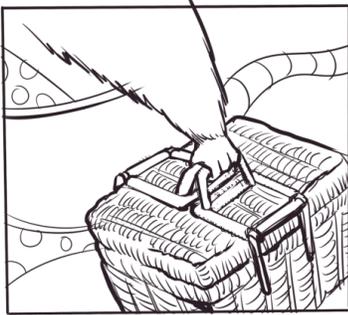
## Classy Rat Of The Month: Mama Beth



Mama Beth has many rittens. Her life can be followed on the popular reality ratTV show, Wild Rat Mom. Mama Beth came from simple origins. Her and her family grew up in the sticks and moved into a nice cinder block town home, only to win the lottery when a human decided to start blessing her and her family with gifts. Wild Rat Mom tells the story of this growing rat family, their day to day lifestyle, and the drama that unfolds.

[instagram.com/wildratmom](https://www.instagram.com/wildratmom)

## Classy Rats On The Beach



The sun is shining, the sky clear, and you're packing your picnic basket for the beach! It's time to find your whiskers whisked away by the refreshing winds of water waves. Your tail and feet are graced by the warm soft sands of the shoreline, which is dotted by seashells and pebbles. There's nothing more enlivening than a summer trip to the beach, so let's envision what your tails in the sands entails.

### Sunblock

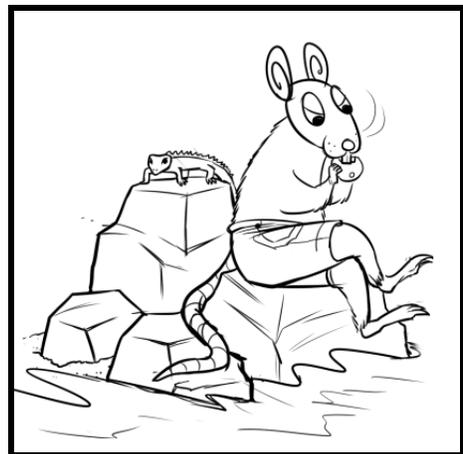
Now, you wouldn't want your tail to get burnt, would you? Make sure you get some rat-friendly sunblock and slather it over your hairless tail, ears, feet, and hands. If you're a hairless rat, definitely cover your whole body in that stuff! Take special care for the snout and back.

### Drinks and Snacks

Preparing for the day is the most fun activity! It's exciting to pack a plastic baggy filled with granola and think about eating it while sitting on some rocks. Make sure you bring plenty of water and a bowl for easy sipping and cooling off. Fresh fruit like blueberries and raspberries make easy grab and go snacks, as do oats and other cereals. Bring all your favorites!

### Hide-away

Sometimes the conditions on the beach can be a little too much for a tiny mammal. If you want to weather it, having a little box, tent, or cloth travel carrier would make a great hide away. Enjoy the fresh air of the beach without having to leave your nest! This is also a good place to keep your water bowl for a quick sip or cool-off dip.



## Beach Dangers

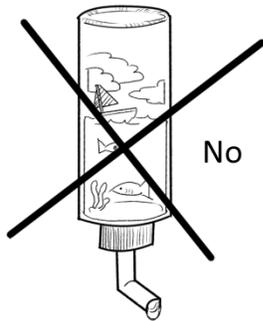
The beach can be quite dangerous! Here's some things to keep in mind:



- Pay attention to the tides. They change through-out the day, so be mindful not get swept away in them. If you think the ocean is getting just a tad too close, best start packing up and moving your beach camp.



- Be careful not to burn your feet and tail on the hot sand. If your feet start to hurt, scamper back to the tent or closest area of wet sand or water and cool 'em off!



- Don't drink the beach water. You might get sick! If you're thirsty, have a drink from the water you brought from home.

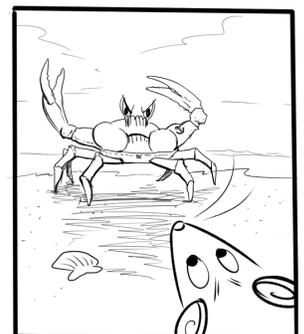
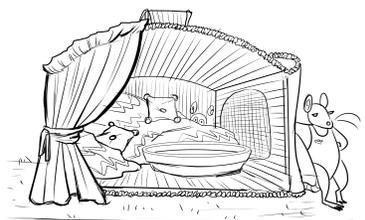
- Steer clear of crabs, dogs, and birds. Especially be wary of sneaky sky demons. When in doubt, stay near some human friends. If you're really scared, climb up their leg and onto their shoulder.



\*\*If you're a human friend, keep an eye on your rat friends and make sure they aren't in danger. With your super duper strength and speed, you can keep them safe and make the beach a more enjoyable experience for them.

## Beach Hacks

1. Go at Sunset or Sunrise to take advantage of low UV sunlight.
2. Bring a musical instrument or portable speaker to play music
3. Invent flip flops for rats!



## Day's End

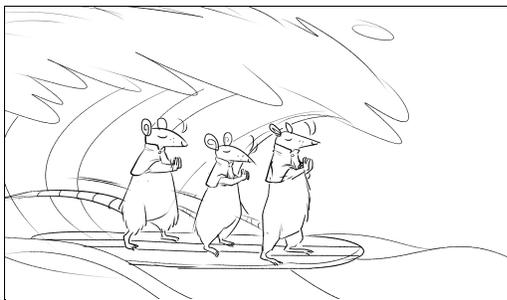
If you feel like you want to go home, don't be shy. Let your friends know that you've reached your limit. It could be that they still want to stay longer, however. While Delores and Chad are still playing frisbee, you can go relax in the cave. But, if they take too long and the winds are really starting to upset you, assert yourself and tell them it's time to go, dang it! Worse of things they don't invite you to the beach again. But, there's plenty of other rats out there you can pal around with who might have similar beach time limits, so don't fret.

*Sneakers, here! This was yours truly's first article in the Classy Rat Newsletter! Send me pics of your rat beach trip to [AskTheClassyRat@gmail.com](mailto:AskTheClassyRat@gmail.com)*



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## Oracle Rats Enjoy Summer Rays and Surf



Three of the Oracle rats were sighted on Big Chonk Beach last week sunbathing and surfing. Some consider this obtuse behavior for the conduits between ratkind and the void. But, there has been a long tradition of Oracle rats who enjoy recreational activities. According to the gospel of Scaletail II: "all scavenging and no bruxing makes whiskers dull" (*Scaletail II 7:3*).

So, next time your religious aunt or neighbor judges you for playing hopscotch instead of studying for the R.A.T.S exams or for laying in the sun instead of logging into your RatRide app to make that extra rat side gig money, remember to at-least buy some nice conditioner to spruce up your whiskers now and then.

## Classy Swimwear



**VagueRat bikinis:** Mix and match the fun prints that VagueRat has to offer this season. Polkadot, paw print, and chevron are making the weirdest come back. **Ratas Sports Line:** Ratas is putting out the most versatile and efficient sports grade swimwear, for rats who are serious about bobbing for grapes. These trunks will stay on! **Rattie vintage suits:** Vintage is in! Enjoy these suits from earlier days when rats dressed more conservatively.

## **AskClassy**

**Dear Classy**

Do you have any tips for planning a fun summer party? I want to throw a party and invite all my friends, but I'm afraid of it being a bad party. How can I throw a good party for rats? Thanks.

**RatPartyDreams**

**Dear RatPartyDreams,**

You've come to the right rat! I've been planning parties since I was a wee ritten. Infact, I would call it one of my greatest passions. I can plan a party in my sleep, probably.

The first thing you're going to want to do is keep a party planning journal. Now, you don't want to go too overboard, but since you're just starting out as a party planner, that probably won't happen until your second or third party. In your party planning journal, try brainstorming some fun things that you want to happen at the party. Maybe you want it to be during the day so you can run around outside, maybe night so you can hang pretty lights in the gazebo and have everyone come out there and look at your new dress. Do you want to invite a clown? Clowns are in desperate need of employment these days since the outbreak happened in the clown dimension. Oh, that's another thing: take an inventory of what you have to work with. You can throw a fun party, even without fancy gazebos and chandeliers. I once went to a party in a shoe and it was still fun. And this was a small shoe...

Make a map of your house and circle areas of where you can put activities like Cake Contest or Small Rat Talk. Make sure you have a good amount of food to feed guests, and if you're really clever, hire a local business to cater your party. Lastly, invite people who are outgoing and can keep the party going even when you're preoccupied cleaning up messes or taking a breather in the pantry.

Good luck and don't forget to have fun, yourself!

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