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TIGHT LINES

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Important Dates for the Offshore Tournament



The sailfish are biting! This Thursday, **March 2nd** is the Captains' and Anglers' Meeting for the **Offshore Tournament "Reel Women Love Sails"**. [Click here](#) for the tournament rules. The rules are also available on our website, bonefishbonnies.com and posted on the **Bonnies bulletin board** in the Reef Treats Lobby. Next Monday, **March 6th** is the **Tournament** and the

Awards Reception. Check the **article below** for the **tournament events schedule**.

The speaker for the **March 22nd membership meeting and luncheon** at Carysfort has been announced. **Tony Gilbert** the **program director** for *The International SeaKeepers Society* will be sharing information about this unique organization. Watch for the luncheon details in next week's *Tight Lines*.

Just added to the calendar: **Fly Fishing 101** on **March 8th** and an invitation for new **Bonnies** to **get together on March 13th**. Find out **more below**.

Did you remember that today is **the fifth anniversary of the dedication** of the *Lady Angler* statue? **Celebrate** by reviewing the **story of the statue** and **fun pictures** from the dedication in today's *Bonnie Briefs*. Take a minute this afternoon to **visit the statue**. There is a nice bench in front of her where you can sit and contemplate the joys (and frustrations) of fishing.

Upcoming Events

Mar 02: *Offshore Captains' Meeting*

Mar 06: *Offshore Tournament*

Mar 06: *New Bonnie Get-together*

RSVP deadline

Mar 07: *Fly Fishing 101 RSVP deadline*

Mar 08: *Fly Fishing 101*

Mar 13: *Kayak Clean-up*

Mar 13: *New Bonnie Get-Together*

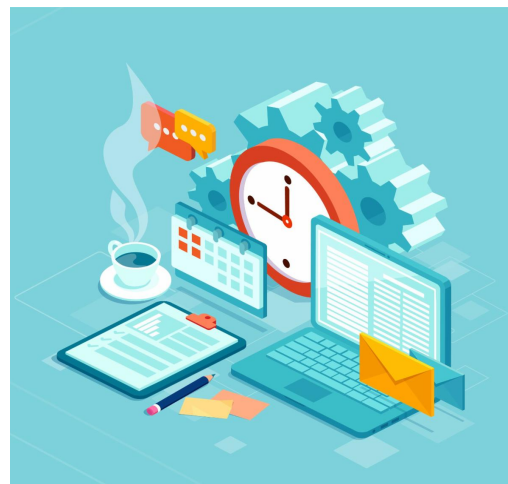
Mar 17: *Luncheon RSVP deadline*

Mar 22: *Bd.Mtg. & Member Luncheon*

Mar 30: *Flats Captains' Meeting*

Apr 03: *Flats Tournament*

Apr 05: *Bd. Mtg. & Annual Meeting Luncheon at KLAC Butterfly Garden*



Don't miss out on the action!

"Reel Women Love Sails"

Offshore Tournament March 6, 2023

Anglers' & Captains' Meeting, March 2, 2023

Yacht Club Terrace 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Tournament, Lines in 8:30 a.m. - out 3:30 p.m.

Awards Reception, March 6, 2023

Town Hall Terrace 6:30 p.m.

Questions??? Contact:

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(305) 613-0304

Fly Fishing 101

Join Bonnie Past President and Certified Fly Fishing Instructor, **Mona Brewer**, for *Fly Fishing 101* at the newly opened **Sunrise Cay Passive Park** on **Wednesday, March 8th** from **3:00-5:00 p.m.**

Learn the basics of fly casting with Mona. You'll have almost four weeks to practice before the **Flats Tournament on April 3rd**. Parking, for golf carts only, is available on North Pelican Drive on Sunrise Cay.

This complimentary class is **limited to ten anglers**. If you have always wondered what fly casting is all about, now is your opportunity to find out. Please **RSVP by March 7th** by [clicking here](#). If you have any questions about the class, please contact Mona at Mona@MonaBrewer.com.



Special Invitation for New Bonnies

Have you joined the Bonefish Bonnies this season or last?
Then this invitation is for you.



JOIN US FOR
refreshments & light bites

An official welcome to our newest Bonnies.

This will be a casual, fun and informative event.

Meet and greet the Bonnies Board, mingle with some of the local boat captains and learn about the services Orvis has to offer.

Date: Monday, March 13th from 5:30-6:30

Location: Patio at Orvis

RSVP: [Click here](#) to RSVP by Mon. March 6th

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Special note: Due to a technical glitch, please [click here](#) if you plan to attend; not on the invitation itself. Or, email BonefishBonnies1.com. Thank you.



KAYAK CLEAN-UP, March 13th

Email Laura Zausmer, [click here](#), if you plan to join the Bonnies and members of the Rod & Gun Club in another Kayak Clean-up March 13th at 9:15 a.m. at the Buccaneer Island Beach.

Bonnie Briefs



The "Lady Angler"

In early 2017, then-president, Mona Brewer, was approached by Nanette Elenbaas, who was the chairwoman of the ORCA Design Committee at the time, offering the Bonnies the opportunity to sponsor a bronze statue of an angler that would be a gift to the Ocean Reef community.

Mona and the Bonnies with help from friends in the community raised the funds necessary to finance and commission the bronze statue created by renowned sculptor Gregory Johnson. The names of all the donors are listed alphabetically at the Bonefish Bonnies display in the Ocean Reef Cultural Center Museum.

In her remarks at the dedication on February 26, 2018, Mona stated that we were making history by dedicating the first commissioned statue of an angler given as a gift to the

Ocean Reef community and that in the United States only 9% of 6,900 recorded works of outdoor sculptures were of women.

She said, "In our small little way today at Ocean Reef we are changing history. What about Ocean Reef's new angler? Is this angler all about women? No I don't think so. After all there was a 50/50 chance it could be a woman or man. When the Bonnies were asked to help with this project...well...a woman it was."

Mona ended her remarks by saying, "This woman angler represents more than any one of us. She is all of us as a whole. If you are male or female, black or white, young or old, she represents the sport that is true and positive and cherished by many. She is dedicated to all aspiring anglers, new anglers and experienced anglers and may she inspire each of you, in your own way, to find joy in the sport of angling."

Members present at the dedication reported that the Bonnie spirit of camaraderie and sisterhood was palpable. Enjoy some of the photos from that day five years ago.











Bonefish Bonnies Membership Roster 2022-2023

The Bonnie contact information for members listed below can be found by choosing the *Members* tab on our website at www.bonefishbonnies.com.

A hearty welcome back to returning Bonnies:

Lori Gianatasio

Cynthia Lee

Val Rich

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