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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

<u>March 20</u> - Board Meeting and Membership Luncheon

<u>March 24</u> - Capts & Anglers' Meeting/ Flats Tournament

March 25 - Flats Tournament

<u>April 3</u> - 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

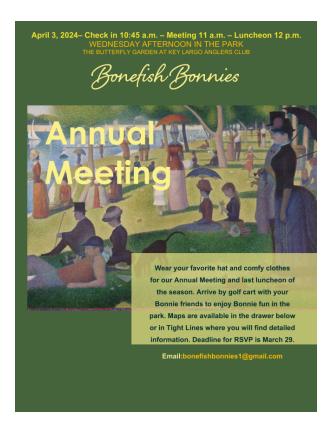
Anglers' and Captains' Meeting

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 tern 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 <u>bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com</u> or to <u>events@rodandgun.org</u>

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



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

Schedule of Events

IOam • Shark Run Activity
IOam-2pm • FWC, ORCA Fire Boat &
Coast Guard Vessel Touring
Ilam • Seaweed Tag in the Pool
Ilam-lpm • Face Painting

II:30am • SUP & Kayaking Safety Demo 12pm • Knot Tying

Ipm • Life Jacket Demo

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 activites!

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

USCG Huxiliary 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 plir5l@gmail.com













Bonefish Bonnies Membership Roster 2023 -2024

A Warm Welcome to New Bonnie:

Anne Leake

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