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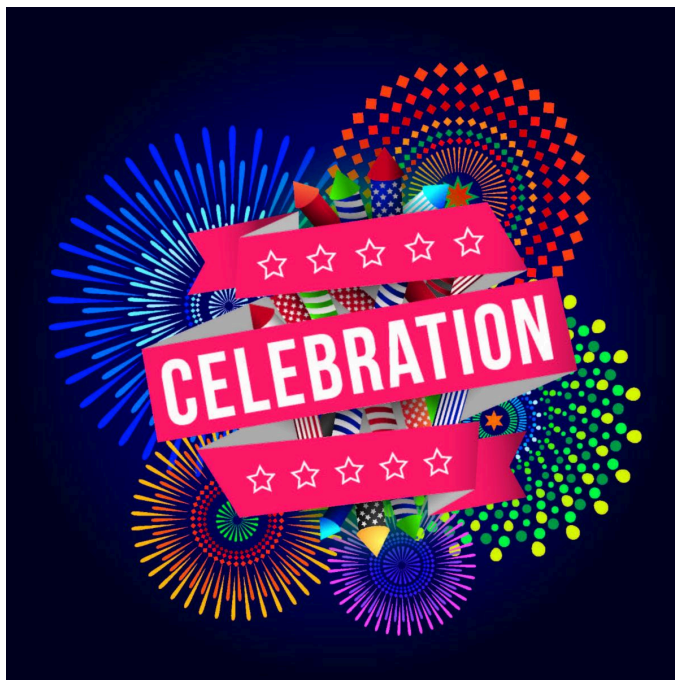
We're looking forward to kicking off the Bonefish Bonnies' holiday season tomorrow evening at Key Largo Anglers Club as we gather for the Holiday Party. We have a full house. Patty Strunk, chairperson of the Holiday Party and her helpers want to thank everyone who RSVP'd by the December 8th deadline. Happy Holidays to all!

Speaking of deadlines, don't forget these January deadlines;

January 7th for the Fishin' Funatics tournament and January 12th for the 25th Anniversary Celebration. Check the calendar below.

Looking Ahead

- Dec 18 - Board Mtg & Holiday Party
- Jan 7 - **Deadline for Fishin' Funatics Entry**
- Jan 8 - Kayak Clean Up with Rod & Gun Club
- Jan 8-12 - Fishaway - Casa Vieja, Guatemala
- Jan 12 - **Deadline for Anniversary Celebration**
- Jan 22 - **25th Anniversary Celebration**
- Jan 28 - Capts Mtg/Fishin' Funatics Tournament
- Jan 29 - Fishin' Funatics Tournament



25th Anniversary Celebration

You won't want to miss this anniversary party! Cocktails, dinner, dancing and a walk down memory lane; 25 years of fishing, fun and friendship.

We'll be gathering to celebrate at Carysfort Ballroom on Monday, Jan. 22, 2024. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Cost per person is \$150 (plus tax and gratuity).

Call your friends and plan your table now. Guests are welcome. Get as dressed up or as dressed down as you wish. Jackets will not be required for the gentlemen.

The deadline for reservations is January 12, 2024. Make yours via the Bonnies' website at www.bonefishbonnies.com. Just click on the *RSVP FOR AN EVENT*. Send any questions you may have to bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com.

**Sign up now for Fishin' Funatics!
Think Pink - Bonefish Bonnies Barbies**

Monday, January 29, 2024

Awards Ceremony

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

The Racquet Club

Anglers' and Captains' Meeting

Sunday, January 28, 2024

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

at Jodi Zifferer's Home

5 West Snapper Point Drive

Tournament Entry Fee is \$200/Angler

**The fee, which will be billed to your ORC#,
includes Anglers' and Captains' Meeting
beverages and snacks, tournament gifts and awards.**

**Dinner is \$100/person. Spouses, partners,
captains, mates and all Bonnies are welcome!**

Tournament entry deadline is January 7, 2024.

**(Enter early as it helps the committee with
gifts and awards purchasing.)**

No cancellations can be honored after January 7, 2024

Forms are available to be downloaded online at

www.bonefishbonnies.com

**or pick up a copy from the drawer below the
Bonnies' bulletin board in the Reef Treats lobby.**

Have questions ?

Call Esther Vazquez at (305)972-5231.

Here are some answers:

- Each team/boat has to fill out only one form.**
- Need a boat or have space on your boat? Fill out a form.**

- **Do invite a new Bonnie to join your team.**
- **Need a captain/guide? Contact Jodi Zifferer at jodi@zifferer.com or Laura Wilson at cflba.icloud.com.**
- **Yes, do wear your team outfits/costumes to the Anglers'/Captains' Meeting on Sunday evening.**
- **The early entry drawing for the pink Yeti cooler will be on Sunday evening at the Anglers'/Captains' meeting.**
- **Rules are available for reading and downloading on the Bonnies' website, bonefishbonnies.com/tournaments.**
- **Check out the article below for information about fishing licenses.**



FL Saltwater Fishing Licenses

In Florida, clients never have to buy their own fishing licenses for saltwater fishing if they fish from a "for-hire" vessel; that is a vessel with a guide, charter captain or party boat which has a valid charter license. The only exceptions are if you plan to fish for snook or lobster. You'll need special permits for your charter.

Florida residents and visitors 16 years of age or older, fishing from private vessels, are required to have licenses and permits to participate in fishing. Florida residents age 65 or older with proof of age or residency are not required to purchase a fishing license. Visit the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission website myfwc.com for more information.

Getting a license or permit to engage in outdoor activities in Florida is quick and easy. Licenses and permits are available:

- Online at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com
- In person at a license agent or tax collector's office
- By calling toll-free 888-FISH-FLORIDA (888-347-4356)
- Through the *Fish|Hunt FL App* on Apple and Android devices.

Go Outdoors Florida is the approved and authorized provider of online fishing and hunting licenses for the state of Florida. The *Fish|Hunt App* is easy to download and use and allows you to keep your license on your phone for easy retrieval.

If you're planning to fish more than one tournament and/or planning to go out fishing more than a few times this season, it's easiest and most cost effective to purchase an annual saltwater license. It's valid for 12 months from a specified effective date.

Currently Florida is requiring that everyone who plans to fish the reefs from a private boat (including seniors) must apply for the State Reef Fish Angler designation. The designation is free of charge. For more information about the State Reef Fish Survey visit myfwc.com.

Save the Date



Sunset with the Sanctuary

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



In Search of Last Minute Holiday Gifts?

Check out the Bonefish & Tarpon Trust's Gift Guide BTT.org/GiftGuide

Or the American Museum of Fly Fishing's Shop AMFF.org/Shop/

Or stop by the *Orvis Shop* in the Fishing Village. Bonnies in good standing receive a discount on select items.

Don't forget *Bonnie*wear. Email bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com to inquire about what items are currently available.



*****Easiest way to update YOUR calendar? Click [here](#) to download and print a copy of the 25th Anniversary Season Calendar.*****

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[Don't forget to send in your fishing pictures to bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com](mailto:bonefishbonnies1@gmail.com)



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