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THE CARLYLE GROUP ACQUIRES LAUDERDALE MARINE CENTER

FORT LAUDERDALE - The Carlyle Group, a global alternative asset manager, announced in July, the acquisition of Lauderdale Marine Center, the nation's largest yacht repair facility in terms of the number of large vessels it can haul and service. "In partnership with the outstanding management team and staff at LMC, we will build upon LMC's success through growth and continued innovation and superb customer service," said Thad Paul, Managing Director at The Carlyle Group. "Favorable demand trends in the mega-yacht industry and the high barriers to entry for new supply in Southeast Florida attracted us to the investment."

Located on the New River, LMC is a 50-acre facility consisting of a boatyard, marina and marine service center. It accommodates boats up to 200 feet with 19 covered sheds and 156 wet slips, has three marine travel lifts with haul-out capacity up to 330 tons, and features 7,000 linear feet of dockage. LMC leases work space and commercial office space to approximately

60 on-site contractors providing various marine-related services such as fiberglass repair, electrical, painting, brokerage and insurance.

Carlyle's plans for LMC include minor renovations and several expansions in the near term, including:

- adding additional paving in the southwest corner of the property to allow for additional mega-yacht repair space
- completing the renovations at the adjacent River Bend boatyard and incorporating that property into LMC
- developing a new management and leasing office on the site.

"Carlyle has a track record of value creation in its business and property investments which makes their ownership a welcome development for LMC," said Mark Pratt, General Manager of LMC since 2000. "With our state-of-the-art facilities and unique operating model that allows captains to choose their own contractors, we are ideally positioned for future growth."

NEW ORGANIZERS ANNOUNCE INNOVATIONS TO QUANTUM KEY WEST RACE WEEK

KEY WEST - As the new organizers of Quantum Key West Race Week (KWRW), the Storm Trysail Club has promised to maintain all the elements that have made it such a popular event while introducing innovations designed to increase participation.

With the release of the official Notice of Race, organizers have proposed several new elements for KWRW 2016. John Fisher, regatta chairman for Quantum Key West Race Week, said the changes were made in response to feedback from both the United States and international sailboat racing community. "We believe the sailing constituency that revolves around Key West was looking for something different," Fisher said. "Many, many elements of the regatta are tried and true, but there are other things that needed to be tweaked. We are listening to the sailors that care about Key West Race Week and are attempting to address their desires and needs."

Among the changes:

- Offering a three-day regatta format for those classes that choose to do so. Fisher hopes that having this "regatta within a regatta" format will bring back a segment of skippers who stopped doing Key West because of the cost.
- A distance race as opposed to multiple buoy starts for Performance Cruising designs with a different course each day and finishes near the harbor.
- A move to the Offshore Racing Congress international and club rating system. ORCi is the system used for full-measured boats participating at the highest levels of competition while the ORC Club is intended more for club-based programs.
- Offering a "Harbor Racing Circle," a shorter course just outside of the Fleming Key Cut. Organizers believe the Harbor Racing Circle would also be ideal for Viper 640s, Melges 20s, VX Ones, F18 Catamarans and M32 Catamarans. The stadium style racing will increase awareness of the regatta within the city.
- Bringing back the Corsair 28 – once a staple at KWRW.

For more details <http://keywestraceweek.com/organizers-announce-innovations-to-quantum-key-west-race-week>

JOE FOGGIA JOINS NORTHPROP & JOHNSON AS SALES BROKER IN FORT LAUDERDALE OFFICE

Northrop & Johnson welcomes Joe Foggia as Sales Broker and New Construction Expert in the Fort Lauderdale office.

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extensive experience in the yachting industry. Throughout the course of his yachting career, Joe has engaged in more than three quarters of a billion dollars in yacht sales and closed more than 20 new construction contracts larger than 37 meters. He is well versed in yacht sales, shipyard ownership and operations, shipyard viability, yacht quality and product development market analysis, contract review and negotiation and yacht construction.

Most recently, Joe started Global Yacht Advisors, LLC, where in his role as principal advisor he specialized in superyacht purchase and new construction, shipyard negotiations and viability analysis, contract and specification review, yacht sale and resale strategy, market perception, product development and quality control.

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FLIBS NEW MARKETING PARTNER AND FUTURE BAHIA MAR UPGRADES

Show Management, the organizers of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, chose Starmark International of Fort Lauderdale to provide a new brand, creative campaign and website for this year's massive show.

Starmark's experience in marketing Broward County tourism, the Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International Airport, Port Everglades and the Marine Industries Association of South Florida worldwide gives them a "global perspective that the Boat Show wants to leverage," said Brett Keating, Show Management's chief for consumer marketing.

The new campaign will highlight Fort Lauderdale as a global marine hub. New events and displays will be revealed as the show nears. A new website will be launched allowing visitors to customize their boat show experience with the brands, exhibitors and activities they want to enjoy when they attend the show.

Bahia Mar Resort & Marina, the site of the boat show, in July submitted plans for a 2.4 million square foot expansion. Intended to secure their longevity as the show's venue, the plans include a parking garage with 16-foot ceilings, special lighting and two atriums so the tent exhibits can be moved inside.

"The marine industry is the epicenter of commerce for Broward and Fort Lauderdale and we need to do everything in our power to make sure it remains here," said Jimmy Tate, head of Tate Capital. "We need to make sure the boat show has the best experience in the world and we give them a best-in-class facility."

The timing of the development depends on market conditions.

The Fort Lauderdale show Nov. 5-9 attracts more than 100,000 visitors yearly. The 2014 edition offered about 1,500 boats in seven venues, with more in-water than any boat show in the world.

"LADIES, LET'S GO FISHING!" ANNOUNCES PARTNERSHIPS WITH NMMA AND RBFF

The highly acclaimed "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!" educational series announced partnerships with the National Marine Manufacturer's Association (NMMA), Discover Boating, Miami International Boat Show, Recreational Boating and Fishing Foundation (RBFF), and Take Me Fishing. The relationship will serve to further through educational programming, efforts to encourage the female sector to participate in fishing and boating.

"We're excited to partner with these fantastic organizations who have interest in reaching out to attract women to the sport of fishing," commented LLGF Founder, Betty Bauman. "Women are known for bringing others to the sports they enjoy, meaning one new female angler brings a multiplying factor."

"Women have been recognized as a viable market likely to fish with the proper knowledge and encouragement," commented Frank Peterson, RBFF President. Thom Dammrich, NMMA President added, "This new angler base will contribute to conservation through license purchases and help support the industry as they expand their fishing endeavors."

LLGF offers weekend fishing universities providing one-on-one skill practice, including catch and release, de-hooking, spin, net and fly casting, boat handling, trailer backing, knot tying, conservation and more. Most weekend events begin with a Friday networking reception. On Saturday are morning classes, lunch, afternoon hands-on skill practice and optional charter fishing on Sunday with fillet demonstration. The program focuses on women, their male guests and teens to include the family.

LLGF upcoming events include:

NOV. 13-15 Keys/Islamorada

SEPT. 11-13 Bimini, Bahamas Adventure

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COURTESY OF REGATTA TIME IN ABACO



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Grand Cru - Danny Escobar - Fort Lauderdale
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Unicorn - Michael Peteler - Pompano Beach
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COURTESY OF REGATTA TIME IN ABACO



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BOAT SHOW:

WEST PALM BEACH, FL

SEPTEMBER 12 - 13

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MIAMI, FL

SEPTEMBER 12 - 13

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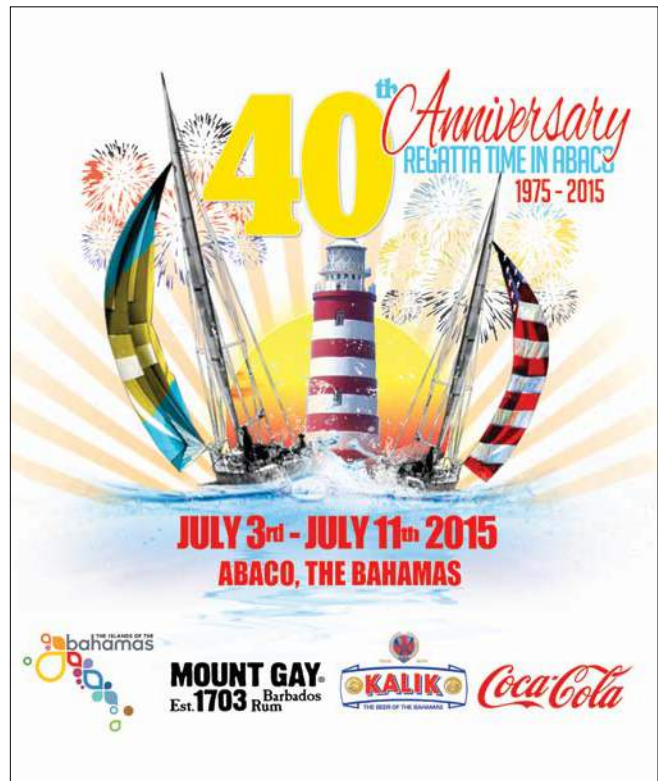
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KEYS FLATS SLAM

FISHING BY GLENN HAYES



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It could be said that there is never a bad time to fish in the Florida Keys. I for one can vouch for that. September can however, be a transition period offshore in the Keys where sailfish and dorado are few and far between. The flats on the other hand can be on fire with some top species of fish cruising the shallows.

Many guides argue that September and October offer the best chance for a grand slam in the Lower Keys and that is why fall fishing on the flats is known as the "Slam Season." With the improved probability of hooking tarpon, bonefish and permit, a flats slam could be in the cards. With good weather and less tourists, accommodations are easier to find and cheaper than other times – an added benefit.

Prior to cold fronts arriving, the flats tend to be gin clear, making sight fishing the best way to hook into some of the largest bonefish of the year. To hook the permit and tarpon on the flats, a stealthy approach and a good long cast will produce spectacular



PHOTO CREDIT: TERRY BORAM

hits. Bonefish this time of year are particularly large but tarpon, although relatively easy to find, tend to be smaller in size.

All species are ready to take your properly presented bait, lure or fly. Getting out early or late in the cooler parts of the day will produce the best results unless the water temperature has cooled slightly which allows for good fishing all day. The small-

er tarpon can be found in the basins on the edges of flats and also along the mangroves during the day. The occasional larger tarpon can also be found cruising the basins but smaller tarpon are far more numerous.

One of the best and most exciting ways to sight fish for a slam is with a fly rod. An eight weight rod with a floating tippet and fly patterns mimicking crab, shrimp and Clouser patterns work well. Eight to twelve pound spinning tackle will also serve up great fights on the flats fished with a variety of topwater plugs, soft baits and of course live shrimp. It is always a good idea to check with local tackle shops to see what fish are hitting. The best way to learn the ropes and what works best is a charter. A half-day flats fishing charter will certainly decrease your learning curve drastically.

No matter your preference of fish or tackle, fall is one of the best times to get out on the flats and enjoy great fishing in the Keys. 🐟

FISHING TOURNAMENTS:

FERNANDINA BEACH, FL

SEPTEMBER 26
IFA Redfish Tour
www.ifatours.com/redfish-tour/redfish-schedule/

ISLAMORADA, FL
SEPTEMBER 18 - 20
Herman Lucerne Memorial Tournament
<https://hermanlucerne.com/tournament/event-schedule>
kelliet62@gmail.com

OCTOBER 9 - 10
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JUPITER, FL
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KEY LARGO, FL
SEPTEMBER 11 - 13
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SEPTEMBER 12
Lionfish Derby for Divers
www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies
reefhq@reef.org
REEF 305-852-0030

SEPTEMBER 25 - 27
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mike@islandbayresort.com
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OCTOBER 9 - 11
Baybone
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KEY WEST, FL
SEPTEMBER 11 - 13
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1st Place Conetagious with future tournament winners

The Islamorada Charter Boat Association's 7th Annual Islamorada Dolphin Tournament hosted 82 anglers in the quest for three big fish July 11 - 12. The unique format had boats entering as teams with the combined weight of three Dolphin determining the winners. Only two fish could be weighed per day but it took three to win.

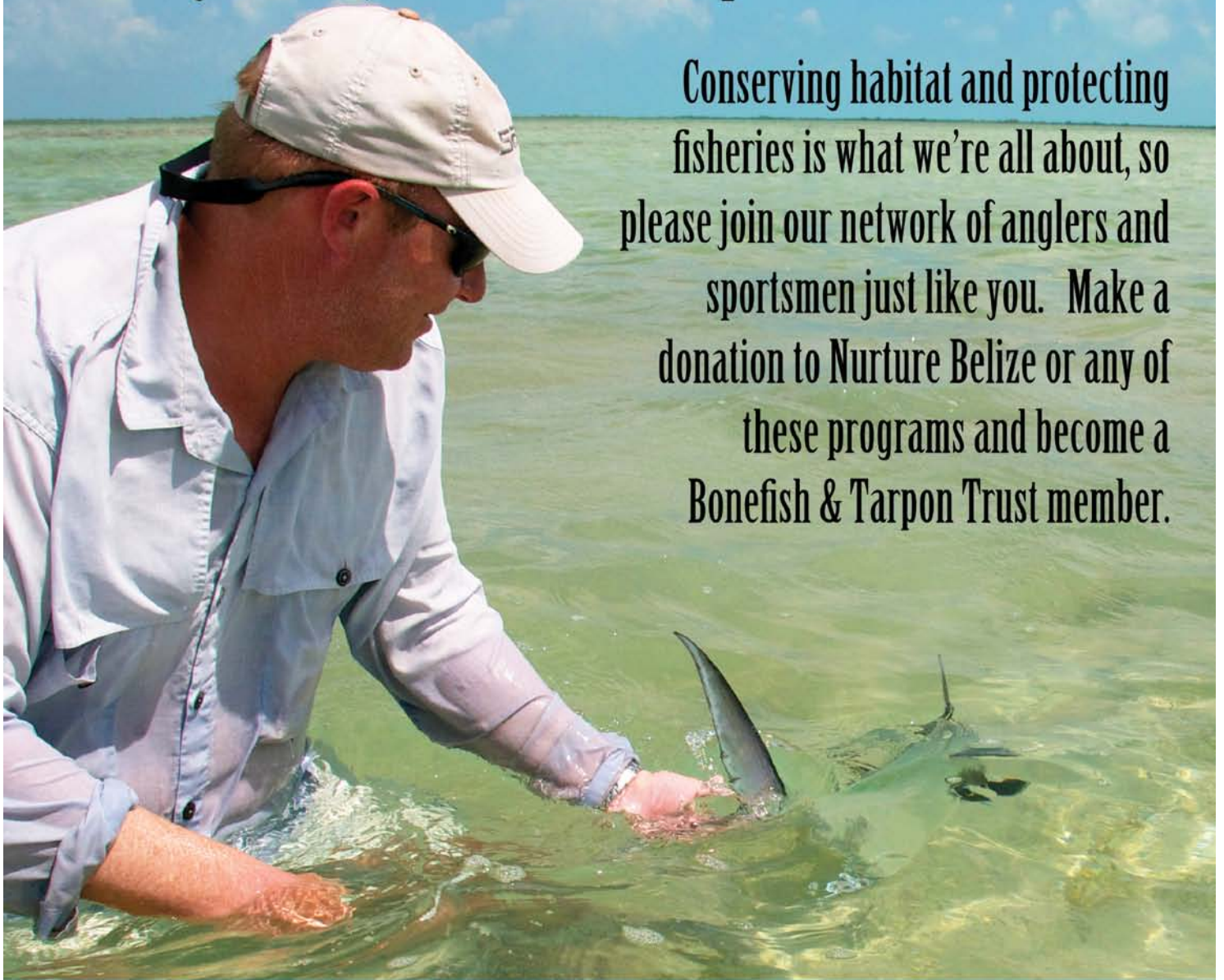
After the first day of weigh-ins at Smuggler's Cove, *Hey Papa* with Captain Justin Matson and anglers Jinx and Hank Kochan from Sea Girt, N.J.; Ellie Leopold, Jordon Wolk, and Mark Toledo from Tavernier, Fla.; and Eric Ehlers from Islam-

orada Fla. were in the lead. Ellie Leopold's 42.6 pound bull dolphin would be the biggest fish weighed in during the two days of fishing.

The tide would turn on day two for Captain Brian Cone's *Conetagious*. Angler Travis Bennett of Tavernier, Fla., would catch the largest dolphin on an outboard boat, a 42.5 pound bull earning him an extra thousand dollars sponsored by Caribee Boat Sales and Yamaha Outboards. Fishing with fellow anglers Don DeLeon from Goulds, Fla., Rob DeLeon from Sorrento Fla., and Mike Bennett of Miami, the team would also weigh in a 37.6 pounder. Added to their largest

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2nd Place *Hey Papa* with Ellie Leopold
Largest fish award



fish from Saturday, a 32 pounder, they caught a record-setting three fish total of 112.1 pounds, which landed them in the winners circle.

Hey Papa would weigh in their biggest fish on day two, a 29 pounder. Added to the 75.4 pounds from day one, the team total would take second place with 104.4 pounds. *Rezkill* would take third place with fish weighing 32.3, 30.5, and 27.9 for a total of 90.7 pounds. Anglers Ryan Smith and Andre LimSang of Miami were awarded a check for \$1,500.00, a beautiful King Sailfish trophy sponsored by Barefoot Baits, gift certificates from local businesses and other fishing goodies.

3rd Place *Rezkill*



"We had great fishing weather and the fish cooperated" commented tournament director Dianne Harbaugh. "We were fortunate to catch some of the biggest fish in the

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UNKNOWN PARADISE THE ART OF GETTING LOST

LIFESTYLE BY PAM WALL
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What a lucky person I am! I have sailed around the world and seen so many unique and beautiful places, yet I did not know anything about a little bit of paradise so close to home in Florida! Little Palm Island on Little Torch Key is a hidden gem with unsurpassed scenic beauty, fantastic and friendly service, and unbelievable meals served in magnificent surroundings. When I experience a truly different type of pure harmony with nature, I just have to share this with others.

Little Torch Key is about 25 miles from Key West, just a three hour drive from Fort Lauderdale. The time flies by with the beauty that you encounter from the comfort of your car with the windows rolled right down! Check in at the lovely tropical welcome center before boarding the ferry boat for the twenty minute ride out to a tiny island covered in luxurious tropical

trees and flowers interspersed with thatched roof bungalows. You think you have died and gone to heaven when you approach in the ferry, it is so beautiful.

A personal "greeter" is waiting to welcome you to Little Palm Island, show you around, take you to your bungalow, and answer any and all of your questions about your stay in the tropical paradise. During this introduction to the Island, it is really difficult to stop yourself from running down to the beach, or jumping into the lovely pool that has huge trees overhanging the cool fresh water.

The bungalows are very private, shaded by the huge unusual trees which form a canopy over the white sand paths crisscrossing the island. Each private suite has its own private little balcony with gorgeous views of the water. Enjoy your break-

fast listening to birds, palm fronds waving in the breeze, and the lapping of the waves only a few feet from your bungalow.

Once you get into the mood of paradise, you can go for a cooling dip in the pool while having a cocktail and lunch, sitting under the overhanging sea grape trees that surround the pool area. Or if you prefer the beach, there are double wide, umbrella-covered lounge chairs lining the white sand beach where drinks and snacks can be brought to you while your feet splash in the ocean water.

At the watersports area, two delightful young men attend the use of the small outboard motor boats, paddle boards, kayaks, and Hobie Cat sailboats. For a guest in Paradise, there is no charge for using any of these water toys. It is such fun to have a fast sail in the Hobie Cat in the morning, take the little outboard motor boats out to explore in the afternoon, and perhaps make a sunset paddle through the mangroves in one of the kayaks.

A dinner reservation is required. I highly recommend asking for a table either on the sand or near the beach. There, sitting and sipping your first cocktail, you can have a breathtaking view of the sun setting over Key West. And to add to the unique island life, the small Key Deer will come right up to your table to make your acquaintance. They are so tame, they swim over from Deer Key to meet you!

Take your time to savor the superb meals and impeccable service. Once the sun sets, lighted torches make the island even more enchanting along with the sound of island music floating from the main guest house building adjacent to the dining area. A slow walk around the entire island after dinner is magical. Honestly, it is a paradise.

There are no words to properly describe the Sunday Brunch. All I can say is Wow! Many people come to Little Palm Island by ferry or private boat, just for the Sunday Brunch.

For those coming by boat, the dock on the island can accommodate large yachts up to 120 feet and smaller boats of guests who may want to stay overnight. The charge for overnight dockage includes electricity, water, and the freedom to use all the facilities on Little Palm Island. You can also anchor out and come in by tender for any meal, with a reservation. There is also a special "A Day on the Island" rate for boats at anchor should anyone want to come ashore and enjoy all the island's unique surroundings.

I can hardly wait to visit there again. Check out the website for much more information and go get lost in Paradise. Tell them Pam Wall sent you! www.littlepalmisland.com



CAPTAIN MORGAN PRIVATE STOCK

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

Before we departed the Chesapeake Bay for Florida, marina friends on *Naturally Stoned* presented us a parting gift. They said, "When you have a wee dram remember the good friends you left up north to shiver in their flip flops." So it was only fitting when the crew from *Jolly Mon*, friends from the same marina, visited we bought a fresh bottle of Captain Morgan Private Stock to share. The rum became the center of attention after a day of sailing and a night of blues music.

When Sam Bronfman, President and CEO of Seagram's drinks company, arrived in the Caribbean in the 1940s he was instantly mesmerized by the opportunities presented by spice rum. After founding the Captain Morgan Rum Company, Bronfman soon purchased Long Pond Distillery in Jamaica. He also purchased an age-old family recipe for spiced rum from the Ley Brothers who developed the recipe using rums from Long Pond Distillery. This recipe became the inspiration for Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum.

Captain Morgan Private Stock is made from their finest reserves, then blended with mellow island spices. The rum is aged in oak barrels for two years, giving this 80-proof rum a rich caramel color.

Instead of "He Said/She Said" we teamed up. After a night of blues the crews were primed and ready to sip.

FINDING BALANCE

The warm sherry color reminds us of many other fine sipping rums. On the nose there is a strong vanilla with just a subtle hint of spice. The vanilla doesn't let you down on the tongue, but now the spice peeks through a bit more, letting you know its origins. The finish coats the throat with a warm honey. Subsequent sips brings out more spice, however the vanilla is still very strong.

JOLLY MON

As ones who are more prone to mixing rather than sipping rum, we first had to learn the ropes from the crew of *Finding Balance*. The nose was very inviting with sweet honey and rich vanilla. The sip tasted just as it smelled. Spice was definitely not the star of this rum although it could have contributed to



the warmth going down the throat. The next time we feel a cold coming we can see us reaching for this rum instead of cold medicine.

OVERALL

For a Private Stock based on a successful and, might we say very popular spice rum, we are left wondering, "Where's the spice?" Vanilla is the belle of the ball with this rum, making it a sipping rum all the way. We could not imagine mixing since the vanilla is so strong.

RATING: 3.5 OUT OF 5



SIPPING RUM SCALE

- 1 – An expensive mixer
- 2 – A quick celebratory shot
- 3 – Wouldn't be embarrassed to share with friends
- 4 – Are my friends worthy of a sip
- 5 – Special moments rum

ABOUT CLINT AND TERRY: We have sampled many a dram over our 32 years of marriage and quite often we don't fully agree. Could be the difference is male/female taste buds. Or, somebody is just wrong.