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TIGHT LINES

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

***Front and center for January are two important deadlines:
January 7th for the Fishin' Funatics tournament and
January 12th for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.***

Kicking off the New Year:

January 4th all Bonnies are invited to a complimentary course, "Boating Emergencies", given by the USCG Auxiliary.

January 8th is the first Kayak Clean-up of the new year. It's a great opportunity for catching some rays, catching up with friends and catching flotsam and jetsam in an effort to keep our shorelines clean.

January 15th the Marine Preservation Society of the Florida Keys invites all Bonnies to join them for fellowship, cocktails, and a review of what's happening within the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary with Superintendent Sarah Fangman.

January 22nd will be a night to remember when we gather for the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

January 28th and 29th are two days when the Bonnies will be "think'n pink" for the Fishin' Funatics tournament.

Keep reading for details about our January calendar.

Looking Ahead

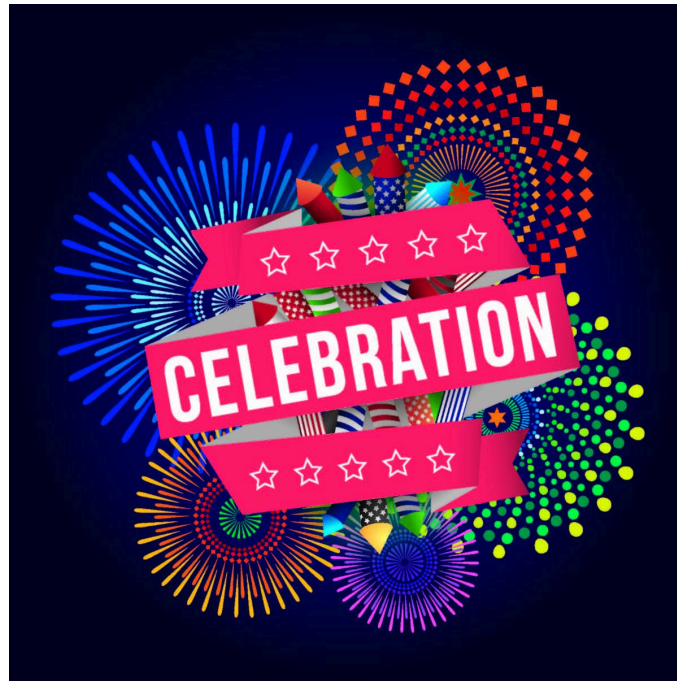
Jan 7 - **Deadline for Fishin' Funatics Entry**
 Jan 8 - Kayak Clean Up with Rod & Gun Club
 Jan 8-12 - Fishaway - Casa Vieja, Guatemala
 Jan 12 - **Deadline for Anniversary Celebration**
 Jan 22 - **25th Anniversary Celebration**
 Jan 28 - Capts Mtg/Fishin' Funatics Tournament
 Jan 29 - Fishin' Funatics Tournament
 Feb 5 - Kayak Clean Up with Rod & Gun Club
 Feb 9 - Cast 'N Blast
 Feb 21 - Board Meeting and Membership Luncheon
 Feb 25 - Capts & Anglers' Meeting/ Offshore Tournament
 Feb 26 - Offshore Tournament



First Kayak Clean-up of the New Year Monday, January 8, 2024

Meet at Buccaneer Island Beach at 9:15 a.m. to get organized and plan to be on the water from 9:30-11:30 a.m. We're looking forward to having our Rod & Gun Club friends join us again. Let Laura Zausmer know if you plan to be there and if you'd like to stay for lunch with the group at the Beach Bar. Contact Laura at laurazausmer@gmail.com or by clicking [here](#).

Please put "Kayak Clean-up" in the Subject line of your email.



25th ! Anniversary ! Celebration!

You won't want to miss this anniversary party! Cocktails, dinner, dancing and a walk down memory lane; 25 years of fishing, fun and friendship.

We'll be gathering to celebrate at ***Carysfort Ballroom on Monday, January 22, 2024. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m.*** followed by the ***program and dinner at 6:30 p.m.*** Cost per person is \$150 (plus tax and gratuity).

Call your friends and plan your table now. Guests are welcome. Get as dressed up or as dressed down as you wish. Jackets will not be required for the gentlemen.

The deadline for reservations is January 12, 2024. Make yours via the Bonnies' website at www.bonefishbonnies.com. Just click on the *RSVP FOR AN EVENT* or contact Laura Wilson at bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com.

Sign up now for *Fishin' Funatics!*
Think Pink - Bonefish Bonnies Barbies
Anglers' and Captains' Meeting
Sunday, January 28, 2024
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
at Jodi Zifferer's Home
5 West Snapper Point Drive

The Team Spirit Award

will be given at the meeting,
so get together with your teammates and THINK PINK.

Awards Ceremony

Monday, January 29, 2024

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Racquet Club

Tournament Entry Fee is \$200/Angler.
The fee, which will be billed to your ORC#,
includes Anglers' and Captains' Meeting
beverages and snacks, tournament gifts and awards.

Cocktails & Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
at the Awards Ceremony- \$100/person.
Spouses, partners, captains, mates
and all Bonnies are welcome!

Tournament entry deadline is January 7, 2024.
Tournament "swag" cannot be guaranteed after the deadline.

No cancellations can be honored after January 7, 2024

Sign up online or download forms at

www.bonfishbonnies.com

or pick up a copy from the drawer below the
Bonnies' bulletin board in the Reef Treats lobby.

Drop the completed form off at
PakMail, Bonfish Bonnies Box 1.

Have questions ?

Call Esther Vazquez at (305)972-5231.

Here are some answers:

- Each team/boat has to fill out only one form.
- Need a boat or have space on your boat? Fill out a form.
- Do invite a new Bonnie to join your team.
- Need a captain/guide? Contact Jodi Zifferer at jodi@zifferer.com or Laura Wilson at cflba.icloud.com.
- Yes, do wear your team outfits/costumes to the Anglers'/Captains' Meeting on Sunday evening.
- The early entry drawing for the pink Yeti cooler will be on Sunday evening at the Anglers'/Captains' meeting.

- **Rules will be available soon for reading and downloading on the Bonnies' website, bonfishbonnies.com/tournaments.**
- **Check out the article below for information about fishing licenses.**



FL Saltwater Fishing Licenses

In Florida, clients never have to buy their own fishing licenses for saltwater fishing if they fish from a "for-hire" vessel; that is a vessel with a guide, charter captain or party boat which has a valid charter license. The only exceptions are if you plan to fish for snook or lobster. You'll need special permits for your charter.

Florida residents and visitors 16 years of age or older, fishing from private vessels, are required to have licenses and permits to participate in fishing. Florida residents age 65 or older with proof of age or residency are not required to purchase a fishing license. Visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website myfwc.com for more information.

Getting a license or permit to engage in outdoor activities in Florida is quick and easy. Licenses and permits are available:

- Online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com
- In person at a license agent or tax collector's office
- By calling toll-free 888-FISH-FLORIDA (888-347-4356)
- Through the *Fish|Hunt FL App* on Apple and Android devices.

Go Outdoors Florida is the approved and authorized provider of online fishing and hunting licenses for the state of Florida. The *Fish|Hunt App* is easy to download and use and allows you to keep your license on your phone for easy retrieval.

If you're planning to fish more than one tournament and/or planning to go out fishing more than a few times this season, it's easiest and most cost effective to purchase an annual saltwater license. It's valid for 12 months from a specified effective date.

Currently Florida is requiring that everyone who plans to fish the reefs from a private boat (including seniors) must apply for the State Reef Fish Angler designation. The designation is free of charge. For more information about the State Reef Fish Survey visit myfwc.com.

USCG Auxiliary Course

BOATING EMERGENCIES

KEY LARGO BUILDING
Thursday, January 4th
3 pm-4:30pm

This complimentary course is intended to provide guidance for captains and those boat occupants such as guests, friends, spouses, etc., who may find themselves in an emergency situation on the water!! Learn what to do now so you are well prepared for your boating experiences!

Topics include:

- How to use the VHF 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 cell phone apps
- Following the formal presentation will be a "show and tell" 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.

Click [here](#) to RSVP to Peter Liashek.

Save the Date



Carol Ellis Photography

*Sunset
with the Sanctuary*



MONDAY, JAN. 15, 2024, 5 PM

Please welcome **Sarah Fangman, Superintendent of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary** to the Ocean Reef Cultural Center, 200 Anchor Drive, Key Largo.

Join us for fellowship, cocktails, and an educational review of the unprecedented 2023 marine heat event, subsequent coral bleaching, and how our pristine yet fragile ecosystem is showing resiliency and hope. Together, we will support and preserve the place we call home!

Brought to you by the Marine Preservation Society of the Florida Keys. Learn more about us at marinepreservationsociety.org



Bonefish Bonnies Membership Roster 2023–2024

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 New Bonnie:

Elizabeth Pitts

A Hearty Welcome Back to Renewing Bonnie:

Susan Engle

In Memoriam

It is with great sadness
that we inform you of the recent passing
of fellow Bonnie,
Jan Broton.

Our condolences to her family and friends.
(No additional information is available at this time.)



***Easiest way to update YOUR calendar?
Click [here](#) to download and print a copy of
the 25th Anniversary Season Calendar.***

VISIT OUR WEBSITE - www.bonefishbonnies.com
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