

## **ED CHILES**

Business Owner  
The Chiles Group  
&

Board Member  
START: Solutions to Avoid Red Tide

Ed Chiles is a founding board member and past Chairman of START. START is a non-profit grass roots organization founded in 1996 on Longboat Key by a few concerned citizens in response to a devastating ten-month long red tide bloom that ravaged a wide area along the West Coast of Florida. START's name is an out-growth of this trying experience and is derived from the phrase "Solutions To Avoid Red Tide". Ever since then, START has been at the forefront in securing funding to support scientific research and increase public awareness about the importance of preserving our marine environment.

Ed is the owner and CEO of the Chiles Group, operating the Sandbar, Beach House and Mar Vista restaurants on Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key. He is the managing partner for the Pine Avenue Restoration project in the City of Anna Maria. He serves on numerous boards in Manatee County.