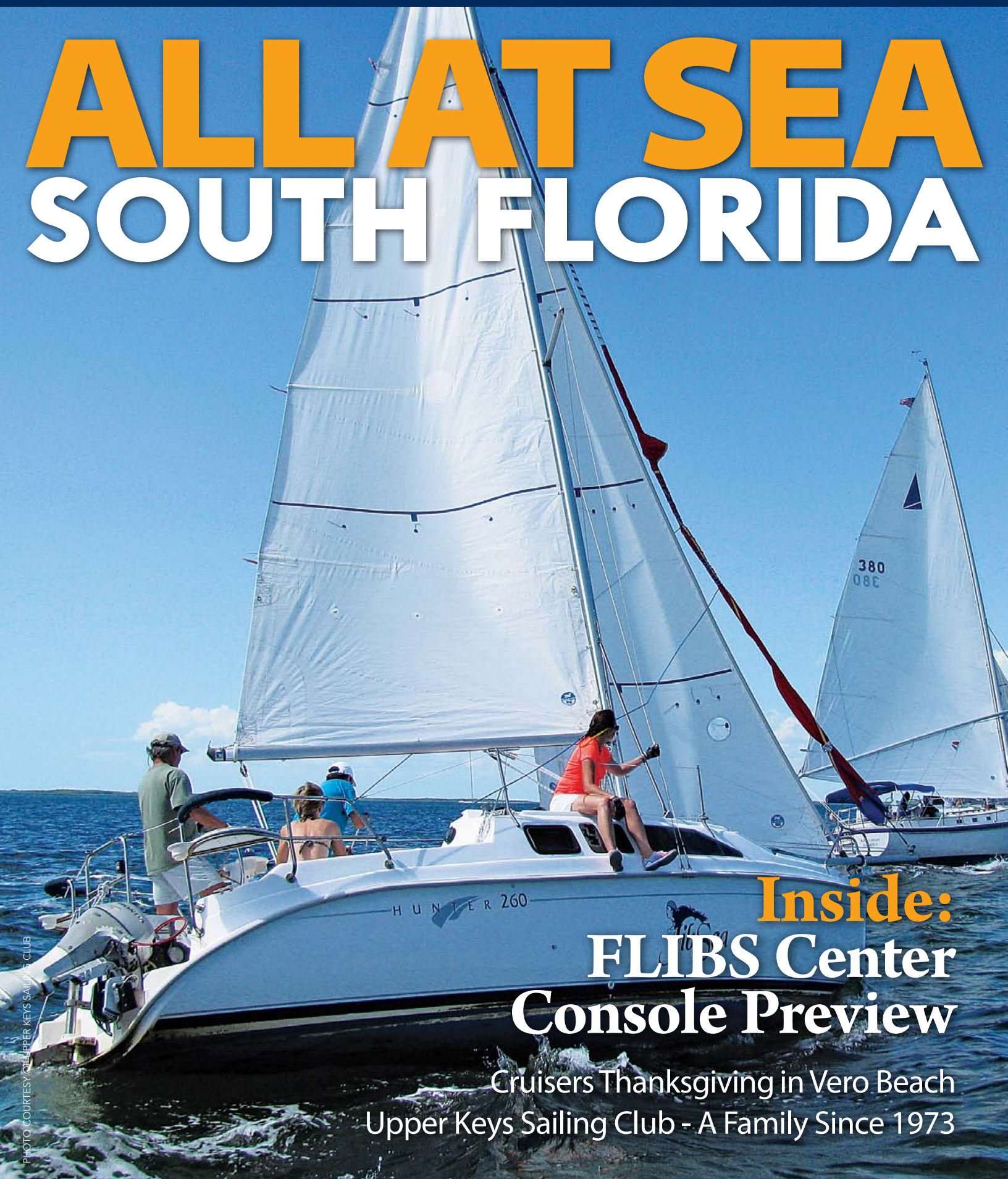


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YACHT ANTIFOULING COATING THAT EARNS MONEY AS YOU SAIL

International Paint, an AkzoNobel subsidiary, is working with The Gold Standard Foundation and the FREMCo Group, to allow vessels with Intersleek hull coating to earn tradable carbon credits by the amount of emission reductions they achieve.

Carbon credits are units of measurement where one credit represents the removal of a ton of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent from the atmosphere. The concept is the first of its kind and was created to promote the use of technologies that reduce the volume of CO₂ released into the atmosphere. Credits can be traded on the carbon markets in the same way as stocks and shares and therefore have intrinsic value.

The AkzoNobel carbon credits methodology is based on vessel owners converting existing yachts from a biocidal antifouling system, to a biocide-free hull coating such as Intersleek.

In early September, 17 vessels with the Intersleek hull coating became the first to earn tradable carbon credits worth an estimated \$750,000 (\$5.77 per credit). They have collectively earned 130,000 carbon credits after being painted with the low-resistance hull coating, reducing CO₂ and associated emissions by an average of 9% and preventing 130,000 tons of CO₂ from being released into the atmosphere. This is compared with emissions from ves-

sels with traditional antifouling hull coatings containing biocides.

Marion Verles, CEO at The Gold Standard Foundation said, "The first carbon credits will demonstrate the environmental and economic benefits of this scheme and hopefully accelerate uptake, thus supporting widespread adoption of more sustainable and eco-efficient practices in the industry."

MIAMI INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW UPDATE

Over the summer, plans for the Miami International Boat Show, scheduled in February 2016, have continued to move forward at the Miami Marine Stadium on Key Biscayne despite the legal suit brought forth by the village of Key Biscayne. Here is an update:

- One of the major concerns has been the amount of traffic crossing the Rickenbacker Causeway onto Key Biscayne. National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA), organizer of the show, has worked closely with the local police departments to develop a comprehensive transportation plan to keep traffic moving during the show. Free water taxis and shuttles will be provided from many location in the City of Miami.
- The village of Key Biscayne was concerned the floodgates

would open as more events are booked monthly or even weekly. The City of Miami has assured the village that no events have been planned.

- Environmental issues continued to be a hot button throughout the summer.
 - The Army Corps of Engineers flagged a permit in May, stating mitigation measures would be needed to offset the negative environmental effects of temporary docking in the basin for 90 days. Organizers continue to work closely with local, state and federal agencies to obtain the necessary permits.
 - In May, City of Miami workers illegally removed mangroves from 300 feet of shoreline near the stadium. Currently the county is drafting plans to restore the mangroves and mitigate for the destruction of 2,000 feet of canopy.
 - Environmental opponents of the project organized a protest on August 29, which had very low attendance. Organizers pointed to the approach of Tropical Storm Erika as the reason for the poor showing.

What is not in dispute is the economic impact the show will bring to the area. The show generates an estimated \$600 million in economic activity and supports 55,000 Florida jobs. Hotel bookings during this timeframe have already seen an increase over last year's show.

All at Sea will continue to monitor the progress made by both parties.



MTN APPOINTS GEORGE WHITEHOUSE AS DIRECTOR OF BD FOR YACHT SERVICES

MTN - an EMC company is pleased to announce George Whitehouse as its new director of business development for Yacht Services.

"George brings 30 years of yacht industry experience to our team," said Derik Wagner, senior vice president and president, Yacht Services, MTN. "George shares our vision to



bring best-in-class services to yachting, along with the highest levels of value, professionalism and integrity."

Whitehouse is responsible for creating new business opportunities and relationships that enhance the MTN client community, particularly in the large yacht segment. His role will include strategic relationship development with clients and partners to accelerate sales and expand the company's product portfolio. He will drive partnerships and synergize with marketing efforts to achieve short and long-term objectives of MTN and EMC.

Most recently, George was vice president of business development and sales for Rybovich in South Florida. There he also served as a consultant for captains and refit projects in addition to heading marketing. George has captained multiple megayachts, most recently the M/Y Floridian, a 230-foot Oceanfast. In addition, he has managed complex, multimillion-dollar projects for yacht builds and refits, as well as marina and harbor construction.

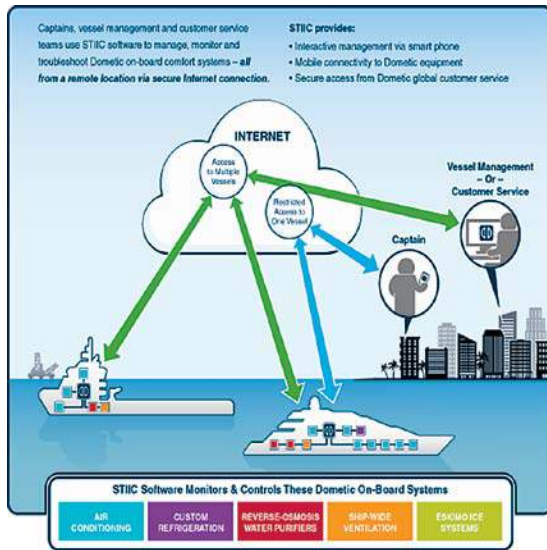
George currently maintains both USCG 1600 and MCA 3000 GRT licenses, and is a graduate of State University College at Cortland, New York.

DOMETIC STIIC NOW CONNECTS SIX ON-BOARD DOMETIC SYSTEMS

POMPANO BEACH – Dometic Marine, a division of Dometic Group announced the Dometic STIIC – the mobile-enabled Smart Touch Integrated Intelligence Control – now connects six on-board Dometic systems, including water purification, Eskimo ice machines, premium chillers, the VARC48 variable capacity chiller, refrigeration and climate control equipment.

STIIC, first unveiled in 2014, is revolutionary user-friendly software that allows boat owners – or their captains or technicians – to monitor all of a vessel's Dometic systems from one location, such as a car, office or beach house, via mobile phone, tablet, or computer. STIIC can be used to check a system's status, change settings, turn it on, turn it off, or diagnose a problem.

In the coming months, STIIC will be extended to support Dometic Ship-wide Ventilation Equipment – such as smoke and fire dampers, axial fans and blowers, and mist eliminators – as well as Sanitation Tank Management products and Fresh Air Makeup Units (FAMU), which bring fresh, conditioned air into lower decks of a vessel.



"STIIC is the first technology of its kind to offer owners and their crews full visibility and control over their on-board equipment and systems – all from the convenience of an app that works on a phone, tablet, or computer," said Doug Curtis, VP of Marketing at Dometic Americas.

The STIIC network automatically expands as new Dometic products are installed on-board. Use of the STIIC interface is always optional and can be bypassed at any time since each Dometic system retains its independent controls for hands-on operation on-board.

The Dometic STIIC mobile intelligence software also simplifies the integration of ship-wide network control systems. Instead of developing an interface for each Dometic product, third-party software developers only need one connection point to STIIC.

PROPOSED MEGA-YACHT MARINA IN DANIA BEACH

The Sun Sentinel has reported the Edelman Development Corporation in Weston, Fla., plans to purchase nearly five acres of waterfront land in Dania Beach to build a new marina for mega-yachts. The proposed marina will have 2,400 linear feet of dock space which could accommodate yachts to 200 feet. With the Dania Beach Cut dredging complete, mega-yachts will have no problem reaching the new marina from the Atlantic Ocean.

The proposed plan is currently awaiting final approvals from Dania Beach. Developers hope to purchase the northern part of the parcel by early 2016 and then complete excavation and install fixed and floating docks over the year with an estimated opening date in 2017.

The marina will provide short term and long term contracts to park, giving yacht owners greater flexibility. With the influx of yachts arriving at the "Yachting Capital of the World" in the fall for the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show and to prepare the yachts for the Caribbean season, parking for larger vessels is scarce. This proposed marina shows the strength of the boating industry in Broward County which in 2014 supported more than 110,000 jobs and produced an economic impact topping \$8.8 billion, according to the Marine Industries Association of South Florida.

FWC APPROVES BARRACUDA CONSERVATION MEASURES

At its September 3 meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved new recreational and commercial bag limits for barracuda for waters off south Florida.

The changes will apply in state and federal waters off Collier, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Broward, Palm Beach and Martin counties only, and will include:

- Recreational and commercial daily bag limit of two fish per person.
- Recreational and commercial daily vessel limit of six fish per vessel.

In recent years, stakeholders who fish and dive in southeast Florida and the Florida Keys have voiced concerns about seeing declines in barracuda numbers. FWC staff gathered additional public input at a series of workshops earlier this year. The FWC is responding to these concerns by creating bag limits to prevent further declines and conserve barracuda in the region.

The original proposal also included barracuda size limits, however the FWC wants to gather more input from stakeholders before creating additional limits. FWC staff will conduct another series of workshops in south Florida to gather more public input before considering any additional management measures.

These new limits will be effective November 1, 2015.

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CENTER CONSOLE SHOW BOATS

BOATING BY GLENN HAYES



Anyone visiting the Fort Lauderdale Boat Show in November will see a wide array of yachts from coastal cruisers to mega yachts towering over the floating docks. The show also provides docks full of ever more popular, powerful and luxurious center consoles. These stunning craft boast double, triple quad and even quintuple outboards and are furnished with luxuries previously only found on the most expensive yachts. Some of these boats are proudly designed and built in South Florida.

One builder that will show off such craft is Midnight Express. The family-owned business operating out of its 40,000 square foot manufacturing facility in Fort Lauderdale is well known for its high performance multi-engine luxury center consoles. The new model being unveiled at the show and being kept under tight wraps, is sure to be a showstopper. If the tech-

nologically advanced Quintessence 43 introduced earlier this summer is any indication, the debut will certainly turn heads. The Quint43, a 43-foot center console with a 12'5" beam, may be pushed by up to 5 – that's right, 5 – 400 hp Mercury Racing Verado Outboards and controlled with a revolutionary new simplified dual lever control system known as ErgoEngine Control. Capable of 90 mph speeds, this center console will get you there at incredible speeds while you enjoy an amazing ride with simple operation. Midnight Express will have several boats on display, such as the stunning Ulysse Nardin edition, along with their debut model. Stop by and check out their latest beauty that "involves innovation at the highest level."

Another South Florida offshore center console builder with a reputation for great quality, solid performance and excellent customer service is Bahama Boat Works of West Palm Beach. Visitors



The Quint43 under way

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to the show will be able to view the newest member of the Bahama family, the Bahama 34. Offered as a "more nimble and affordable" version of the larger B37 and B41 models, the 35'1" center console with a 10' 6" beam is capable of over 50 mph speeds with twin 300 hp outboards. It has an engine capacity of up to 1050 hp and a 400-gallon fuel capacity. Although smaller than the other models offered by Bahama, it is a very capable and roomy offshore fishing craft chock full of standard features including 6'6" headroom in the console cabin. With an extensive options list, this model can be configured exactly to the client's needs. Built to very high standards using the latest technology and with safety being the first design criterion, the Bahama 34 can offer her pilot confidence offshore aboard this new model.

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If you are in the market for a solid, functional and luxurious center console, or just want to dream a little, there will be plenty to see at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, including some fine examples of South Florida craftsmanship. 

KEYS KIDS CATCH'EM UP AT THE 18TH ANNUAL DERBY

FISHING



17 kids from the Keys, all ten years old and younger, participated in the 18th Annual Keys Kids Fishing Derby on September 27. Hosted at the Lorelei in Islamorada with local businesses filling ditty bags full of goodies, including a fishing rod from Fish Florida, the eager anglers had their lines in the water by 9:00 a.m.

"The Keys Kids Derby's main purpose is to educate young anglers," stated tournament director Dianne Harbaugh. "This is the best day of the year, just watching these kids have fun

catching and releasing fish. There, many kids that get to catch their first fish!"

The anglers could fish in one of three different divisions – Offshore, Shoreline or Backcountry – with awards given for three different age groups within each division. The Grand Champion Angler Beau Vaeth, age 10, tipped the scales with a 36.4 pound Amberjack, the largest fish in the tournament. The Most Outstanding Catch awards went to Harlee Beeler with a 25 inch snook and Tyler Mell with a 32 inch Redfish; both fish were released.

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VERO BEACH WELCOMES CRUISERS AT THANKSGIVING WITH POTLUCK

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL BAREUTHER



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Instant friends, a cruising family atmosphere and turkey to boot are what make Vero Beach, Florida, the place to be on Thanksgiving. For the past two plus decades, cruisers from as far away as the Canadian Maritimes, the UK and Germany have joined with those migrating from the U.S. East Coast en route to the Bahamas and Caribbean to celebrate this thankful holiday in such a cruiser-friendly city. This year, the Cruisers Thanksgiving Potluck takes place on November 26 at the Vero Beach Municipal Marina.

Vero Beach's long-standing popularity with cruisers lies in its location. First, it's regarded as the 'gateway to the tropics' due to its balmy climate that supports a mix of pines and palms. Second, this town of 15,000 people sits right on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, the popular thoroughfare many cruisers use to travel south each fall. The Vero Beach Municipal Marina, in fact, is located at ICW mile marker 139.

"Everywhere we sailed down the ICW, whether it was Charleston or Elizabeth City or Savannah, we heard people say that if they missed their families and couldn't practically visit for the one day holiday, there was a place they could go in Vero Beach," explains Kathie Bergen-Grove, from Sea Bright, N.J., who cruises south each winter with husband, Charlie, first on their 44' Gulfstar and now on the 45-foot power Med yacht, *My Time Too*. "The Cruisers Thanksgiving Potluck has grown by word of mouth by leaps and bounds. A lot of first-timers don't like to be tied up three boats on a mooring at the marina, but there's nothing like it. You soon become best friends for life with your mooring mates, plus it's a way for first-timers to go over charts, talk anchorages and discuss their upcoming sail south with veterans.

"The Potluck started several years ago," Bergen-Grove tells, "when seven cruisers were serendipitously marina-



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POMPANO BEACH, FL
DECEMBER 9 - 13
 Operation Sailfish
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bound in Vero Beach over Thanksgiving due to a storm. The informal septet has grown into a party totaling 175 cruisers last year."

One of the big reasons for the growth and success of this all-volunteer holiday meal is marina manager and harbor master Tim Grabenbauer's securing of a municipal building stocked with tables and chairs that is five minutes away by walk or dinghy ride from the marina. This enables all festivities to go under cover in case of rain, a curve ball Mother Nature threw at some of the first Thanksgiving Potlucks held at picnic tables outside. Another huge element that makes this feast so fantastic is a strong community of CLODs (cruisers living on dirt) ashore.

"Cruisers don't have enough room in their ovens to cook a turkey or ham, so I put out an e-mail to our fellow CLODs

asking for the donation of this main course," says Ann Catchick. She, with husband Jim earned the 2015 Bateman Domestic Cruising Station of the Year Award from the Seven Seas Cruising Association for their work as Vero Beach Cruising Station hosts and especially the Thanksgiving meals they have orchestrated. "It used to be four to five turkeys and a ham. Now, I ask for seven each of turkeys and hams and I always get them. Our fellow CLODs buy, roast, carve and deliver on time to the municipal building. Some bring gravy, or a special stuffing. One last year also brought 15 pounds of homemade mashed potatoes. The cruisers each bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert. There's a sign-up list in the marina office."

This year's Cruisers Thanksgiving Potluck, like those in past years, will start off with a morning Flea Market outside the municipal building where the big meal will be hosted. The holiday dinner follows, starting at 2 p.m. Afterwards, many of the musically-inclined cruisers grab their instruments and put on a post-prandial jam.

Bergen-Grove proudly boasts, "Last year we had tables out on the porch and some cruisers went back to their boats to bring more chairs. We never turn anyone away. There is always room for one or two more."



MORE THAN JUST A SAILING CLUB

SAILING BY ANN EICHENMULLER
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Racing at Upper Keys Sailing Club

Imagine a sailing regatta in which the fleet spends the first day of the race swinging nine irons instead of hoisting spinnakers. That is exactly what spectators of The Upper Keys Sailing Club's Flail and Sail event on Dec. 5 and 6 can expect to see. This unusual race begins, not on the water, but on the golf course, and it is one of the many ways in which UKSC is unique.

"Well, we're 'Keysie'," admits the Club's Rear Commodore, Sara Kahler.

By that she means that the atmosphere is intentionally laid back, with less emphasis on pomp and tradition and much more on fun and friendship. From its founding in 1973 by a handful of local sailing families, the Club's mission has always been socializing and sharing a love of the sport. The new group started by holding races wherever they could launch

their self-proclaimed "rag fleet," all the while growing in membership and support. They received their charter from the state of Florida in 1975 and then began the search for a place to call their own.

In 1977 the Club purchased a site on Buttonwood Sound in Key Largo. Today, the Club's property includes a conch-style clubhouse with a full bar and wide porches, a dockmaster's cottage, dry and trailered boat storage, and a main dock and dinghy dock for members' use. The location on the protected six foot waters of Buttonwood Sound provides the perfect venue for racing of all but the largest boats, and the jetty is a prime spot for onlookers to catch all of the action. In fact, most of UKSC-sponsored regattas take place within view of the clubhouse.

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Black Betsy on the 7th, a destination race to the Black Betsy Keys south and west of the clubhouse for PHRF boats. At the race's end, many of the cruising boats taking part often raft up and spend the night swinging on the hook. This is followed by the Dockmasters' Regatta November 14 and 15, a race spotlighting the club's caretakers, that includes a boat-building contest using recycled materials. The aptly named Flail and Sail takes place December 5 and 6, with Saturday spent on the links in a best-ball golf tournament and Sunday on the water in a PHRF race. In addition to these events, there is a regular schedule of "small boat" races, as well regattas for outside clubs, including the Force Five Midwinters, a Catboat Rendezvous, the Buccaneers and Mutineers, and the Dead Dogs & Tin Whistles Regatta.

As any member will be quick to point out, it is not just the casual atmosphere, the busy racing schedule, or even the incredible sunset view that makes UKSC special. Its real strength is the people.

"Many of our members don't have family close by," observes Kahler, whose own daughter lives in Texas. "The Club becomes a big part of our lives, filling something that otherwise would be missing."



This closeness has translated into an unbreakable spirit evidenced by UKSC's response to adversity. When Hurricane Wilma destroyed the docks, members rallied not only to replace what was damaged but to make improvements as well. Whenever help is needed, whether for an individual or for the Club as a whole, members can be counted on to respond.

All of which makes UKSC more than just a sailing club, it makes them a family – and that really is unique.

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TOP SHELF VS. BOTTOM SHELF RUM

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

When it comes to purchasing a mixing rum we typically go bottom shelf, reserving our cash for the finer sipping rums. That philosophy recently got us thinking. Is a more expensive, top shelf rum worth the extra money and could we actually tell the difference in a basic Rum and Coke?

Bacardi Superior, a Cuban style rum dating back to 1862, has long been the benchmark for a proper Rum and Coke. On our local shelves, the price of a 750 ml bottle averages \$11.00. That's just a few dollars less than what we typically pay for a 1.75 liter of mixing rum. For this test we opened up our wallets to purchase one bottle of Bacardi and one bottle of American Pride Silver — a U.S.A., made rum at \$7.00 / 750 ml.



To create a controlled, blind taste test, Terry filled four glasses with equal amounts of ice, 2 ounces of rum, and each topped with Coke made from pure cane sugar, two drinks with Bacardi and two with American Pride. Each Bacardi glass had a piece of tape on the bottom to distinguish from the American Pride. Terry then gave Clint his two drinks indicating which would be his test one and test two. Clint then mixed up the remaining two glasses behind Terry's back, then presented to her. Let the test begin.

HE SAID

Drink number one has a very strong alcohol taste that overpowers the sweetness of the Coke. This tastes more like a Coke and whiskey instead of rum. Drink two has a mellow, smooth, rum taste which compliments the Coke. This is a true Rum and Coke.

Drink One = American Pride
Drink Two = Bacardi

SHE SAID

My drink one also has a very overpowering alcohol taste. The soda mixer in this could be generic for all I know. There is no sweetness here, only bitter. I don't even want to finish. Drink two is a more balanced cocktail which is pleasant to sip with no aftertaste. Very enjoyable.

Drink One = Bacardi
Drink Two = American Pride

Holy Moly. We didn't expect those results. We pulled in our friends who were more than happy to do the same blind taste test.


FRIENDS

Drink one has an initial bite which lasts straight through to the finish leaving a bitter aftertaste. We wouldn't think this was a rum and

Coke if you hadn't told us. Drink two is sweet, smooth and enjoyable. More please.

Drink One = Bacardi
Drink Two = American Pride

CONCLUSION

If three out of four chose the cheaper American Pride over the Bacardi Silver, does that mean the Bacardi is not worth the extra money? Not so fast. Maybe more testing is needed with cleaner cocktails such as the Mojito. For now, we'll put our liquor budget into fine sipping rums. 

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.