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TIGHT LINES

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Dear Bonnies,

As *Tight Lines* is recovering from last week's glitch and this is Christmas weekend, we're taking a break and are revisiting our **Christmas column from 2021**. We're reprinting, with the author's permission, *In the Bonnie Spirit of the Season...*

From December 26, 2021:

We'd like to introduce the **author, Bonefish Bonnie Sarah Cart** (that's Sarah in the picture). For those of you who may not know of **Sarah's years of service** to the Bonnies, she was a **member of the Board of Directors for eight years most of which she served as Secretary of the Board**.

While holding that office she was also the **Membership Chairperson** and our **"corporate" scribe**. She singlehandedly published our weekly *Tight Lines* for years only retiring in the Spring of 2020. Fortunately for us, she continues to write the Bonnies' twice a month column in the Ocean Reef Press. *** It's through her words that the OR community learns about the Bonnies and our activities**. So, **thank you, Sarah!** We're delighted to reprint your column from the Ocean Reef Press as our year end *Tight Lines*.

**Update: Sarah retired as our Ocean Reef Press correspondent this past September. Always up for a challenge, this season she is the commodore of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club as well as continuing her work for the All Charities Weekend.*

Back to the present:

All the event information that the Bonnies need going into 2024 will be back in next Sunday's *Tight Lines*.

The **Board** wishes **Happy and Healthy Holidays to each and every member** of the **Bonefish Bonnies! Enjoy Sarah's poem.**

In the Bonnie Spirit of the Season...

*by Sarah A. Cart
12/26/2021*

Twas a week before year's end
(In fact, December 24th),
The Bonefish Bonnies were reflecting,
And planning, on Key Largo North.

What a year '21 had been
What a year '22 would be ...
The "1" full of careful fun,
The "2" full of possibility.

There'd been clean-ups by kayak,

A drive-by toast of champagne,
Lunch among butterflies, and
Fish on the main.

At Anglers, they were blessed with
A lovely dedicated space
to highlight and honor winners
In a new Trophy showcase.

Each season proves that Reel Women Love Sails,
Fishin' Funatics and traditional Flats
And Bonniewear, too,
From Yetis and scarves to hats.

The months ahead will be full,
From kayaks, field trips and "Book Club Day,"
To the Cast & Blast in six weeks,
Then more kayaks, and the Bahamas in May.

There'll be lessons in casting
("Hello? It's for you.")
From basics to double -hauls,
Everyone can learn something new.

Ladies, come hear the speakers!
And join in the monthly lunch
As you share in the "Fun, Friendship and Fishing,"
You'll be a part of the Bonnie Bunch!

Wishing you great days on sunlight-dappled water,
With shrimp, crabs, flies or chum
As you engage in spinning or fly rod
"Nervous water" filled, heart racing fun.

And guides whose patient "Cast again"
Is soon followed by "REEL! REEL! REEL!"...
Perhaps a permit, tarpon and bonefish "slam";
And/or a frequent fresh-caught mahi mahi or yellowtail meal.

Whether you prefer deep-sea,
Reefs, back country or bay,
We hope you find the fish biting so well,
That you'll be out soon for another day.

And if this evening, by chance, you see a jolly old elf,
Flying through The Reef's fading light,
Listen carefully --- you'll hear him call
"Tight Lines to all, and to all, a good night!"

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