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"Bouncer" Smith





# SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS



## HYDROFOILS INC. COMPLETES TESTING ON 50-FOOT HIGH-SPEED BOAT

RIVIERA BEACH -- Hydrofoils Incorporated, a 60-year innovator in high-speed marine design and technology, has successfully completed testing of its prototype for the new 50-foot high-speed super boat.

The Interceptor will be powered by twin 1800hp gas turbine/electric hybrid engines built by Turbine Marine Incorporated, a worldwide leader in turbine power and applications. This combination will provide a total of 3600hp for cruising speeds in excess of 100 knots, and up to 400hp of eco-friendly electronic drive for silent harbor maneuvering. "This collaboration of technologies is a perfect match for the future of high-speed commercial and pleasure craft," said John Arruda, President of Turbine Marine Inc.

Compared to other high-performance marine vehicles using existing technology, the Interceptor provides a much more stable ride and is 20-30 percent more fuel efficient. The main cabin rides above the water and is not subject to wave impact and drag, thus producing a minimal wake. The double-hulled construction will float fully awash with all hatches open and exceeds all United States Coast Guard safety requirements. Additionally, this vehicle is much safer than existing marine designs as the engines, fuel, A/C units, batteries and associated noise, heat and safety concerns are located outside the main hull. The 60 years of proprietary technology incorporated into the Interceptor provide for a balanced, stable and safe marine platform at extreme speed.

She can be ABS, DNV or HSC certified and can be configured

as a pleasure craft, defense, rescue/interdiction or commuter vehicle with various payloads and capacities.

Added Ken Cook, CEO of Hydrofoils Incorporated, "This is a real game changer for travel on water. It finally allows marine transportation to be truly competitive with rail and motor vehicle traffic in a comfortable, safe and fuel efficient mode."

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## LAUDERDALE MARINE CENTER BEGINS RENOVATIONS

Lauderdale Marine Center will begin renovations in February. The \$4 million renovation will expand the boatyard capacity to accommodate six additional yachts as large as 150 feet, including multi-phase, multi-voltage power capabilities of as much as 480 volts, and additional vehicle parking.

Renovations at the adjacent River Bend Marine Center also are scheduled to begin, and will include new drainage, paving of the upland boat storage area and new landscaping as preparations are made to incorporate the property into the Lauderdale center.

"These capital improvements will help us increase the number of large yachts we are able to service at LMC, which in turn will help bring more marine business to Fort Lauderdale," said Thad Paul, managing director of The Carlyle Group.

Lauderdale Marine Center also announced new hires to three positions. Doug West was named president; Kurt Winselmann,

controller; and Jennifer Lang, operations director of the marina.

"The addition of Doug West, Kurt Winselmann and Jennifer Lang to our team helps round out our management team since we acquired the property in July, and each will help us bring the property to the next level in terms of leadership, finance and operations," states Paul.



### **MIA SF MOURNS LOSS OF INDUSTRY LEADER**

MIA SF Executive Director Frank Herhold, who served as the Marine Industries Association of South Florida's executive director from 1990 - 2010, passed on Dec. 5, 2015. He was 76.

The marine industry wasn't just a career for Herhold, it was his life. MIA SF's members weren't just members, they were his friends, and the association is better today because of his efforts.



During Herhold's tenure, MIA SF's membership more than doubled and the association became recognized nation-

ally as one of the predominant marine trade organizations. It was Herhold's unique ability to adapt to changing priorities that facilitated MIA SF's successes. His guidance saw the industry through a wide variety of challenges including the luxury tax, manatee and environmental regulation, development and growth of MIA SF's Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, removal of burdensome longshore insurance regulations, and many more.

Herhold was a strong advocate for family recreational boating, preserving our working waterfront and water access. He achieved gains in those areas by focusing on building strong relationships throughout the community.

Herhold belonged to several community organizations and sat on a number of boards, including the Fort Lauderdale Chamber of Commerce, Broward Alliance, and Winterfest, serving as commodore in the 2010 parade. He represented MIA SF interests with such groups as the Coast Guard Harbor Safety Committee, Coast Guard Area Maritime Security Committee and the U.S. Superyacht Association.


He is survived by his wife, Mary Jo, his daughter, Pam, and two grandchildren.




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## THE MIAMI BOAT SHOW IS A GO AS PLANNED

MIAMI - On December 15, 2015, the Miami-Dade County Commission voted 8 - 1 to approve some of the final permitting necessary for the Miami International Boat Show in February at the Miami Marine Stadium site on Virginia Key.

Significant opposition to the move included environmental groups and residents of Key Biscayne concerned with traffic, quality of life and environmental damage. The National Marine Manufacturers Association, which runs the international event, was granted a two-year permit to build 830 temporary wet slips and floating dockage for the event.

With the new venue come new features for the 75th anniversary of the show. State-of-the-art air conditioned tenting will house boats, engines, accessories and technology with more than 400 boats in a marina setting to demonstrate features and provide sea trials. On-the-water power boating and sailing workshops will be offered along with a new "Try It Cove" for kayaking and SUPs.

Traveling to the show will be a breeze. New, free park and ride options include dozens of pickup and drop off points for water taxi and shuttle bus service located throughout Miami. Attendees can board a water taxi or shuttle bus from mainland hotels, park & ride lots, and Metro Rail stations in Downtown, Brickell and Coconut Grove areas. Attendees can also take a free water taxi or shuttle bus to Strictly Sail Miami, a second location of the Miami Boat Show at Miamarina at Bayside.

*For all the new features and highlights, see the show's website at [www.MiamiBoatShow.com](http://www.MiamiBoatShow.com)*

## IDYLIC MELGES 32 CONDITIONS IN FT. LAUDERDALE

FT. LAUDERDALE - The sun finally arrived on Day Three of the 2015 Melges 32 National Championship hosted by the Lauderdale Yacht Club (LYC) and Bahia Mar Marina, with a NE breeze at 18-23 kts and 6-8 ft seas capping a wet, yet stellar weekend of racing. After a race committee boat confirmed conditions weren't too gnarly, the Melges 32 fleet put on their chin straps and made way to the racing area, taking notes from lessons learned from a humbling Day Two and applying them to the final day of racing.

As race seven of the eight race series began, minimizing tacks was a priority for most teams, as one bad wave during a maneuver could be very costly. Jason Carroll's Argo team led at



the first top mark followed closely by Giangiacomo Serena di Lapigio's *G-Spot* and Richard Goransson's *Inga*. The top five boats stayed tight after the first lap, then di Lapigio jumped into the passing lane at the next top mark and surfed to the victory in the first race of the day. Charging hard right behind was Ryan DeVos' *Volpe* which passed three boats on the final run. Carroll placed in third.

With the regatta victory secured based on results from the previous races, team Argo decided preserving their equipment was the prudent decision and took a victory sail into the Bahia Mar. The remaining fleet quickly started Race 8 with similar conditions and with five teams separated by single digit points, the podium was anything but decided. *Inga* showed stellar speed in the final race of the Championship, taking the bullet.

## FINAL RESULTS

*Argo* - Jason Carroll

*G-Spot* - Giangiacomo Serena di Lapigio

*Volpe* - Ryan DeVos

The Blue Water Series will continue in Fort Lauderdale with the 2016 Gold Cup February 12-14 and the 2016 Lauderdale Cup April 1-3, 2016.

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# CAPTAIN BOUNCER MAKES LIFELONG SMILES

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Bouncer's Dusky 33. Captain Bouncer's pride and joy.

South Florida is truly a world class fishing destination with a plethora of charter captains available who can get you hooked up with a wide variety of exciting fish. Any of these captains can create a memorable fishing excursion but only a very few can say they have been doing it successfully for almost 50 years. Captain Randolph "Bouncer" Smith is just such a captain. With a lifelong passion for fishing, a love for teaching and a desire to put a smile on his charter client's face, he is one of the most accomplished captains in South Florida.

Captain Bouncer's passion started early when his father and uncle introduced him to fishing in Michigan at the age of 5. He was immediately hooked and would fish off the dock if there was no room on the boat for him. In 1957 he moved to Miami and started fishing on his father's co-worker's boat, catching his first sailfish. It was at this point he says he was "gut hooked" on fishing. Industrious, at age 12 he began cleaning and filleting friends' catch, securing a paid position a year later on Sunny Isles Pier. At 15 he worked on party boats nights, weekends and sum-

One of Capt. Smith's best charter catches. A very rare Swordfish on a fly with Dr. Arostegui.

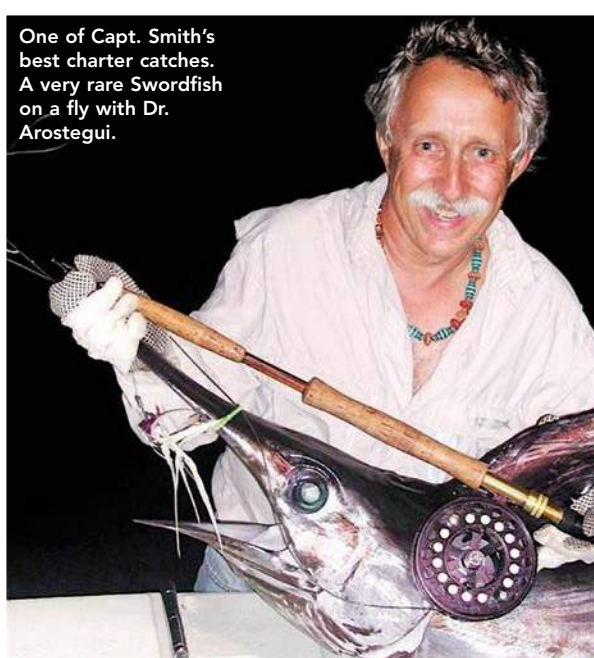


PHOTO COURTESY OF CAPTAIN BOUNCER SMITH.

mers, then upon graduation from high school he went to work on a head-boat. Within months he was working on a charter boat during the day and a head-boat at night six days a week from 7 in the morning to 2 a.m. the next day. Then he drove to the Keys

on his day off to fish their many bridges. He says "here we are 49 ½ years later and I still love every chance I get to go."

Captain Bouncer's enthusiasm is not restricted to just one type of fishing. With his Dusky 33 center console (a relationship he has had with the builder since 1979) docked at the Miami Beach Marina, the captain is right at the epicenter of fine fishing of all kinds in South Florida. Bouncer explained "we have all of Biscayne Bay feeding the ocean so it's really a prime location." He went on to explain that tarpon stop in the waters off Government Cut enjoying the warm water, extending the fantastic tarpon fishing. Combined with exceptional sword fishing, sail fishing, reef fishing, a base of 6 million residents and countless tourists, Bouncer has found himself fishing prime waters.

Whether you are a novice or an experienced angler after a specific catch, Bouncer has proved he can get it done. He is happy to teach his charter clients the tricks of the trade, and strives not to hook fish for his customers. A majority of Bouncer's clients are savvy anglers who want to go after a specific species, learn techniques or enjoy a certain style of fishing. Season permitting, on Bouncer's Dusky 33, clients can enjoy offshore fishing for marlin, sailfish, swordfish (even on a fly), dorado and other pelagic species. They can also fish for tarpon and reef fish. A visit to Bouncer's Facebook page illustrates the day-to-day variety of catches, including a Gold Coast Slam of sailfish, tarpon and mahi.

Captain Bouncer's list of tournament wins and fishing accomplishments is a long one. Standouts include the John Rybovich Lifetime Achievement Award from the Billfish Foundation, being one of the first to be inducted into the International Game and Fish Association's Legendary Captain And Crew and induction into the Miami International Boat Show's Hall of Fame. He credits all of his accomplishments to great clients and crew. Bouncer is also recognized as being an extraordinary fishing conservation leader and innovator, credited with getting circle hooks adopted as mandatory in billfish tournaments; that later became a federal requirement. With his love of the ocean and its inhabitants, Bouncer has a keen sense of conservation and a charitable heart.

The captain has worked with charities for years, such as The Make A Wish Foundation, Fish to Make A Difference, Jeb Bush Fishing Classic, The Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital and various veterans programs, by taking those in need of an escape from their illness, or battling back from physical issues for a day of fishing. He says it offers an escape from their day-to-day issues where patients and families alike can enjoy a day fishing without questions about ailments or problems. He says it is tremendously satisfying for him too. "It is really wonderful to watch the smiles that they reward you with. An awful lot of fun."

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

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305-360-6969

**POMPANO BEACH, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 18 – 21**  
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[www.bluewatermovements.com/salifish\\_challenge/](http://www.bluewatermovements.com/salifish_challenge/)



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Captain Bouncer Smith's enthusiasm for fishing is as strong today as it was when he was fishing from the dock as a boy with baloney. It is contagious. A day on the water with this legendary angler can not only produce a nice catch but a big smile too. 🐟



# THE BILLFISH FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

**FISHING** BY CAROL BAREUTHER  
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A group of concerned sports fishermen united three decades ago over an alarming revelation. While boats were bigger, technology better and tackle trailblazing in its design, they were catching fewer and fewer billfish. One among them, Winthrop 'Win' Rockefeller, had the name, resources and love of the sport to galvanize the group into action. In 1986, The Billfish Foundation (TBF) was founded. Its first offices operated out of Rockefeller's 1945-built offices at his Allied Marine yacht brokerage located on the Miami River. The foundation's first mission, and one which remains the non-profit's cornerstone, was to preserve these magnificent fish for future generations. Today TBF, which celebrates its pearl anniversary this year, is internationally renowned for its conservation of billfish populations worldwide.

"There weren't any formal science or stock assessments before TBF was founded," explains Michael Kelly, TBF's science and policy specialist. "Win funded the first ever stock assessment, worked with Dr. Eric Prince [research fisheries biologist who heads up NOAA's (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) billfish research in the Atlantic] to confirm depleted stocks, and helped to form the billfish working group at ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.)"

Research, education and advocacy are the three major methods TBF uses to protect billfish. The research component is especially huge. In 1990, TBF started its constituent based tagging programs. Currently, the organization's Tag and Release Program is the largest private international billfish-tagging program in the world with over 224,000 records.

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# INTERNATIONAL TAGGING COMPETITION

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## TOP RELEASE ANGLERS – ATLANTIC

Blue Marlin – Gray Ingram – Jupiter

## TOP RELEASE ANGLERS – PACIFIC

Sailfish – Gray Ingram – Jupiter

## TOP RELEASE CAPTAINS – ATLANTIC

Blue Marlin – Ronnie Fields – Lake Park

Sailfish – Dean Panos – Pembroke Pines

## OVERALL TAGGING WINNERS:

### TOP OVERALL TAGGING CAPTAIN

Chris Sheeder – Palmetto Bay

## TOP TAGGING ANGLERS – ATLANTIC

Blue Marlin – Gray Ingram – Jupiter

Swordfish – Richard Gudoian – Key Largo

## TOP TAGGING CAPTAINS – ATLANTIC

Blue Marlin – Ronnie Fields – Lake Park

Swordfish – Sean O'Connor – Key Largo

## TOP TAGGING CAPTAINS – PACIFIC

Sailfish – Chris Sheeder – Palmetto Bay

## YOUTH WINNERS:

### TOP TAGGING

#### **Ages 8 & Under**

Sebastian Ortiz-Stoessel – Miami  
*Runner-Up*

#### **Ages 13-15**

Shawn MacMullin – Key Largo  
*Runner-Up*

## TOP RELEASE

#### **Ages 11-12**

Cameron Johnson – Davie

#### **Ages 16-17**

Samuel Yohanan – Lighthouse Point

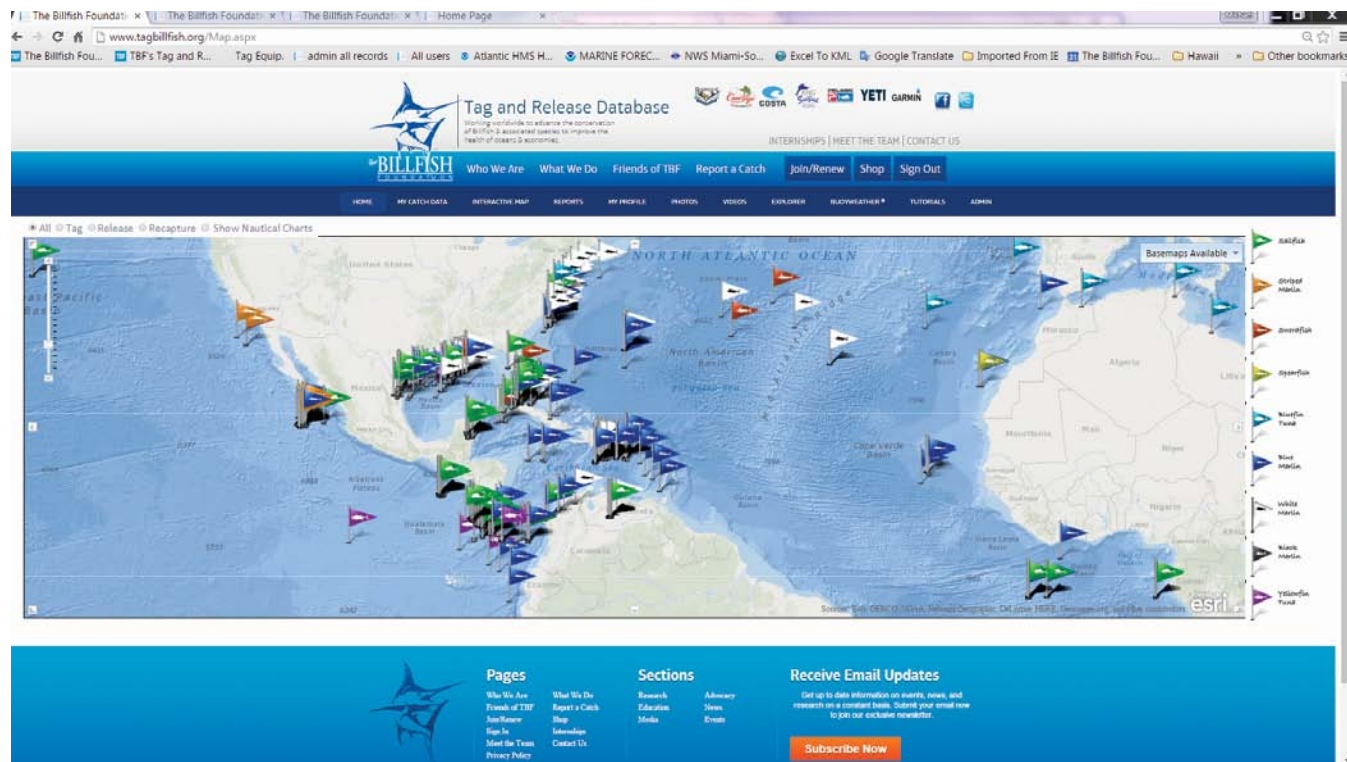
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The most fascinating of the biologic data is recapture information showing where billfish swim during their lives. For example, TBF research shows most sailfish tagged off South Florida are recaptured some 50 miles from where they were first caught. However, studies show that some of these fish have been recaptured further afield along the U.S. eastern seaboard, in the Gulf of Mexico, throughout the Caribbean and even as far south as Venezuela. The socioeconomic data is fascinating too. A study funded by TBF found that for every angler who visited Panama to fish, a Panamanian job was created and the country's GDP went up by \$562 USD. Panama is a hot spot for many South Florida anglers either for fly in and fish vacations or for repositioning their boats for the winter season when sailfish are abundant.

TBF taps into sports fishermen's naturally competitive natures to keep its Tag and Release database growing by hosting its International Tagging Competition. Anglers, captains, crews and junior anglers earn trophies and bragging rights by tagging and releasing the most billfish each year. Winner's categories are by billfish species (black marlin, blue marlin, striped marlin, sailfish,

swordfish and spearfish), ocean (Atlantic, Pacific and Indian) and whether fish were tagged or not then released. These awards are presented annually at the Miami International Boat Show. In 2014, TBF started regional competitions in the Gulf of Mexico and South Florida. Boundaries for the South Florida contest are the Atlantic waters from Fort Pierce to Key West.

"TBF's new South Florida Sailfish Regional Competition recognizes the great billfishing here in South Florida. It offers categories for outstanding fishing accomplishments for everyone from professional tournament winning anglers and captains to weekend warriors. In addition, there are five age categories for junior anglers, and a lady angler category," says Kelly.

Finally, the year of TBF's 30th anniversary, it's a good time to clear up three common misconceptions about the organization.

"First, we're not fish huggers. The big picture is responsible management and a responsible use of resources," says Kelly. "Secondly, we don't sell tag data. There was a rumor when we first started that we would sell the data to the highest commercial fisheries bidder. In reality, we are transparent with the data; it's available online. Third, you don't have to be a member of TBF to record tag and release information. We want the most data possible so we make it easy for all sports fishermen to submit their tag and release reports. After all, this research data helps to shape our billfish education and advocacy efforts." 





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# THE 52ND ANNUAL ISLAMORADA SAILFISH TOURNAMENT

FISHING PHOTOS BY TIM RAHN



**T**orrential rains did not deter anglers in the 52nd Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament during the kick off December 3 at Whale Harbor Restaurants and Marina. Nineteen boats with 82 anglers pursued Sailfish over the three day tournament. *One Up* was declared the winner with a total of 14 Sailfish releases, taking home over \$23,000 in prize money. Captain JC Cleare with mates Ryan Alexander and Eric Darvill, anglers Doug Mientkiewicz of Islamorada, along with Michelle Beltran, Rudy Espinosa, Rudy Espinosa Jr, Reggie Rodriguez, and Max Tower all from Miami, were awarded beautiful Sailfish trophies sponsored by Tackle Center of Islamorada.

The Islamorada Sailfish Tournament is the first leg of the Florida Keys Gold Cup Sailfish Championship. The *One Up* is currently in the lead with 14 fish followed by *Relentless* with 12 releases and *Silent Hunter* with 9 releases. The next leg of the series is the Cheeca Lodge Presidential Sailfish Tournament

January 14 - 16. The champions will be crowned at the Islamorada Fishing Clubs Sailfish Tournament on January 21, 2016.

More information on the Islamorada Sailfish Tournament can be found on the web site [www.islamoradasailfishtournament.com](http://www.islamoradasailfishtournament.com)

## OTHER WINNERS

**Top Angler**  
 Doug Mientkiewicz

**Most Tagged Fish**  
 Challenger 2

**Top Lady Angler**  
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**Most Outstanding Catch**  
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Pompano Beach's Monthly Raft up Lake Boca

Florida is a boater's paradise, with approximately 8,250 miles of tidal coastline, 1,700 miles of rivers and streams, and 3 million acres of lakes, but for the unprepared, it can also be a boater's nightmare. Nationwide, eighty percent of boating fatalities are attributed to individuals who did not receive any boating education. Which is why Marshall Bellin, commander of the Pompano Beach Sail and Power Squadron, isn't exaggerating when he says, "This class really can save your life."

Bellin is talking about the American Boating Course, a basic boating safety class which fulfills the 2010 Florida mandate requiring anyone born on or after January 1, 1988 to have a valid Boating Safety Education ID Card to operate a motorized vessel of 10 horsepower or greater. This class is one of more than 25 classes available through Pompano and the other 14 squadrons which make up the United States Power Squadron's District 8, covering an area from Sebastian Inlet to Key West. All classes are taught by volunteer members and are open to the public for only the cost of materials.

"Education is an important part of what we do," notes Joan Wallin, a member of the Key West Sail and Power Squadron. It isn't just limited to classroom instruction.

Volunteering at Dania Beach Marine flea market



COURTESY OF JAMES MCENTEE

There is the Practical On-the-Water Training Seminar, a week-end course which includes actual experience in boat handling, perfect for new boat owners or anyone who doesn't feel confident maneuvering around obstacles or backing into a slip. And because a part of boater education is knowing how to equip your own boat properly for safe operation, the Power Squadrons also perform annual vessel safety checks free of charge, identifying common problems such as defective life jackets, malfunctioning horns and navigation lights, fire extinguishers that need servicing, and flares that are out of date. Armed with this information, boaters can make the



necessary fixes before tragedies occur—and avoid receiving a ticket. Other safe boating events and demonstrations include a high tech fire simulator which allows participants to practice the correct use of fire extinguishers, and the popular Paddle Smart program for paddlers of all ages.

"It is always a thrill to see people learn something new," says Bellin, who counts the time he spends teaching USPS courses among his most rewarding experiences.

In fact, many active Power Squadron members like Bellin began as students and found they enjoyed the camaraderie of other boaters. While education is an important piece of the overall mission of the USPS, so is socialization. From Pompano's Thirsty Thursday to Key West's sunset potluck, each squadron offers frequent opportunities for members to get together, swap fish stories, and have fun. Bellin pointed out that the USPS motto is "Come for the boating education—stay for the friends." Wallin agrees. When asked what was best about being a Power Squadron member, her answer was immediate. "It's the people," she said.

While each squadron has a unique personality, all share a love of boating. This sentiment is the foundation of USPS social activities. Local cruises are popular pastimes, with day trips to snorkel on nearby reefs, full moon raft-ups, and weekend rendezvous to resort marinas as well as pristine islands. Other marine activities include sponsoring and participating in community-wide events like the Florida Keys Community College Swim Around Key West, a 12.5 mile open water swim for which the Key West squadron provides boats as rest and first aid stations along the route. Then there is Coral Ridge's Clam-a-Rama Clam Dig Weekend, the Sebastian Inlet clean-up, numerous Catch and Keep or Release fishing tournaments, and of course, Christmas lighted boat parades.

There are land activities as well, ranging from the formal Change of Watch balls held annually to informal picnics and cookouts like Pompano's Dogs on the Dock event. Each squadron also holds a monthly dinner meeting with informative guest speakers on topics ranging from Caribbean cruising to techniques for catching more fish. Many of squadrons sponsor nautical flea markets that are open to the public, providing local boaters the opportunity to clean out their lockers and swap out their trash for treasure. Finally, there are district and national conferences, allowing boaters to share their knowledge of the sea.

And it is that knowledge borne of experience that is the greatest benefit of being a member of the United States Power Squadrons. Bellin tells of being caught in sudden squall in the Florida Bay. "It was really rough, five foot seas in four feet

## BOAT SHOW

**MIAMI, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 11 – 15**  
Yachts Miami Beach  
[www.showmanagement.com](http://www.showmanagement.com)

**FEBRUARY 11 – 15**  
Miami International  
Boat Show  
[www.miamiboatshow.com](http://www.miamiboatshow.com)

**NAPLES, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 25 – 28**  
Bonita Springs Boat Show  
[www.swfmia.com](http://www.swfmia.com)

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL**  
**MARCH 17 – 20**  
Palm Beach  
International Boat Show  
[www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-international-boat-show-2016/](http://www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-international-boat-show-2016/)

## POKER RUN

**MIAMI, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 28 – 21**  
Miami Boat Show  
Poker Run  
[flpowerboat.com/project/miami-boat-show-poker-run/](http://flpowerboat.com/project/miami-boat-show-poker-run/)  
954-545-1414

## NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

**WEST PALM BEACH, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 13 – 14**  
Palm Beach Marine Flea Market and Boat Sale  
[www.FLNauticalFleaMarket.com](http://www.FLNauticalFleaMarket.com)  
954-205-7813

**ISLAMORADA, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 20 – 21**  
21st Annual Gigantic Nautical Flea Market  
[www.giganticnauticalfleamarket.org](http://www.giganticnauticalfleamarket.org)  
[giganticnauticalmarket@gmail.com](mailto:giganticnauticalmarket@gmail.com)

**SAILING REGATTA**  
**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 12 – 14**  
Melges Gold Cup  
[www.melges32.com](http://www.melges32.com)

**MIAMI, FL**  
**FEBRUARY 10 – 14**  
Miami to Havana  
[www.havanarace.org/](http://www.havanarace.org/)

**MARCH 6 – 12**  
Bacardi Miami  
Sailing Week  
[www.miamisailingweek.com/](http://www.miamisailingweek.com/)



Dinner meeting

COURTESY OF JAMES MCENTEE

of water, but I remembered what I had learned in my boating class, to cross the waves at a 45 degree angle. If I hadn't known that, I'm not sure we would have made it back in." He realized then what so many others have learned, that South Florida's Power Squadrons do far more than help fulfill boating requirements or host potluck suppers -- they save lives.

To learn more about your local United States Power Squadron, go to <http://usps.org/>

# CAPTAIN MORGAN WHITE RUM

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

After our review "Top Shelf vs. Bottom Shelf" hit the stands, reader John Sans wrote, "Please try the control test without using Bacardi. Though Bacardi may be the best selling rum in the world, that doesn't qualify it to be the best tasting... Maybe try the test next to Cruzan or even Captain Morgan White." Challenge accepted.

Until recently, ordering a Captain and Coke referred only to the use of Captain Morgan Original Spiced Rum. In early 2014 Diageo, producer of the Captain Morgan brand, released its first white rum entry into an extremely competitive market dominated by Bacardi. Captain Morgan White Rum is distilled five times, aged in oak barrels then filtered to strip away any color. For a white rum the nose is actually quite complex. We detect vanilla, molasses, a faint citrus and a bit of light spice.

Once again we created a controlled, blind taste test, but this time instead of making two drinks each we made one of each rum to share. Let's just say we learned something from the last test. After Terry mixed the drinks, then Clint did the switcheroo so neither one of us knew which rum we were drinking. Let the test begin.

## HE SAID

My test began with drink two. This drink seems out of balance but I'm not sure if it needed more rum or Coke. The rum is lost and the Coke reminds me of the Shasta Cola my parents use to buy. Drink one truly raises the bar. The Coke compliments the rum well, allowing the characteristics of the rum to shine. I definitely can tell this rum was aged in oak barrels. With each sip the complexity of the rum dances on my palate. Now I know why Terry left me so little.

## SHE SAID

While Clint was experiencing drink two I found myself enjoying drink one so much I needed to remind myself to save him some. The drink was very pleasing with notes of coffee and a hint of vanilla. With each sip another layer comes through. The Coke plays a good supporting role. Is drink two actually a rum and Coke? If I was served this drink in a bar I would send




it back as a mistake. There is not rum flavor at all nor is there a sweetness from the Coke. It's flat and unimaginative.

No surprise here:

- #1 Captain Morgan White
- #2 American Pride

## CONCLUSION

Clearly the Captain Morgan White wins hands down and yes Mr. Sans, far superior to Bacardi. There is a complexity to this rum which you don't often find in a white rum. Move over Bacardi, there's a new rum in town. 

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**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.