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TIGHT LINES

Volume 11, Issue 21, March 17, 2024

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



Stop the presses! Newsflash!

Congratulations to our Bonefish Bonnie vice president, **Jodi Zifferer**, for taking **Top Angler**, and **Top Female Angler** in this year's **ORC Reef Cup! Wow!**

Warbird was the first place team with **Trips+1** and Jodi's team on **Catchin Z's** tied. **Trips+1** took second place based on time and **Catchin Z's** (pictured on the left) was in third place.

Other Bonnies registered in the tournament were: Esther Vazquez, one sailfish; Bonny Gothier; Kathy Weiland and Michelle Musto who caught her first sailfish. They were all welcomed by a contingent of Bonefish Bonnies at The Point cheering their return.

President Laura Wilson said that so many young girls there got to hear the reason for flying the pink flags. "Bonnie Power", sowing the seeds for future generations to enjoy fishing, fun and friendship with the Bonnies.



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.

The tarpon are rolling just in time for the Flats Tournament, March 24 & 25

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



Bonefish Bonnies Nominating Committee Report*

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. Elections will be held at the Annual Meeting.

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
Jodi Zifferer, Vice President
Liz Zug

Retiring Board Members

Bonny Gothier
Kathy Weiland

Refer to the March 12, 2024 **Tight Lines to review Bylaws Article 5 Section 5.9 and Article 4 Section 4.2 and Section 4.4 which regulate the nominations and election procedures.*



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.

Safe Boating & Annual Eco-Fair

THURSDAY, MARCH 28
10AM - 2PM • BUCCANEER ISLAND

Schedule of Events

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| 10am • Shark Run Activity | 11:30am • SUP & Kayaking Safety Demo |
| 10am-2pm • FWC, ORCA Fire Boat & Coast Guard Vessel Touring | 12pm • Knot Tying |
| 11am • Seaweed Tag in the Pool | 1pm • Life Jacket Demo |
| 11am-1pm • Face Painting | 2pm • Nautical Cookie Decorating |
| | 2-4pm • Inflatables in the Lagoon |

The Dive Shop, Everglades Foundation, John Pennekamp Coral Reef State Park, NOAA, MarineLab, and Reef Relief will also be taking part for even more fun activities!

FRIDAY, MARCH 29
10 - 11:30AM • KEY LARGO BUILDING

USCG Auxiliary Boating Emergencies Course

Learn what to do so you are well prepared if you find yourself in an emergency situation on the water! Intended for captains and passengers.
RSVP to pljr5l@gmail.com



Bonefish Bonnies Membership Roster 2023 -2024

A Warm Welcome to New Bonnie:

Anne Leake

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**Don't forget to send in your fishing pictures to
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