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# TIGHT LINES

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## Looking Ahead

- March 4** - Kayak Clean-Up (*canceled*)
- March 18** - *Fetch, Stay, & Dine*. hosted by Bonefish Bonnies and Rod & Gun Club
- March 20** - Board Meeting and Membership Luncheon
- March 24** - Capts & Anglers' Meeting/ Flats Tournament
- March 25** - Flats Tournament
- April 3** - Board Meeting and Annual Luncheon Meeting in the Butterfly Garden
- April 9 - 12** Fishaway - Gasparilla Inn, Boca Grande



## Offshore Tournament Results:

The Offshore Tournament, "Reel Women Love Sails", was **won this season** by **Catchin' Z's** with seven sailfish and a crew that included Jodi Zifferer, Kristina Ersek, Angela Basciano, Cindy Doolan, Mate Andres Garcia and Captain Tucker Ersek.



In **2nd Place** was **Bad Habit** with Meg Dieppa, Esther Vazquez, Laura Wilson and Jennifer Leonard who caught her first sailfish!

**3rd Place** boat was ***Business*** with Joanie Rich, Bonny Gothier, Laney Hinkebein, Molly Lanson, Kelly French and Jessica Blackie.

Congratulations to the winners and all of the anglers who participated in the tournament. Special thanks to **Esther Vazquez and Jennifer Leonard** for all the work they did to make the Offshore Tournament a success. Everyone really enjoyed the Angler's Meeting as well as the Awards Party.

## Flats Tournament, March 24 & 25

Download an entry form by clicking [here](#) or  
or grab an entry form from the drawer below the  
Bonnie's bulletin board in the Reef Treats lobby.  
**ENTRY DEADLINE IS MARCH 4TH.**

### Anglers' and Captains' Meeting

Sunday, March 24th - 4:30pm-5:30pm

The Orvis Patio in the Fishing Village

The Orvis Store has graciously offered us a special Bonnie's discount of 25% on full price items, and 10% on sale items for that evening only.

### Awards Cocktail Reception

Monday, March 25th - immediately following the tournament until 5:30pm

The Racquet Club

Spouses, guides and other Bonnie's are welcome!

***Awards Cocktail Reception is \$100 per person.***

***Tournament entry fee is \$200 per angler.***

**Deadline for entry or cancellation is March 4th.**



**Guest Speaker is Sarah Curry,** founder and executive director of *Sereia Films*. She has a Master’s degree in Environmental Journalism and has produced award-winning documentaries.

*Sereia Films* is a seafood education nonprofit organization whose goal is to talk about how our seafood choices matter for the future of the oceans’ health.

**Luncheon Menu**  
**White Gazpacho Soup**  
**Seared Ahi Tuna Salad**  
**Baked Alaska**

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Luncheon cost is \$50.00 ++

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**Please include your ORC member number along with your name when signing up for the luncheon.**

## Newsy Notes

On Monday, February 25th, at the Tarbone Dinner, a Bonefish & Tarpon Trust event, **Adelaide Skoglund** was **honored as a founder** of the Bonefish & Tarpon Trust and was **inducted into their Circle of Honor**.

The Bonefish Bonnies celebrated our past president and board member emeritus with a bouquet presented by another Bonnie past president and board member emeritus, Mona Brewer. Joining Mona in congratulating Adelaide were current president Laura Wilson and past presidents Mary Bloom and Christine Patton, also a board member emeritus.

## Here's Another

Mona Brewer brought a podcast to our attention that she thought might be of interest to the Bonnies. The podcast is *Mill House* produced and hosted by Andy Mill and his son, Nicky Mill. Their newest podcast is with Captain Sarah Gardner who was a guest speaker at one of our luncheons a few years ago and also stayed for two days giving casting lessons.

Click on [www.millhousepodcast.com/sarah-gardner](http://www.millhousepodcast.com/sarah-gardner) to go directly to Episode #107 with Sarah Gardner. Here's a hint: when you get into the podcast website scroll down to the large picture of Sarah at the microphone and click on play. Thank you, Mona, for always finding something new for us to explore.



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Don't miss this opportunity to delve into the world of marine science and the cutting edge coral research happening aboard the R/V *Coral Reef II*. Learn how Shedd Aquarium is supporting the regeneration of the fragile aquatic ecosystems of south Florida through applied science. Recently featured by Anderson Cooper and 60 minutes, this research and its application brings hope to the oceans. Join us!

**Friday, March 15**

**5:00—6:00 p.m.**

Location: **Sailfish Patio** (refreshments) and **Dock G** (research vessel open house & science activations)

**[RSVP here](#)** by March 1

We look forward to welcoming you aboard!



*Visit [www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org) to learn how Shedd Aquarium sparks compassion, curiosity and conservation for the aquatic animal world*



## ROD & GUN CLUB AND BONEFISH BONNIES

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### JOIN US FOR A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Training Demonstration and Dinner Address  
*By Jude De'Niese, Owner & Head Trainer at High Tide Retrievers in Ontario, Canada* – Private consultations available before and after the event.

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**MARCH 18, 2024**

Demonstration 3:30pm-4:30pm at Sunrise Park  
Cocktails 6:30pm at The Cultural Center  
Dinner 7:30pm at The Cultural Center

Members \$150 + taxes and gratuities  
Non-members \$200 + taxes and gratuities

Please RSVP to [bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com](mailto:bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com) or to [events@rodandgun.org](mailto:events@rodandgun.org)

Now this is what you call a great day of fishing!

Bonnie Carol Berwind and her son, Dickens, had quite the mom & son adventure catching this 260 lb., 80 in. swordfish. Grandson, Wyatt, was at the dock to greet them. Congratulations Carol and Dickens!



**VISIT OUR WEBSITE - [www.bonefishbonnies.com](http://www.bonefishbonnies.com)**  
**Don't forget to send in your fishing pictures to [bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com](mailto:bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com)**

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