

Key Colony Beach

FISHING AND BOATING CLUB

Next Meeting

Friday, March 3

HH 4:30, Meeting 5:00
KCB Public Works
Maintenance Bldg.
8th Street

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Mission Statement

The Key Colony Beach Fishing and Boating Club is dedicated to providing boating, fishing, and good fellowship among members.



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Fishing and Boating Club**

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From the Helm

I am pleased to share that we had some very successful events over the last month. Peter Liashek who is a retired Navy surgeon and auxiliary coast guard instructor had a full audience for his important message of what to do in any boating emergency if you find yourself without a captain. If you weren't able to attend this seminar, not to worry as we plan to offer the Suddenly in Command class again next year and I strongly encourage you to attend as it just might save someone's life.



Our Little Palm Island outings were fully booked and well received by our members and friends. Based on your feedback, we will also look to do this next year along with more events and fellowship opportunities to connect. As you know, our biggest event of the year is the Clam Bake on February 20, 2023. We are still seeking donations and anyone who donates

10 or more pounds of fish will get a chance to win a \$100 gift certificate to Sparky's. You can contact Ron Teke at team_teke@yahoo.com



Commodore Sue Reading and Peter Liashek during the Suddenly in Command training seminar

and thank you in advance for supporting our club. Be sure to get your tickets early as it will be a sellout.

Finally, I want to thank you for the positive input we have received on the new design of our newsletter. We have added a new page called the Conservation Corner to share some interesting happenings on the conservation front in the Keys. We will also be seeking sponsorships to promote our mission and support for our community in future issues. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, please reach out to Jerry Regan at jerryd.regan@gmail.com

Keep on Fishin, Commodore Sue Redding



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Tournament News

Bonjourno Members,

Hard to believe that this newsletter represents 3 months, tip of the hump and half way through our 2022/2023 season. We have been busy updating our website (keycolonyfishing.com) but understand, it is a continuous improvement exercise and credit goes to Gail Cortelyou, Pat

Fischer, Stephanie Withrow and Brian Russell for their dedication to making it shine like it does. Going into February, we have the following sponsored tournaments over and above the club's monthly heaviest catch:

CAPTAIN PIP'S MARINA & HIDEAWAY OFFSHORE TOURNAMENT (captainpips.com)

Best Percentage of a State Record for Off Shore Fish
1st & 2nd place payout in both divisions

CENTENNIAL BANK YELLOWTAIL MIX (my100bank.com)

Heaviest TWO Yellowtail Snapper weighed together on same day
1st & 2nd place payout in both divisions

And of course, don't forget our season long sponsored tournaments:

MARATHON GARBAGE SERVICE ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Biggest Fish of the season to percentage of state record

CAPTAIN PIP'S MARINA & HIDEAWAY INSHORE ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD (captainpips.com)

Biggest Inshore Fish to percentage of state record

WHOLESALE MARINE CASUAL ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD

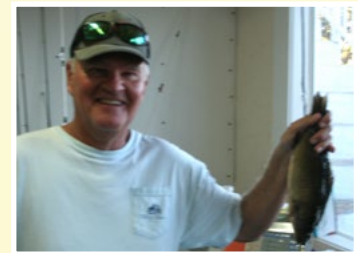
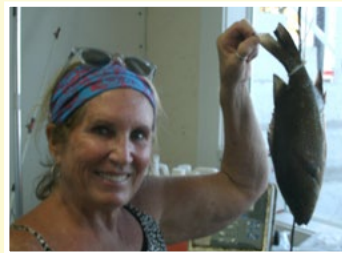
(wholesalemarine.com)

Biggest Fish of the season to percentage of state record. This award is open to all club members who are casual anglers and who are not entered in the club's fishing tournament.

Good luck and remember, if you don't weigh them, you won't win 'em!

Tim Husel, Tournament Director

Tournament Catches



2023 TOURNAMENT ENTRY FORM

Key Colony Beach

FISHING AND BOATING CLUB



\$70 Entry fee
includes all 2022/23
tournaments

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Cell _____

Email _____

Bring this tournament entry form to the next meeting or mail it in with a check to:
 KCBF&BC, POB 510877, KCB, FL, 33051-0877

Tim Husel, Tournament Director, tim.husel@gmail.com, 780-490-8832

Fishing & Boating Club Fishing Tournament Results

DECEMBER MONTHLY \$50 FISH WINNERS

Angler	Fish	Weight	%
Steve Buckeridge	Yellowtail	2lbs 6oz	22.54
Dave Burnett	Mutton	4lbs 5oz	14.25
Dave Burnett	Mangrove	2lbs 2oz	12.53
Jan Pflueger	Cero	3lbs7oz	20.24
Charlie Linderborn	Spanish	6lbs 5oz	52.58
Doug Cuje	King	7lbs 8oz	8.33
No Entry	Blackfin Tuna	-	-
No Entry	Dolphin	-	-
No Entry	Cobia	-	-
No Entry	Wahoo	-	-
Doug Cuje	Amberjack (Lesser)	6lbs 9oz	4.62
Judith Cuje	Sea Trout	1lb 3oz	6.82
Steve Buckeridge	Grouper	8lbs 9oz	20.26

DECEMBER TOURNAMENT

3RD GENERATION PLUMBING GROUPEL CHALLENGE

	Angler	Weight	% of State Record	Prize
Champions Division				
1st Place	Steve Buckeridge	8.9	20%	\$100
2nd Place	No Entry	-	-	\$75
Talechasers Division				
1st Place	Judith Cuje	7.3	17%	\$75
2nd Place	No Entry	-	-	\$50



Conservation in the Keys—How YOU Can Help!

BY KIRSTEN MARQUEZ OF FLORIDA KEYS AQUARIUM ENCOUNTERS

Our marine ecosystem is central to everyday life here in the Keys and every local relies on it either directly or indirectly. Therefore, conservation of this precious natural treasure is essential! Here at Aquarium Encounters, we believe in conservation through education. We would like to give you some tips to help you protect this precious resource.



Did you know that coral reefs constitute just 1% of the ocean floor but over 25% of all marine species depend upon them at some point in their lives? Loss of coral reef habitat is devastating, not

just to local species, but to marine life worldwide. Our own Florida Reef Tract is home to over 40 species of coral, 500 species of fish, and countless invertebrates. Sadly, global warming and pollution are taking a drastic toll. We have partnered with Reef Renewal USA, Inc., to help grow new coral to be outplanted on the reefs in an effort to combat reef attrition

There are also things that you can do to help!

- **Reduce water use**—this reduces the amount of runoff carrying pollution that ultimately finds its way into the ocean.
- **Reduce use of single-use plastics**—these degrade into microplastics, which inhibit growth and nutrient uptake in many types of marine life.
- **Use reef-safe sunscreen.** Mineral sunscreens which contain compounds such as zinc oxide or titanium dioxide form a physical barrier against UVA and UVB rays without harming corals. Ingredients found in non-reef-safe sunscreen, such as oxybenzone, octinoxate, PABA, and others are known to cause coral bleaching and inhibit coral reproduction.

Our beautiful Florida Keys are a world class fishing destination. Tourism and commercial fishing of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary together contribute over \$4.4 billion to Florida's annual economy and support over 40,000 jobs! The sanctuary also serves as an example of a well-managed fishery thanks to FWC regulation. They constantly monitor and adjust size and bag limits based on factors such as population estimates and reproduction rates. However, regulations are useless without the cooperation of fishermen. Here are some things all anglers can do:

- **Stay up-to-date on regulations.** This information can always be found on the MyFWC website. There are also a variety of apps

available that can provide current regulations based upon your exact location! Always have a measuring device with you to ensure that your catch is legal.

- **Observe Sanctuary Preservation Area rules.** These off-limits areas are marked off with yellow buoys for easy identification.
- **Ensure that you have the correct endorsements for your target species.** Refer to MyFWC to find out which ones you need if you are unsure.
- **Check that you are carrying all necessary equipment** for the type of fishing you are doing, as some types of equipment may be required by law.
- **Use non-stainless steel hooks.** This way, a hook that cannot be recovered will eventually dissolve away.
- **Upon return, please avoid tossing your fish carcass refuse into the canals.** The decaying carcasses deplete the canal water of dissolved oxygen which leads to methane buildup and can harm the ecosystem of the canal.


Manatees are one of Florida's most beloved species. Boat strikes remain one of their biggest threats. Here are things you can do to help keep our manatees safe:



- **Wear polarized sunglasses when boating,** to make it easier to spot them.
- **If you do see manatees, please observe them passively from a distance.** Do not approach or attempt to interact with them.
- **Observe boating speed limits**
- **Discard fishing line, hooks, and trash properly.**
- **Resist the urge to feed or give water to manatees.** This leads them to alter their natural behavior by conditioning them to approach people and boats and is a direct cause of boat strikes.
- **If you see an injured, dead, tagged, or orphaned manatee, or if you see someone harassing a manatee,** call 1-800-DIAL-FMP (1-800-342-5367) or VHF Channel 16 on your marine radio to report.

By following these simple guidelines and sharing them with others, you are helping conserve our most vital natural resource. If you are interested in learning more about Aquarium Encounters and our conservation efforts through our nonprofit R3EACH, please visit <https://floridakeysaquariumencounters.com/company/conservation/>



 **Loss of coral reef habitat is devastating, not just to local species, but to marine life worldwide.**



From The Tackle Box

Hello and this is Captain Chris Still from The Tackle Box. Did you know that February is a great month to fish for Wahoo, Kings, Cero and Spanish Mackerel. They all like the colder waters. On the bay side, you can catch the Spanish Mackerel about 12 to 14 miles out heading north and west. They like open waters and once you establish a chum line, I find live shrimp works really well with a short stainless steel leader wire. By the way, what many folks don't know, making ceviche from freshly caught Spanish Mackerel is delicious. I add lime, lemon, cilantro, red and green bell peppers, onion, diced jalapeno — give it a try. Smoking Mackerel for dip is also a favorite of mine too.



Cero Mackerel



Spanish Mackerel



Shrimp and pilchards

On the Ocean side I have had the best luck using pilchards on Cero Mackerel and Kings. I suggest fishing 40 to 80 foot of water, establish your chum line and bring them into your slick. You can't go wrong by frying or grilling. By the way, Mackerel is very healthy to eat; it is rich in protein and contains 18 different amino acids to keep your body healthy.

If you would like to learn more about fishing in the Keys, please join me for my free monthly seminars. Our website is www.thetacklebox.com.

The Tackle Box has been family owned and operated for over 25 years. The Still family has been rooted in the Florida Keys since the early 2000s. Robyn and Chris Still bought the business from Chris' Dad in 2016 and have run this store with their own family ever since.



2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Upcoming Events

JANUARY SEMINAR WITH CAPT. RON TEKE, ON TUNA TROLLING LURES

Jan. 12, 2023, 3:30 - 4:30 PM
Tiki Hut next to the Post Office

JANUARY LITTLE PALM ISLAND LUNCH TRIPS

Jan. 17 & 19, 2023

FEBRUARY F&BC MEETING

Feb. 3, 2023

4:00 PM - Clam Bake Captain's Meeting
Bar opens at 4:30 PM - Meeting starts at 5:00 PM
Public Works Building on 8th Street

📌 **Don't forget to bring your silent auction items**

SUNSET/FULL MOON RAFT UP

Feb. 4, 2023 due to the conflict with the John Bartus concert. Moonrise is at 5:20 PM and Sunset is at 6:10 PM. Please raft up by 5:00 PM. We now have a new raft-up home and it works in all weather conditions. Right in Vaca Cut where the waters are very calm. 24°43'39.5"N 81°01'38.8"W Invite your friends, bring your beverages and food to share. We will try to have

a central music machine to enjoy some of the hits from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

FEBRUARY CLAM BAKE

Feb. 20, 2023, 12 Noon - 4:30 PM
7th Street Park

MARCH F&BC MEETING

March 3, 2023

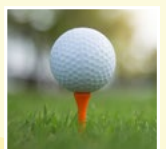
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MARCH BARRACUDA RACES AT KCB DAYS

March 5, 2023, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
7th Street Park

GOLF TOURNAMENT

March 11, 2023, 8:00 AM to Noon
\$50/person entry fee
KCB Golf Course



APRIL F&BC MEETING

April 7, 2023

Bar opens at 4:30 PM - Meeting starts at 5:00 PM
Public Works Building on 8th Street

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The December meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Sue Redding on January 6th, at 5:00 pm at the KCB Public Works facility, with the Pledge of Allegiance. A moment of silence was held for the members we have lost. Past Commodores were recognized. Present Past Commodores were Joe Schmidt, Chet Dunn and Tom Alferes. Veterans were asked to stand and were recognized. Charter Members Chet Dunn and Phil Flagg were recognized. Beer, wine and cocktails were available at 4:30 pm. 139 members were in attendance.

Commodore Sue Redding stated that the purpose of the Club is to promote fishing, boating and good fellowship among members. The Club is one of the largest Fishing and Boating Clubs in the Florida Keys. Sue welcomed back members and wished them a Happy New Year.

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted on a motion by Steve Buckeridge which was seconded by John Fruhmorgen and passed by the members.

Treasurer Stephanie Withrow read the Treasurer's Report which was accepted on a motion made by Florence Roseboro, seconded by Ted Fischer and passed by the members.

Membership Chair Pat Fischer announced the Little Palm Island trips are almost full but a few openings remain for both dates. If you are interested, please see her. Pat reminded everyone the last opportunity for dues to be paid for 2022-2023 is today. Going forward, annual dues will need to be paid by the first general meeting in November and if you want to get a jump on those you are welcome to pay ahead of time.

Director at Large Carman Slusher thanked members for the extraordinary response to the volunteer sign up request. Carman explained we will further streamline the process with sign-up sheets being available at the 50/50 table going forward. The forms will be sorted by Captain and duties each need help with. Carman presented the club burgee and reminded members we have them for sale at \$25 each. Carman thanked Gail Cortelyou, Jan and Richard Pflueger and Ted Fischer for their help in cleaning the storage unit.

OLD BUSINESS: Commodore Sue Redding thanked Ted Fischer for another very successful Christmas boat parade. She presented the Key's Weekly newspaper which featured the KCB parade on the front cover of the December 15th edition. Ted had a record 20 participating boats for his final year at the helm as parade chair. Ted will be vice-chairing the event with our new volunteer chair Steve DeCrow next year.



Sue thanked John and Carol Fruhmorgen for their efforts on a newly created program labeled the Los Ninos project which came about after the club's storage unit clean out. John and Carol prepared 90 bags with left-over Kids Fishing Derby merchandise we had on hand primarily due to not holding the event over 2 years due to COVID. They contacted the Cuban restaurants and promoted the event ahead of handing the bags out. The event was a great success and 81 of the 90 bags were given out to the children who attended. Donations of \$107 were collected for the event.

Commodore Sue Redding announced the NYE dinner and dancing event was a huge success with 146 tickets sold. Danny Grimm grilled the steaks to perfection making the meal exceptional. Rick and Dayna's performance was over the top as per usual but unfortunately will not be available next year due to a family wedding. Sue noted the Elks was very pleased with the event as well.

Sue reminded members there were 3 main fixes to focus on this season that included: website management, newsletter and how to bring in people from the waiting list. Those waiting are able to volunteer. Sue thanked new member Rich Vieth for volunteering to chair the golf tournament this year.

NEW BUSINESS: The Commodore announced a boating safety class 'Suddenly in Command' will be held Wednesday, January 11th at the Elks club. Pete Liashek, a retired 20-year Navy Veteran will be the speaker for the event. We have 38 participants registered so far. Pat will resend the information and sign-up form for those who are interested in joining. Rick and Dayna will be performing at the Elks shortly after the event so plan to stay for that! The class is free but a minimum donation of \$5 is encouraged.

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Clam Bake 2022



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Vice Commodore Tom Alferes explained the 'Suddenly in Command' class is ideal for anyone needing to take over control of a boat unexpectedly in an emergency situation. He cited examples and encouraged anyone that could find themselves in such position to sign up. The class will cover how to operate the vessel, the radio to call for help and more.

Ted Fischer of the Key Colony Beach Community Association presented details on the upcoming 6th Annual Coconut Crawl. With the assistance of event chair Sue Thompson, it was determined the event will be held January 21, 2023 - 11 AM-3:30 PM. The fundraising event is a Poker Run with various local stops to collect your hand. Prizes will be paid out on various categories including best costume! Johnny Live will provide entertainment at the awards party. To register go to <https://www.kcbca.org/index.html>.

Ron Teke, Social Chairman announced a Sunset Moonrise event will be held this coming Monday. Ron explained the location of the event and the ease of getting there and back. He encouraged all to attend and those with boats to invite other members to come along. He noted Pat sent out an email a few days ago with the details about the event including coordinates. Ron then reminded members of the requirements for an HMS (highly migratory species) angling permit needed when fishing for certain species. The permit is required for the boat, not each angler. Ron announced an upcoming seminar he has planned this Tuesday to demonstrate how to build a tuna lure. If not enough interest, it will be rescheduled. Ron has prepared his BBQ for this evening's meal.

Tim Husel, Tournament Director, announced he had been waiting for the return of some members to present the Angler of the Year awards for the 2021-2022 season. JOHN MISA was awarded Angler of the Year and LINDA LUTZ

Female Angler of the Year. Tim noted we will no longer have separate awards going forward. Tim then announced the December Tournament winners. For a complete listing of tournament results and tournament sponsors go to our website at <https://keycolonyfishing.com>. Tim then announced he has a New Year weight loss challenge for himself

and invited any members who may be interested to join him. He is putting up \$100 for the winner. You can contact Tim to sign up at tim.husel@gmail.com. Tim invited Greg Chorebanian to speak about the return em' right program. By participating in a 20-minute educational video, you can earn \$100 worth of release gear for the cause. Learn more at returnemright.org.

Vice Commodore Tom Alferes reminded members we are just 6 weeks away from the clam bake and are taking fish donations for the event. Please take your donations to Ron Teke. No Mackerel or Grunts please. He ended with a special Uncle Manny joke.

Joe Schmidt announced One Blood will be at Post Office January 12th from 9:30-2:30 in the first of four visits to Key Colony Beach this year. They are in need of our donations, give generously if you are able. Joe reminded members to wear RED on FRIDAY's to honor our United States service members currently deployed overseas.



Clam Bake 2022

Fundraising Director John Fruhmorgen reminded members of the upcoming silent auction to be held during the annual Clam Bake Monday February 21st. Please save your unwanted items for donation to the event. It is a very lucrative part of our fundraising efforts.

Recording Secretary Diane Slusher had no new business at this time.

Sue thanked those that helped at tonight's meeting including Joey and Karen Raspe, Denise and Steve DeCrow and Tracy Chacksfield for helping with the bar, Ron Teke, John and Wendy Misa, Sandy Bachman and Doug Cuje for the meal, this month's greeters, Janice and Jerry Regan, as well as Dick and Charlotte Thompson for handling the 50/50 ticket sales. She also thanked our much-appreciated clean-up crew, Mike and Jessie.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 pm on a motion made by Carman Slusher, which was seconded by Ted Fischer, and passed by the members.

Terry Tatarчук was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Submitted by, *Diane Slusher, Recorder*



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SILENT CHARITY AUCTION

- 2 SPECIAL RAFFLES -

CUSTOM MADE POLE AND REEL

We have two very special raffle items this year. The first is a **custom made pole** donated by Greg Chorebanian, the former captain on *National Geographic's Wicked Tuna* show (Rainshadow MB845 RX6 7-Foot, Fast taper 12-25 lb., 3/8-1 1/4 oz, Fuji reel seat and guides). We also have a **4000 Penn Fierce 3** donated by Chris and Robyn from the Tackle Box to go with the custom rod. Thank you both!



NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

WICKED TUNA



GICLEE ARTWORK

The second item is a **giclee print** titled "Art in Motion Sail" donated by internationally recognized artist Roberto "Pasta" Pantaleo from his Offshore series.

Please stop by and say hello to Pasta and Angela at their gallery located in the Heart of Downtown Islamorada at 81599 Old Highway, Islamorada, Florida 33036



Don't forget  to bring your donations to the meeting on Friday!

11TH ANNUAL

Silent Charity Auction

Donate NOW!

We are currently asking our members and local sponsors to get involved to help fund this event.

Any contribution including: cash, gift certificates, services or any items of any value that can be auctioned off will be greatly appreciated. Please call us at 813-263-9668 and we will gladly pick up your donation or you may mail it.

Check out these items that you may not need such as: paintings, jewelry, watches, fishing gear, boating items, kayaks, purses, rings, electronics, I pads, tackle, lamps, rattan or wicker items, cookware, art items and accessories. **Special raffles:** Wicked Tuna reel/pole and Pasta giclee work of art.

If you know or patronize restaurants or businesses you may ask them for a gift certificate.

THIS EVENT HELPS US FUND LOCAL CHARITIES THAT DEPEND ON OUR YEARLY CONTRIBUTIONS.

Please bring whatever you may want to donate to our meeting Friday or I will pick it up.

ITEM _____ VALUE _____

DONATED BY _____

Thank you, John & Carole Fruhmorgen 813-263-9668