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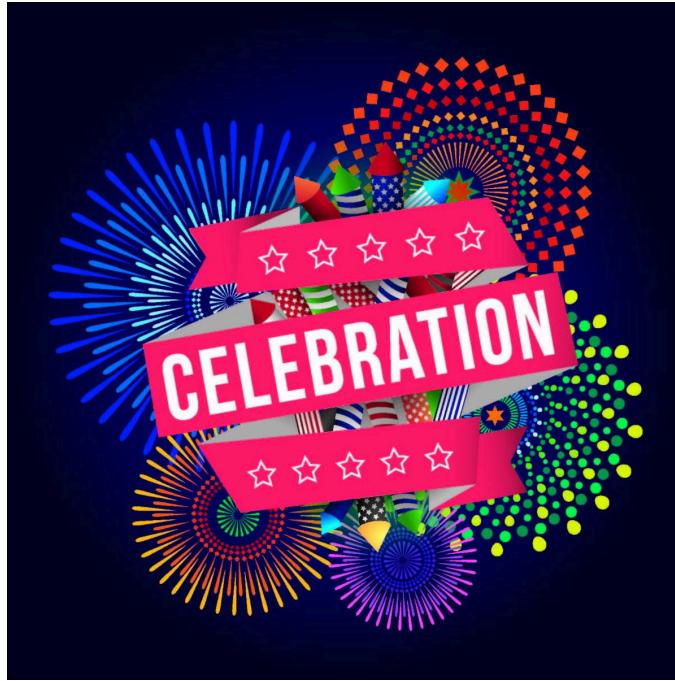
TIGHT LINES

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Looking Ahead

- 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, Key Largo Anglers Club
- Feb 25 - Capts & Anglers' Meeting/ Offshore Tournament
- Feb 26 - Offshore Tournament





25th ! Anniversary ! Celebration!

The reservations are in, and the excitement is growing as we near the ***Bonefish Bonnies 25th Anniversary Celebration***. We'll be gathering at the ***Carysfort Ballroom on Monday, January 22, 2024. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m.*** followed by the ***program, dinner and dancing at 6:30 p.m.***

(Get as dressed up or as dressed down as you wish. Jackets are not required for the gentlemen.)

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

No cancellations can be honored after January 7, 2024

Have questions ?
Call Esther Vazquez at (305)972-5231.

Save the Date



Carol Ellis Photography



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



Cast & Blast, February 9th



Cast & Blast
 Friday, February 9, 2024
 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 Card Sound Sporting Clays
 (6.7 miles past Alabama Jacks on the right, look for the balloons)

If you're a Bonnie who has always wanted to learn the secrets of fly casting or how to safely handle and fire shotguns and pistols, now is your chance. Come out and enjoy a day of friendship and fun with the Bonafish Bonnies!

A few things to know....
 \$100/person includes range and gun rental as well as ammunition, instruction, lunch and beverages. Email your name and ORC # to bonfishbonnies1@gmail.com or pick up a form in the drawer below and drop it off at our PakMail mailbox. Bonfish Bonnies, 24 Dockside Lane, PMB Box 1.
 Your payment is your reservation. - DEADLINE for sign ups and cancellations is February 2nd. LIMITED to 25 Bonnies. (There will be a wait list should there be cancellations before February 2nd.) Questions? Email bonfishbonnies1@gmail.com
 Fly rods, ear plugs, shotguns and shells will be provided. Wear closed toe shoes and loose fitting clothing and bring sunglasses. Bring your own shotgun or fly rod if you'd like. Whether you are a beginner or an avid shooter all are welcome!! Everyone will receive gun safety and shooting instructions from professionals. Nancy Zakon and Mona Brewer will be available for fly casting lessons. It will be an exciting day that will definitely be a BLAST!!!

Come out and enjoy a day with the Bonnies while learning the secrets of fly casting and how to safely handle and fire shotguns and pistols at the **Card Sound Sporting Clays from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on Friday, February 9th.** The Card Sound Range is 6.7 miles past Alabama Jacks on the right hand side of the road. Look for the balloons at the entrance drive.

The **\$100/Bonnie** includes range and gun rental as well as ammunition, instruction, lunch and beverages.

Fly rods, ear plugs, shotguns, pistols and shells will be provided. **Wear closed toed shoes and loose fitting clothing and bring sunglasses.** Feel free to bring your own shotgun, pistol and/or fly rod if you'd like.

Whether you are a beginner or an avid shooter and/or angler, all are welcome. Everyone will receive gun safety and shooting instructions from professionals. Nancy Zakon and Mona Brewer will be available for fly casting lessons.

It will be an exciting day that will definitely be a BLAST!!!

Deadline for sign-ups and cancelations is February 2, 2024.

(There will be a wait list should there be cancelations before February 2nd.)

Attendance is limited to 25 Bonnies.

Make your reservation by clicking on the email address below.

Include your name & ORC #. bonfishbonnies1@gmail.com

OR

Pick up a form from the drawer below the Bonnies bulletin board, located in the Reef Treats lobby, and then **drop it off** at our PakMail mailbox - Bonfish Bonnies, 24 Dockside Lane, PMB 1.



The Trip of a Lifetime ***Casa de Vieja, Guatemala*** ***January 8 - 12, 2024***

Ten Bonnies (Carolyn Allen, Angela Basciano, Kristina Ersek, Anne Hinkebein, Lynne Jackson, Tina Jones, DeeDee Lisenby, Joyce Neely, Laura Wilson, Jodi Zifferer) and their fearless leader, Bonnies' past president Mona

Brewer, who put the trip together, hopped on a flight from Miami to Guatemala City on Monday, January 8th.

They were on their way to Casa de Vieja Lodge about two hours from Guatemala City and located on Guatemala's Pacific West Coast which is considered to be the #1 billfishing destination in the world. The average size of Pacific sailfish there is between 80 and 120 pounds.

Casa de Vieja has been a leader in billfish conservation efforts having used circle hooks and practicing total release for more than a decade. In fact, Guatemala's national policy makes it illegal to possess a sailfish.

The Bonnies were out to catch sailfish on fly and when exhausted they caught them on conventional reels. Their numbers are amazing.

Ten Bonnies, some of whom had never caught a sailfish before, fishing three full days had 378 raises, 305 bites, and 183 releases; 44 of them on fly. Add a tuna and numerous mahi, that made for delicious lunches and dinners, to those numbers and that's a lot of fish.

Congratulations to all of them. We're very proud of them and maybe just a little jealous of their wonderful adventure. Enjoy the pictures.











What a way to celebrate your birthday, Joyce!
Catching your first sailfish and on fly no less. Big hugs!

Save the Date - February 26, 2024

Bonefish & Tarpon Trust
Tarbone Dinner 2024

Bonefish Bonnies Past President Adelaide Skoglund who is a
BTT Founding Member will be inducted into BTT's Circle of Honor.

For more information contact
www.bonefishtarpontrust.org



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