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TIGHT LINES

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Looking Ahead

- 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



Flats Tournament, March 24 & 25

ENTRY DEADLINE WAS 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 Bonnies' 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 Bonnies are welcome!

Awards Cocktail Reception is \$100 per person.

Tournament entry fee is \$200 per angler.

Deadline for entry or cancellation was 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**

Luncheon cost is \$50.00 ++

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

Bonefish Bonnies Nominating Committee Report

Article 5 Section 5.9 of the Bonefish Bonnies Bylaws states the responsibility and composition of the Nominating Committee.

"The Nominating Committee shall be responsible for identifying, screening and nominating prospective Club members who are representative of the criteria for Board membership. The slate of candidates will be presented to the Board and the membership as set forth in Section 4.4 of these Bylaws. Annually, the President, with Board approval, shall appoint five (5) voting members to the Nominating Committee who shall include a minimum of two (2) members from the general membership not presently serving on the Board; a current Board member; and the immediate Past President of the Club who shall serve on the committee for a one-year term. The chairperson of the committee shall be the Club's Vice President. The current President may attend the meetings in ex officio, non-voting capacity."

This season the Committee included *Kristine Voulgaris, Jennifer Leonard and Morgan Smith* from the general membership, *Tina Jones*, current Board Member ;and Vice President *Jodi Zifferer* as chairperson. Current President *Laura Wilson* did attend in an ex officio, non-voting capacity.

Article 4 Section 4.2 enumerates the qualifications that the Nominating Committee considers in their deliberations.

"Board members shall be chosen with a view toward maintaining a balanced Board, all of whom shall possess the skills and experience which contribute to the vision, mission and purpose of the Corporation and shall be Members of the Club in good standing who show a willingness to accept the responsibilities of serving as a member of the Board and have the time commitment to do so. The Directors shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for all necessary business expenses incurred in accordance with the Corporation's policies and procedures upon presentation of such supporting vouchers as may be required by the Corporation's policies."

Article 4, Section 4.4 refers to the process of Nominations and Elections.

"Elections for vacancies on the Board shall be held at the Annual Meeting of the membership. At least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual Meeting the President shall form, as set forth in Section 5.9 of these Bylaws, and subject to Board approval, a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of qualified, willing Club members to serve on the Board. The slate is to be presented to the Board twenty-eight (28) days prior to the Annual Meeting and published in the Club's e-newsletter, Tight Lines, at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the Annual Meeting. Elections are presided over by the Vice President or another officer who is not on the current ballot and is appointed by the President. Only Club Members in good standing may vote. The slate will be approved by a show of hands of Members present at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present."

Accordingly, the Nominating Committee presents the slate of candidates for Board and Officer positions for the 2024 - 2025 Season. All terms are for two (2) years.

Open Officer Positions

President - Laura Wilson

Secretary - Kristina Ersek

Treasurer - Allison Freeland

Open Board Positions (due to retirements)

Angela Basciano

Michelle Musto

Board Members (up for reelection)

Allison Freeland for 2nd term

Laura Wilson for 3rd term

Jodi Zifferer for 3rd term

Remaining in their positions for the 2024 - 2025 Season

Carolyn Allen

Carol Andrews

JohannaCarrier

Diana Frazier

Tina Jones

Esther Vazquez

Liz Zug

Retiring Board Members





Bonny Gothier

Kathy Weiland



Chicago's Shedd Aquarium invites you:

**WINE & CHEESE RECEPTION ABOARD A WORKING RESEARCH VESSEL,
THE CORAL REEF II**

-  Join us for a Casual Reception and Open House while we are docked at ORC!
-  Explore the R/V *Coral Reef II*, a research vessel and Miami Outpost for Chicago's Shedd Aquarium
-  Learn from Aquarium Biologists and Coral Experts
-  Discover How We Utilize this Vital Resource for Impactful Research

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 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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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.

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

R&G “Sportsman of the Year” Award following dinner

Members \$150 + taxes and gratuities

Non-members \$200 + taxes and gratuities

Please RSVP to bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com or to events@rodandgun.org

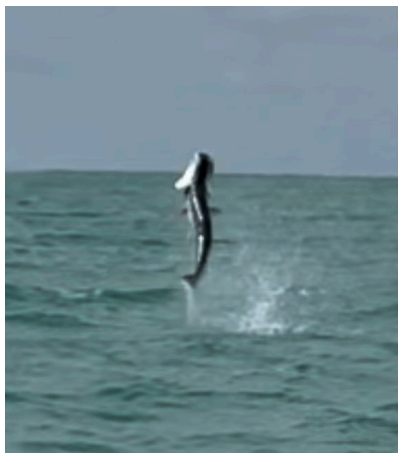
Contact Jude for information about *High Tide Retrievers* by calling +1 705-241-0196.

Bonnie Briefs

Stop by The Orvis Store tomorrow to say goodbye to Traci White who is retiring as the manager of our local store. Tomorrow is her last day and while you're there, don't forget to add your thanks for all the support she's given to the Bonnies all these years. We wish Traci and her husband every happiness as they start their retirement in South Carolina. We will miss you.

Holey Moley! What's better than one tarpon? Two tarpon. Mary Bloom sent in these two somewhat fuzzy photos that her guide, James Koch, took while controlling the boat in choppy waters and talking Mary through her 40 minute fight with the second one. James thought it was at least a 100 pounder.

Mary sends her thanks to James for a great morning and to Laura Wilson for leaving for the weekend so that Mary could take her spot.



**Bonefish Bonnies Membership Roster
2023 -2024**

A Warm Welcome to New Bonnie:

Amy Stefanowski

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