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Next Up: Offshore Tournament "Reel Women Love Sails"

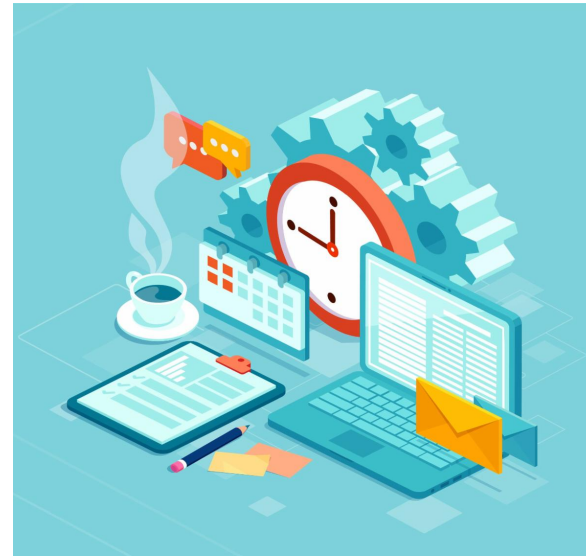
Wishing everyone "tight lines" tomorrow fishing in the Fishin' Funatics tournament even as we start looking forward to our next tournament, "Reel Women Love Sails" on **Monday March 6th**. Check the **easiest way ever to sign up** for the excitement of our offshore tournament in the article below. The **entry deadline is February 13th**. Also check out **tomorrow's deadline for the Gytaku class** (one spot left). **February 10th is the deadline for the February 15th Luncheon** at Anglers Club. Don't forget there's another **Kayak Clean-up on March 13th**. Email Laura Zausmer laurazausmer@gmail.com if you plan to come.

Bonnie Briefs has newsy notes about the "**Suddenly in Command**" class; a great day of fishing; a victory for Bristol Bay; and rave reviews of the Fishin' Funatics Captains' meeting.

Upcoming Events

Feb 06: *Fishin' Funatics Tournament*

- Feb 06:** Gyotaku Sign-up *deadline*
- Feb 10:** Member Luncheon *deadline*
- Feb 10:** Gyotaku at the Art League
(The Japanese art of printing fish)
- Feb 13:** Offshore Sign-up *deadline*
- Feb 13:** Kayak Clean-up
- Feb 15:** Bd.Mtg. & Member Luncheon
- Mar 02:** Offshore Captains' Meeting
- Mar 06:** Offshore Tournament
- Mar 13:** Kayak Clean-up
- 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



Fishin'FUNatics February 6, 2023

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

Awards Dinner: February 6, 2023 6:00 p.m.

The Academy, 395 South Harbor Drive

Questions??? Contact:

Anne 502-594-1823, Mia 502-876-2221 or

Lanie Hinkebein 502-671-3004

"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.



Enjoy the thrill of the hunt and watch the amazing show sailfish can put on when hooked. Whether you're new to offshore fishing or an old hand, the experience is exhilarating.

Click [here](#) to sign up at BonefishBonnies.com/tournaments/ and scroll down to "Reel Women Love Sails" then to "Click here for the entry form" and fill in your information. A copy of your responses will be emailed to the address you provide.

Tournament entry fee is \$200/angler.

The fee includes Captains' Meeting beverages, snacks; tournament gifts and awards.

Awards reception \$100/person

with beverages and heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Spouse, partners, captains, mates and all Bonnies are welcome!

Entry and cancellation deadline is February 13, 2023.

Questions??? Contact:

Allison Freeland (305) 989-2971 or Michelle Battle (305) 613-0304

Gyotaku, February 10th

The Art of Fish Printing

From 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Art League

There is one spot left in the class. The quickest way to sign up before tomorrow's deadline is by clicking [here](#) and including your name and ORC# number in the email.



February Member Luncheon 2/15/23

Our **February luncheon** will be held at the **Key Largo Anglers Club** on **February 15, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** (check-in will begin at 10:45 a.m.). Following our monthly meeting and hearing from our **guest speaker, Thomas Watts-Fitzgerald**, we'll be enjoying **Chef Jon's famous Taco Bar** for lunch.



Our guest speaker, is an assistant U.S. attorney for the Southern District of Florida. The Southern District has nearly 500 attorneys and support professionals responsible for investigating and prosecuting federal crimes in South Florida and litigating civil matters in which the U. S. has an interest.

Mr. Watts-Fitzgerald has been the prosecutor in many interesting cases that affect South Florida; everything from fraud cases in connection with the Deepwater Horizon explosion and the subsequent pollution in the Gulf of Mexico to prosecuting Princess Cruise Lines for a second violation of probation for environmental crimes to crimes that violate state and federal fishing rules.

Please **R.S.V.P.** by the **February 10th deadline** by clicking [here](#). Include **your name and ORC#**. Your account will be charged \$40 plus tax and gratuity.

Bonnie Briefs

Suddenly In Command

USCG Auxiliary Course
"Suddenly in Command"

Thursday February 9
1:PM-3PM
Key Largo Building
(opposite Carysfort building)

This course is intended to provide guidance for those boat occupants such as guests, friends, spouses, etc., who may find themselves "Suddenly in Command" if the boat captain is no longer able to operate the boat for whatever reason! **You are now in charge! Learn what to do in an emergency situation on the water!!!**

Topics include:

- How to use the VHF to call for help
- Using MMSI/ DSC/ EPIRB to call for help
- How to determine your location in any body of water and give that information to rescuers
- Flare usage, life jackets, anchoring, emergency gear etc.
- A discussion of pertinent navigational and weather cell phone apps
- Demonstration of recommended safety equipment as well as a question and answer period.
- Please RSVP to pljr51@gmail.com and give your name and contact phone number.

In case you missed the last class of ***Suddenly In Command*** offered by the USCG Auxiliary or want to repeat it, here is your chance to attend.

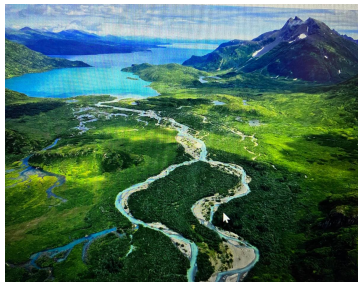
Click [here](#) to RSVP to pljr51@gmail.com. Include your name and contact phone number and join the class on Thursday, February 9th from 1-3p.m at the Key Largo Building (opposite the Carysfort building).

What a day!!!

Bonnies Johanna Carrier, Ruth Stoky and Kelly Brock and her husband, Tom, and son, Brandon, fishing in Costa Rica, caught and released thirteen of sixteen striped marlin. Congratulations. We are so happy for you (and just a little bit jealous).



This just in...A victory for Bristol Bay, Alaska



Bonnies' Past President Mona Brewer emailed:

"Not sure if you have been following this. Years and years to get it done. Almost every conservation group involved. Lots of people on the ground in Washington, D.C. Hundreds of thousands of letters. Paid lobbyists. A great success. I have fished there. It is an American treasure." (photo by Ryan Peterson)

The treasure is Bristol Bay, the easternmost arm of the Bering Sea, located in Southwest Alaska. Its watershed supports the largest sockeye salmon fishery in the world. The victory is that the final determination from the Environmental Protection Agency(EPA) announced last week effectively blocks the mine

planned by Pebble Limited Partnership as well as future mining in the headwaters of Bristol Bay.

To learn more about the importance of the Bristol Bay watershed and the EPA's decision click on these websites:

<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2023-01-30/biden-to-block-mine-with-ban-on-waste-disposal-in-alaska>

<https://www.epa.gov/bristolbay/about-bristol-bay>



Fun at the Fishin' Funatics Captains' Meeting

Many thanks to Lori Gianatasio, who hosted the meeting at her home and to Anne Hinkebein and her daughters Lanie and Mia who are co-chairs of the tournament. (Imagine three Bonnies in one family.)

Here are some of the comments from the party...*"Such a great group - my first event and really enjoying all of it - lunches, party, swag, friendly faces. Thanks to all."*
"Great team with wonderful swag bag." *"I agree. A terrific swag bag and thank you so much to the Hinks for preparing them and look forward to the tournament and disco party."* *"Literally one of the best swag bags ever, ladies!! Such usable items-love that!!!"*

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 warm welcome to our newest Bonnies:

**Courtney Bridge
Meg Dieppa
Veanna Smith**

and

A hearty welcome back to our renewing Bonnie:

Julie Vail Cronin

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