

# Key Colony Beach

FISHING AND BOATING CLUB



## Next Meeting

**Friday, April 7, 2023**

HH 4:30, Meeting 5:00

**Marathon Elks Lodge \***

8239 Overseas Hwy, Marathon  
Please remember to wear  
your member ID Badge


## 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

What a fantastic year it has been. A host of events and programs we accomplished including Nino's Project, Kids Fishing Derby, Suddenly in Command seminar, 2 trips to Little Palm, Barracuda Race, another successful Clambake and so much more. Trooper especially enjoyed the first dog costume contest in the Saint Paddy's Day parade.

Our members only dinner at the Moose was a great way to bring this year to a close. I so enjoyed getting to know many of you and especially our new incoming members. When we return in November, we will hopefully have another venue for our meetings too, more to follow on that.

Wishing you safe travels and a healthy summer until we meet again.

With my best wishes,  
Sue Redding, Commodore



Commander Sue Redding and Trooper

The Fishing and Boating Club membership dues are being raised from \$45 per year to \$65. This will go into effect with our 2023/2024 season.

We have had an increase in club expenses including drinks and food for the monthly meetings and the rising prices for our clam bake supplies. We haven't had an increase in dues for quite some time. Even with the increase in dues your membership will still include your annual \$30 gift card, open bar and dinner at our six meetings in season, membership pricing at the Clambake and other perks.

This club is a really good deal!

Please pay your next season dues as soon as possible and definitely by the November 3, 2023 meeting as that is the new deadline.

We have a long wannabee list. Don't lose your membership for nonpayment of dues. You can pay at our final meeting on April 7th or mail your check in sometime prior to November. The check should be made out to KCBF&BC and the address is POB 510877, KCB, FL 33051.

Thank you for your loyal membership.

Sue Redding, Commodore

### PAY YOUR NEXT SEASON DUES NOW!

Don't wait till the Fall and possibly forget.  
Bring a check to the April meeting or  
mail in your dues now.

[MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2023/24](#)





# Tournament Telegraph

Well, here it's that time already, the last month of the season. A month where the fishing should be at its prime, boating skills of a pro, and a big honey-do list in preparation for closing up and the trip home for the summer. You last minute hold outs can still enter the April tournament for the **low cost entry fee of \$30.00** but must do so prior to

Tournament Director Tim Husel

the April meeting by sending an email or giving me a call. The April sponsored tournaments are:

## **CAPTAIN PIP'S MARINA & HIDEAWAY TRIPLE CATCH**

([captainpips.com](http://captainpips.com))

TUNA – DOLPHIN – SNAPPER (Mangrove, Yellowtail, Mutton)

1<sup>st</sup> Place and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place All Three Categories Both Divisions

## **SPARKY'S LANDING OFFSHOR/INSHORE COMBINATION**

**APRIL MADNESS** ([sparkyslanding.com](http://sparkyslanding.com))

Best Percentage to State Record Combination

1<sup>st</sup> Place and 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Both Divisions

And in addition to our club's monthly tournament, we also have our SEASON LONG Tournaments from which winners will be announced at our DECEMBER 2023/2024 MEETING:

## **MARATHON GARBAGE SERVICES ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

([marathongarbagesservice.com](http://marathongarbagesservice.com))

Overall Biggest Fish to Percentage of State Record

## **CAPTAIN PIP'S MARINA & HIDEAWAY INSHORE ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

([captainpips.com](http://captainpips.com))

Biggest Fish to Percentage of State Record

(This award will not be combined with Angler of the Year Award- Entry in one Tournament Only)

## **WHOLESALE MARINE CASUAL ANGLER OF THE YEAR AWARD**

([wholesalemarine.com](http://wholesalemarine.com))

This cash award is open to ALL club members who are casual anglers and who are not entered in the clubs fishing tournament. We currently have one entry. As stated at the last meeting, we will be mixing it up a bit in the 2023/2024 Tournament so if anyone has any suggestions on making this tournament a better tournament, your input will be considered. Email [tim.husel@gmail.com](mailto:tim.husel@gmail.com).

Everyone have a successful April, a safe and enjoyable summer and see y'all in November.

Tim Husel, Tournament Director (ask me why I call this article the Telegraph)



Click the mutton to go to Tournament Catch photos

**"PERHAPS I SHOULD HAVE NOT BEEN A FISHERMAN, HE THOUGHT. BUT THAT WAS THE THING THAT I WAS BORN FOR"**

**THE OLD MAN AND THE SEA  
-ERNEST HEMINGWAY**

# 2023/2024 TOURNAMENT ENTRY

# Key Colony Beach FISHING AND BOATING CLUB



Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**\$70 Entry fee**  
Includes all 2023/24  
tournaments

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](mailto:tim.husel@gmail.com), 780-490-8832

**SPECIAL ONE MONTH, APRIL ONLY - \$30 MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO APRIL MEETING**

## Fishing & Boating Club Fishing Tournament Results

### JANUARY MONTHLY \$50 FISH WINNERS

Angler	Fish	Weight
Larry Eliassen	Yellowtail	4lb. 1oz.
Steve Buckeridge	Mutton	4lb. 0oz.
Sue Thompson	Mangrove	3lb. 5oz.
Steve Buckeridge	Cero	4lb. 8oz.
Charlie Linderborn	Spanish	3lb. 8oz.
Dave Burnett	King	11lb. 5oz.
No Entry	Blackfin Tuna	
No Entry	Dolphin	
No Entry	Cobia	
No Entry	Wahoo	
No Entry	Amberjack	
Dan Ayscue	Sea Trout	1lb. 0oz.
Out of Season	Grouper	

### FEBRUARY TOURNAMENTS

#### CAPTAIN PIP'S MARINA & HIDEAWAY OFFSHORE TOURNAMENT

	Angler	Off Shore Fish	Weight	% of State Record
		Champions Division		
1st Place	Dave Burnett	Kingfish	11lb. 3oz.	12.55%
2nd Place	No Entry			
		Tale Chasers Division		
1st Place	No Entry			
2nd Place	No Entry			

#### CENTENNIAL BANK YELLOWTAIL MIX

	Angler	Weight
	Champions Division	
1st Place	Larry Eliassen	7lb. 3oz. Combined
2nd Place	Steve Buckeridge	4lb. 14oz. Combined
	Tale Chasers Division	
1st Place	Mel Ardis	6lb. 5oz.
2nd Place	Jim Withrow	3lb. 9oz.





# KCB Fishing University



Captain Ron Teke

Well swabbies, here it is, the last newsletter of the year. Where did those six months go? Our Full Moon-Sunset Raft-Ups are building in popularity. Last month we had 6 boats and 29 people. So, join us on Wednesday, April 5, in Vaca Cut. I am going with the full moon eve for this April. The moon rise will actually occur before the sunset at 7:26pm. The sunset will occur later at 7:41pm. You all know what to do by now. I will send an email blast reminder. Invite your friends, bring beverages and snacks. This raft up will be two nights before our meeting. I usually have room for a couple of extras on my boat so reach out to me if you would like a ride. [team.teke@yahoo.com](mailto:team.teke@yahoo.com)

My lecture this month involves two of my pet peeves. How to properly tie a cleat knot and how to coil, throw and loop a piling with a line. It seems like few boaters know how to do these things properly. I will set up a table at the back of the maintenance building giving demos and allowing members to show me their stuff.

## TEKE TIPS & TRIPS...



CLICK PHOTO TO GO TO VIDEOS



## KCB Day 2023, Races & Cheer



A day at the races, the Barracuda Races, on KCB Day. The fish were swimming, the betters were betting. All in all a wonderful fundraising day for the club. Hot, but wonderful.





# Golf Tournament



Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total	Score
Ruth Anderson	2	3	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	33	57
BILL BOSTERS	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	50
55K-400	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	27	53
Jimmy Nugent	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	48
FIN-BALLS	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	27	53
CHARLES IN CHARGE	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	51
BOOTHBALLS	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	26	51
Small 4-Outs	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	38	60
Letty	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	30	51
Salty Balls	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	24	51
Dave	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	51
Wesley	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	48
Megan	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	48
Mike Jones	2	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	48
THE HACKERS	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	25	50

CURTIS 6-2 1st TIME      CURTIS 6-3 1st TIME





# MINUTES MARCH 2, 2023

The March meeting of the Fishing & Boating Club was called to order by Commodore Sue Redding at 5:00 pm at the KCB Public Works facility, with the Pledge of Allegiance. Commodore Sue Redding stated that the purpose of the Club is to promote fishing, boating and good fellowship among members. Past Commodores and Charter Members were recognized. Veterans were asked to stand. Beer, wine and cocktails were available at 4:30 pm. A moment of silence was held for the members we have lost. The minutes of the February meeting were accepted on a motion by Lynn Goodwin which was seconded by Joe Schmidt and passed by the members. Fundraising Chair Joey Raspe passed the bar replenishment jar. Joey thanked members for this year's Kids Fishing Derby donations which will be held on Flag Day, June 14th. Joey introduced Police Chief Giovanni who announced the Derby will be renamed The Ron Sutton Memorial Kids Fishing Derby due to Ron's years of volunteer service with the event dating back to 2006.

Treasurer Stephanie Withrow read the Treasurer's Report which was accepted on a motion made by Florence Roseboro, seconded by Joe Schmidt and passed by the members. Membership Chair Pat Fischer announced we have 137 members in attendance tonight. 125 RSVP'd to stay for dinner. Pat announced she has sold 44 tickets of the 75 available for the end of season dinner. Pat reminded members' dues are to be paid by the November meeting going forward. This is a change from the January meeting in years past. Membership Chair Gail Cortelyou encouraged members reply to the pre meeting registration emails that Pat is sending out in advance of each event which will help with meal planning. Director at Large Carman Slusher suggested the membership give a round of applause to thank the volunteer members of the board for their service. He thanked the Clam Bake Captains for their leadership at this year's event. He thanked Larry Fisher for the use of his trailer for hauling the beer kegs and ice. Carman thanked Gerry DuBois for his and the Marathon Moose's help with ordering the seafood and beer for the Clam Bake. Carman announced we need three volunteers for the upcoming Barracuda Races at KCB Day and to see him after the meeting to sign up.

Commodore Sue Redding announced we have three Clam Bake Captains leaving the area. She called up Molly, Richard and Robert Shaffer to thank them for their many years of service to the club and gave them each a gift card. Commodore Sue Redding announced Gail Cortelyou has volunteered to do the last newsletter due to the unexpected costs associated with Jerry Regan's service and asked if anyone would be willing to volunteer to take care of it next year. If no one steps up, we will discontinue the newsletter and post the content on our website at <https://keycolonyfishing.com> with an email push notification instead.

**OLD BUSINESS:** There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS:** The Commodore announced the end of season dinner will be held at the Marathon Moose Lodge once again. Tickets are on sale now but limited to 75 and again for members only. Sue announced this year's Golf Tournament will be held on March 11th and Chaired by Rich Vieth. Tom Martorano has volunteered to cook hotdogs at the event. Members are encouraged to look for sightings of the live Hot Dog aka Wendy Misa during the event. Sue announced we have three fund raisers left this season which include KCB Day Barracuda Races, the Golf Tournament and The Ron Sutton Memorial Kids Fishing Derby. Sun announced we have one meeting left this year which will be held in April and a meal will be provided.

Social Chairman Ron Teke announced a Sunset Moonrise event will be held Tuesday, March 7th at dusk at the new location of the event in Vaca Cut. He encouraged all to come with appetizers to share and those with boats to invite other members to come along. Larry Smoot reminded members he is heading up the St. Patty's Day Parade this year. Participants should line up at 4:30 at Sunset Park for a 5:00 start. Tim Husel, Tournament Director, announced he has turkeys he would be willing to donate for the April dinner. Tim awarded prize money to this month's tournament winners which can be found on <https://keycolonyfishing.com>.

Commodore Sue Redding thanked tonight's volunteers including greeters Mike and Annie Yunker, 50/50 ticket sales with Anita Alferes and Kitty Sutton, Joey and Karen Raspe, Denise and Steve DeCrow along with Tracy Chacksfield for their help with the bar. She thanked Mike and Val Meister along with Ann Wenger for their help serving tonight's pizza which was purchased from Driftwood Pizza who provided the club with a 30% discount on our order.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm on a motion made by Joe Schmidt, which was seconded by Roger Sables, and passed by the members. The winner of the \$130 prize from the 50/50 drawing was Sam Zaydon.

Submitted by, Diane Slusher, Recorder





# Upcoming Events

## KCBF&BC Executive Board 2022-2023

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## 2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### ANNUAL MEMBER'S DINNER

**March 27, 2023, 5:00 - 9:00 PM**

Moose Club

Limited seating to first 75 members

**SOLD OUT**

### APRIL F&BC MEETING

**April 7, 2023**

Bar opens at 4:30 PM - Meeting starts at 5:00 PM

**Marathon Elks Lodge**

Location Change



## Conservation Corner

### Dolphin Research Center

BY ABBY HADDOCK, DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER, GRASSY KEY, FL

Marine mammals are considered sentinels of our ecosystem. Very often if there is a major change or disturbance in a marine mammal population it is an indicator of larger scale ecological issues, which also can have impacts on human health. In order to better understand and respond to major changes in marine mammal populations, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) created a working group focused on Unusual Mortality Events, or UMEs. These events are marine mammal strandings that are 'unexpected, involve a significant die-off, and demand an immediate response'. Unfortunately, this past year has seen several Unusual Mortality Events, and some events from past years are still ongoing.

One of the most recently declared events affects pinnipeds living in the northeastern Atlantic. Since July of 2018, the northeast coast has seen harbor seals and gray seals passing away in unusually high numbers. In Maine alone, in less than one year more than 1,184 seals stranded. Many of the seals that were found tested positive for phocine distemper virus, a type of Morbillivirus which is quick spreading and deadly to seals. These diseases can often cause marine mammal rehabilitation centers to become overwhelmed with pinnipeds in need of assistance. By declaring a UME, rehabilitation centers get much needed funds to help provide food and supplies for their sick patients.

Another event was declared here in Florida for bottlenose dolphins in the Gulf of Mexico. A large-scale bloom from red tide caused bottlenose dolphins to strand throughout the Gulf coast, and the declaration of this event helped move funding towards protecting the coasts from these massive algal blooms. Dolphins are exposed both to breathing red tide particles and eating them in their fish. With red tide declared as a UME, rescue teams are better equipped to assist affected dolphins. Scientists can also learn more about the red tide and inform people on how to help stop this ecological issue from spreading. While natural, these blooms have become longer lasting, more wide-spread, and more concentrated in recent years. It benefits the entire ecosystem to learn more about the effects of these events.

Throughout the Atlantic we've also seen multiple UMEs declared for the great whales. One was for humpback whales, the most



recent was for minke whales, and alarmingly there is still an ongoing UME for North Atlantic Right Whales.

All of the great whales have very long, slow life cycles so losing any number of whales quickly is dangerous for the populations. North Atlantic Right Whales in particular still have not successfully recovered from the days of whaling. As a result, losing 17 right whales in a quick period of time is cause for declaring a UME to find out what is happening. For the right whales, the culprit was vessel strikes combined with entanglement in ropes. The humpback whales were suffering from vessel strikes as well. The more recent minke whale strandings are also suspected to be related to entanglement in marine debris, although several of the whales also had signs of an infectious disease.



North Atlantic Right Whale

When a UME is called for vessel strikes, sometimes the shipping lanes can be moved to prevent future collisions, or captains can receive training for spotting and avoiding great whales. For entanglements, teams can attempt to remove fishing gear from the areas where the whales migrate and also use the recovered gear to find where the marine debris is coming from.

If you ever see a marine mammal in distress, ALWAYS call a marine mammal rescue team. Just like we would want a medical professional to give us medical attention, we always want to make sure that appropriate medical care is given to stranded animals. Marine mammals who are stranded may be unable to swim well. Therefore, putting them back in the water puts them at greater risk of predation, exhaustion, and drowning. Also a stranded marine mammal is still a wild animal, and they are likely stressed. Talking with a professional team can help them instruct you on how to best assist the animal while still ensuring you are not putting yourself or the marine mammal in danger. Finally, it also helps scientists safely gather data to help understand what marine mammals are telling us about their ecosystem so that we can help protect a safer environment for everyone.