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TIGHT LINES

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Can It Be?

Yes, it can. Our last tournament of the season, **The Flats**, is tomorrow and **Wednesday is The Annual Meeting and Luncheon at the Butterfly Garden at Key Largo Anglers Club...the end of the season.** [Click here](#) for a map to the Garden. Maps are **also available in the drawer under the Bonnies' Bulletin Board.** Information about the tournament is in the article below.

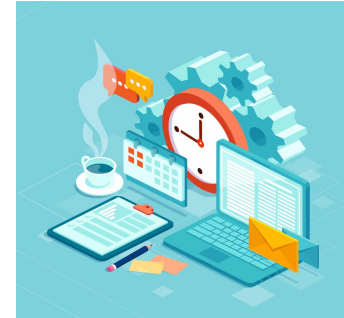
Many thanks to Jeannie Schiavone and Linda Falk, chairpersons of The Flats Tournament for hosting a great Captains' & Anglers' meeting. We're all looking forward to the Awards Reception tomorrow. Tight lines to everyone.

And, safe travels to the lucky Bonnies who are headed to the Abaco Lodge on the Marls, Abaco Island, Bahamas next weekend. They will be some of the first anglers to enjoy the newly reopened Lodge that was destroyed by Hurricane Dorian in 2019. Congratulations to the Abaco Lodge and tight lines to our anglers.

Upcoming Events

Apr 03: *Flats Tournament*

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



2023 FLATS TOURNAMENT **Monday, April 3, 2023**

Tournament Day - Monday, April 3rd

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

Scorecards turned in 4:30 p.m.

Scoring and Awards Cocktail Reception-
Monday, April 3rd

Sailfish Room and Terrace, Carysfort Hall
Enjoy beverages and hors d'oeuvres while
scoring is completed and the awards are
announced. The reception is \$100 per person.
Spouses, friends, guides and all Bonnies are
welcome!

If you have any questions, contact:
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April 5th – Check in 10:45 a.m. – Meeting 11 a.m. – Luncheon 12 p.m.
WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON IN THE PARK
THE BUTTERFLY GARDEN AT KEY LARGO ANGLERS CLUB

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Annual Meeting

Wear your favorite hat and comfy clothes for our Annual Meeting and last luncheon of the season. Arrive by golf cart with your Bonnie friends to enjoy Bonnie fun in the park. Maps are available in the drawer below or in Tight Lines where you will find detailed information. Luncheon cost is \$60.

Email: bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com

Reservation deadline is March 31st.

Bonnie Briefs

Do you fish for Mutton Snapper? The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) in coordination with NOAA Fisheries is working on an updated stock assessment for mutton snapper in state and federal waters of the Gulf and South Atlantic that is set to begin this spring. They're asking anglers and divers to share their observations of this fishery. [Click here](#) to find out how you can help.

Belated Congratulations to Bonnie Board Member, Bonny Gothier, her husband, Rob, and their team on *Bar South* for winning 3rd Place Overall in the Jimmy Johnson Fishing Tournament on March 11th. Rob also won Top Male Angler and Master Angler of the entire tournament. The tournament is a two day billfish competition that features the top anglers in the country.

What's On Your Bucket List? Past President Mona Brewer shared something from her list and wanted to encourage other Bonnies to join her on a fall adventure to the heart of the Minnesota Driftless area in Lanesboro, MN to fish for native brook trout and wild browns. Registration is through the Fly Fishers International (FFI) Upper Midwest Council. For more information contact Mona at mona@monabrewer.com and [click here](#) to check out Fly Fishers International, Women Connect.

Do You Have Bonnie Photos To Share? Next season, 2023-2024, is our 25th Anniversary season. Lots of fun things will be happening and we'd love to have your photos going back over the past twenty-four years. Start going

through your albums both digital and "old fashioned" and pick out the best photos. Information about sending them in will be forthcoming.

USCG Auxiliary Course

"Boating Emergencies"

Saturday April 8th

9am-11am

SAILFISH ROOM

Carysfort Hall

This course is intended to provide guidance for boating emergencies that occur while on the water. We will discuss what actions should you perform to take control of the situation and insure the safety of your crew!

Topics include:

- How to use the VHF/ Using channel 16
- Activating 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.

Did you know that Bonefish Bonnies is on FACEBOOK?

If you're on Facebook, check out the Bonnies-only page. "Join" the group, and once you're accepted, you'll be able to post your Bonnie fish tales and photos! It's another way to keep in touch with your fellow Bonnies. Start sharing today.

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