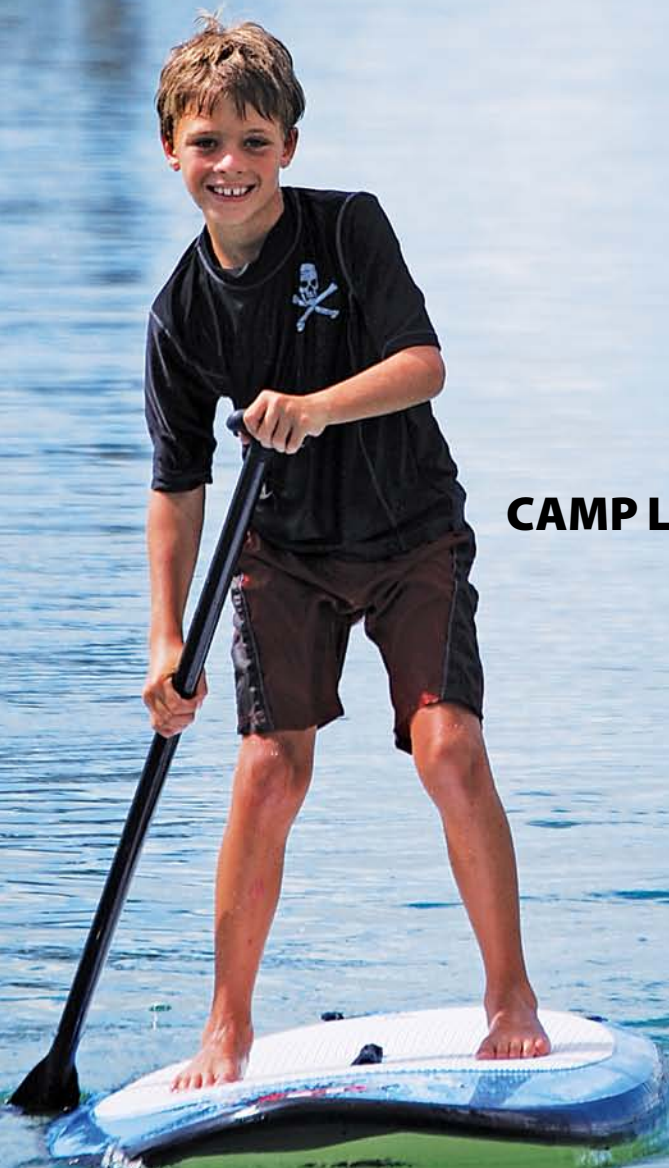


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## MIASF AND SHOW MANAGEMENT ANNOUNCE FLIBS AGREEMENT

**FORT LAUDERDALE** - The Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF) and Show Management have signed a 30-year agreement to produce the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show.

"Our marine industry has become a prominent job creator, and our region is a world-leading marine sales, refit and repair hub," said Phil Purcell, executive director of the MIASF, which owns the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. "This agreement assures the show's future leadership presence in our region and within the marine community."

Show Management specializes in boat show production and has been producing the FLIBS since 1976, the year the show moved to the Bahia Mar Yachting Center.

"The success of the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show has been made possible through the close partnership among the Marine Industries Association of South Florida, the City of Fort Lauderdale, Broward County, and Show Management," said Efrem "Skip" Zimbalist III, chairman of Active Interest Media and president of Show Management, which was pur-

chased by Active Interest Media in 2006. "It simply would not be possible without the dedication of all parties involved."

The 57th annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show will take place Nov. 3 through 7, 2016.



## NEW MARINE TRAVELIFT HELPS EXPAND BUSINESS FOR CORAL BAY MARINA

Marine Travelift Inc. announced that Coral Bay Marina in Islamorada, Fla., purchased a new 75 BFM II mobile boat hoist. This marks the company's third purchase of a Marine Travelift lifting solution, and already, Coral Bay is reporting a significant increase in operational efficiencies, and substantial business expansion.

Founded on the island's bay side in 1983, Coral Bay is a full-service marina and boatyard offering haul-out, pressure-spraying, bottom-painting, repairs, long- and short-term dry storage, 30-plus slips for transient and live-aboard customers, and amenities that include cable TV, WiFi, restrooms and

showers. With the new 75 BFM II, Coral Bay now can accommodate vessels up to 65 feet long and 19 feet wide.

According to Walter "Buddy" Collins, who purchased Coral Bay Marina with his late father, Walter Sr., the family-owned company's ongoing relationship with Marine Travelift has been critical to Coral Bay's growth. Coral Bay purchased its first mobile boat hoist in 1987.

"Our haul-out capabilities at the time were an old elevator lift and a converted, closed-end boxcar lift," Collins recalled. "Our first Marine Travelift mobile boat hoist was a used 1976 60-ton machine, which enabled us to expand and increase operations. The pleasant surprise was the available supply of parts and support from Marine Travelift." As the business continued to expand, however, the need for an even larger machine became apparent, so Coral Bay selected the new 75 BFM II.

"Over the years, we've noticed Marine Travelift keeps innovating with its designs while incorporating the latest technologies," Collins said. "This machine, like our prior machines, has been crucial to expanding our operations. And the customer

support, dealer network and parts supply has, as always, exceeded our expectations."

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## ANCHORING RESTRICTIONS PASS IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Florida Governor Scott signed into law House Bill 1051 Anchoring Limitation Areas which will restrict anchoring at five locations in Broward and Miami-Dade counties. The law will go into effect July 1, 2016.

Boating organizations Boat Owners Association of The United States (BoatUS) and Seven Seas Cruising Association (SSCA) worked tirelessly against this bill. Despite the setback BoatUS says it's looking forward to the results of the state's on-going Pilot Anchoring program this fall. The Florida Mooring and Anchoring Pilot Program, created through legislation in 2009, allowed five localities to experiment with anchoring ordinances to find practical recommendations to develop a uniform statewide anchoring solution. A report is due to be submitted to the Florida legislature by January 2017.

## MARINEMAX EXPANDS INTO LUXURY YACHT MANAGEMENT, CREW PLACEMENT & LUXURY CHARTER



At a special press event held at the Palm Beach International Boat Show, MarineMax announced they are expanding into yacht management, crew placement and charter of luxury megayachts. Bob Saxon Associates, has joined MarineMax as part of the new endeavor that will be headquartered at the MarineMax Yacht Center in Pompano Beach, Florida.

"We are excited to announce this strategic initiative," offered Bill McGill, MarineMax President and CEO. "Bob Saxon Associates is a natural fit for MarineMax, expanding the breadth of our offerings

into the rarefied sector of yacht management. With the business acumen of MarineMax propelling it, and Bob Saxon at the helm, MarineMax's new Mega Yacht affiliate will be seen as an instant worldwide industry leader in this sector."

With over 35 years of experience, Bob is well known and highly respected as an early innovator and is considered by many to be the patriarch of the yacht management industry. Throughout his career he has worked with some 3,000 yacht owners on a broad number of yachts and a diverse array of projects. He is well known among yacht owners, crew and industry peers as having the highest standards of integrity, fastidious attention to detail and relentless tenacity.

Bob is also the Founding President of the International Superyacht Society and was recently the recipient of that organization's "Lifetime Achievement Award." He is a licensed broker-manager, a member of the Executive Committee of the Florida Yacht Brokers Association and a leading industry spokesman and advocate. As an industry expert, Bob has been quoted by a wide range of leading media including the New York Times, Yachting, Showboats, The Economist, CNBC, and a number of other trade publications and media outlets.

Florida HB 1051 prohibits anchoring from a half hour after sunset until a half hour before sunrise on the Middle River N.E. 21st Court and the Intracoastal Waterway in Broward County; Sunset Lake in Miami-Dade County, and sections of Biscayne Bay in Miami-Dade County between Rivo Alto Island and Di Lido Island, San Marino Island and San Marco Island, and San Marco Island and Biscayne Island.

Several exceptions have been written into the law addressing vessel mechanical failure, weather conditions and commercial and recreational fishing.

Violators will be charged with a noncriminal infraction, cited for the infraction, and cited to appear before the county court. The civil penalty is \$50, except as otherwise noted. Any person who fails to appear or properly respond to the citation will be charged with failing to respond to the citation and, upon conviction, be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 or s. 775.083. A written warning to this effect will be provided at the time the citation is issued.

The bill contains a provision that will remove these anchoring restrictions once statewide anchoring regulations are enacted.



## INDUSTRY MOURNS PIONEER BOB DOUGHERTY


Bob Dougherty, a marine industry pioneer and legend, passed away peacefully with his family at his side on March 23, 2016 – he was 85. Nicknamed “Mr. Unsinkable,” he refined his craft of boat design and build with a steadfast philosophy:



people should be able to enjoy boating safely, regardless of sea conditions.

Bob first started building boats when he joined Boston Whaler in 1960 as Chief Engineer. Bob soon became Chief Designer and Senior Vice President of Engineering at Boston Whaler. Over 30 years, Bob was influential in the development and design of the Boston Whaler product line. Following his time at Boston Whaler, he started and built Edgewater Power Boats, which he ran until 1995, a stepping stone to what would become his lasting legacy at Everglades Boats.

Bob went on to build small parts and windshields for select industry partners before starting Everglades to build high end powerboats. Over the last 15 years, Everglades grew into the premier brands of offshore power boats ranging in size from 23 to 43’. Because of his vision and leadership, Everglades continues to build a full line of the best offshore fishing/family boats in the industry. Every boat that has come off the factory floor for the last 15 years, and every boat that will come off in the future, will be filled with Dougherty DNA, and will carry Bob’s legacy forever.

One of Bob’s favorite sayings was “Tight Lines,” a fishing term for good luck and good fortune. He lived his life as if a fish were always on the line, ready for the next challenge, with a can-do attitude that never quit. Bob Dougherty will be missed. 

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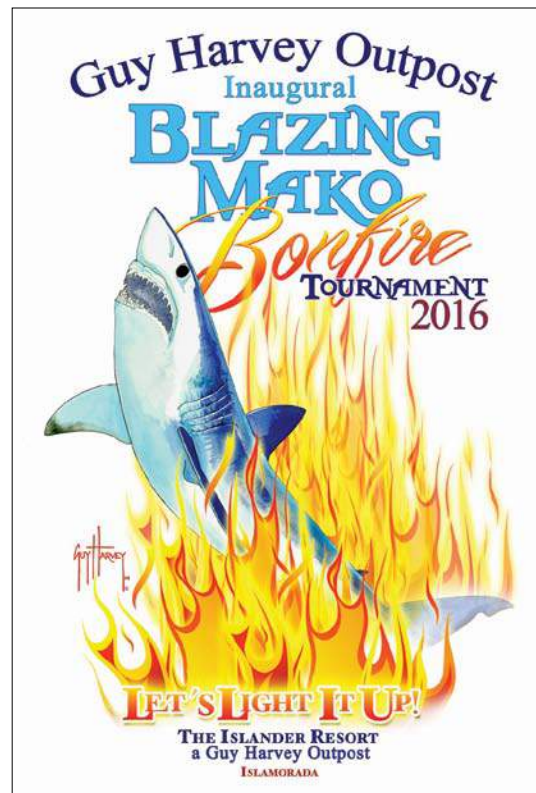


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# INAUGURAL BLAZING MAKO TOURNAMENT & FESTIVAL IN ISLAMORADA

## FISHING



The tranquil Florida Bay, known to anglers as “the backcountry,” is an environmentally-sensitive estuary, home to hundreds of species of marine life, including bonefish, redfish, snook, permit, sea trout and the mighty silver king tarpon. Chasing these trophies strung along the six islands that comprise Islamorada are thousands of anglers on flat and bay boats often accompanied by the world’s largest collection of tournament grade captains and guides.

“It’s truly the best place in the world to host a combination inshore and offshore sportfishing tournament,” said Captain Cliff Jensen, Director of Sport Fishing and Watersports for the Guy Harvey Outpost Resorts, which is managing the Father’s Day Blazing Mako Tournament & Festival scheduled for June 16-19 2016. “Islamorada is where sport fishing and saltwater fly fishing were pioneered.”

The goal of the non-profit tournament is to raise \$100,000 for marine sciences scholarships for Nova Southeastern University (NSU) Halmos College of National Sciences and Oceanography. The scholarship funds will be donated through the Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation (GHOF). Presenting sponsor (\$25,000) is C. Davis Electric, a longtime NSU patron from Broward County. To help achieve the goal Stu Apte, holder of more than 44 saltwater light tackle and fly rod world records, and local Captain Bouncer Smith, have graciously agreed to be auctioned to the highest bidding team for the inshore and offshore division (respectively.)

Angler House Marina will be the venue for launching inshore boats, and for a fishing seminar for backcountry tournament anglers. Host for the Blazing Mako Tournament and Festival is the historic Islander Resort, A Guy Harvey Outpost, where



offshore anglers will launch, as well as home for the Conchservation Festival.

One of the tournament and festival highlights will be the lighting of a steel framed sculpture of a mako shark. The Blazing Mako, which is being created by local Islamorada artist Pasta Pantaleo, is a signature of tournaments managed by Guy Harvey Resort Outposts, which has created a series of bonfire tournament events in the Bahamas over the past several years. The bonfire sculptures themselves have a conservation theme as artists have used recycled materials to create them.

In addition to the fishing tournament, expansive plans are underway for innovative art exhibits, live music (headlined by the Shane Duncan Band), conservation organization displays and local vendors, all showcased in a 100-tent "Conchservation Village" to be located at The Islander, a Guy Harvey Outpost Resort. Also planned are a series of watersport competitions, a Kids Pier Fishing Tournament, fishing seminars and a Rum Village.

For registration fees and auction information please visit [www.blazingmako.com](http://www.blazingmako.com)



## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

### ABACO, BAHAMAS

**MAY 4 - 7**

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Boat Harbour Championship  
[www.bahamasbillfish.com](http://www.bahamasbillfish.com)  
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**MAY 25 - 28**

Abaco Diamond Series -  
The Shootout  
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[skip@skipstournaments.com](mailto:skip@skipstournaments.com)  
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**JUN 8 - 11**

Abaco Diamond Series -  
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### BIMINI, BAHAMAS

**MAY 1 - JUNE 17**

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[skip@skipstournaments.com](mailto:skip@skipstournaments.com)  
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**MAY 26 - 29**

BBGC Tuna Dolphin Tournament  
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[info@biggameclubbimini.com](mailto:info@biggameclubbimini.com)  
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### HARBOUR ISLAND, BAHAMAS

**MAY 30 - JUNE 3**

Harbour Island Championship  
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**JUNE 1 - 4**


Harbour Island Championship  
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### POMPANO BEACH, FL

**MAY 5 - 8**

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# ADVENTURERS WANTED; ADULTS NEED NOT APPLY

**LIFESTYLE** BY ANN EICHENMULLER  
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Perhaps the day will begin with the hush of still water as your paddle dips quietly right and left, or with the bright flash of fins as a parrot fish darts past your mask. Later, you might listen to the exploits of the Shark Whisperer, or swim in the cave-like grottoes of the Venetian Pool. But before you call your travel agent, check your birth date. Unless you are under 17, you can't book this vacation, because this isn't an eco-adventure resort—this is summer camp.

Camp Live Oak is an innovative partnership between a day camp program and the Florida State Parks that combines outdoor sports and activities with an environmental theme. Offered in three South Florida locations (North Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, and Dania Beach), Camp Live Oak's goal is to help its campers understand and interact with the unique ecosystems that exist in our own backyard.

"Today, all of us—but kids especially—get wrapped up in technology, and sometimes getting down to basics, getting outside and just appreciating Mother Nature, gets forgotten," notes Associate Director Susanna Coleman.





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The camp offers unique programs for children ages 5-13 as well as a Teen Eco program for ages 14-16. It is one of only a few day camps in Broward and Dade counties to be accredited by the American Camping Association, meaning it meets or exceeds over 300 standards of health and safety, programming, staffing and accountability set by ACA. The head staff is comprised of certified teachers and environmental specialists chosen both for their expertise and for their passion for the summer camp experience.

Does your child love everything about the water? Camp Live Oak's Science of the Sea Camp at Dania Beach provides interactive science activities that will awaken the oceanographer or marine biologist in every camper. The camp is divided into three-week sessions (June 13-July 1, July 4-22, and August 1-19). Each includes specific weekly themes like shark week, turtle week, and a study of the coral reef ecosystem. Learning is hands-on, as campers investigate their environment through dip/cast and seine netting, crab-trapping, and water-testing. Campers explore the park's waterways by canoe, kayak, and even SUP (stand-up paddleboard) while discovering how estuaries serve as nurseries and why mangrove trees mean so much to South Florida's ecosystem.

Like the Dania Beach camp, the programs in Ft. Lauderdale and North Miami are also divided into three-week sessions incorporating environmental themes. Campers explore ancient history, become amateur geographers and paleontologists, and learn about the earliest natives to walk these beaches. Each week features an on-site adventure or a field trip outside of the park, like hiking on Peanut Island, a visit to History Museum Miami, or a Biscayne Bay Expedition. All three camps include a trip to the 820,000 gallon spring-fed Venetian Pool in Coral Gables. The most popular week of the summer is the Ocean Quest week, held July 25-29, which features a snorkeling trip to John Pennekamp State Park's famous coral reef.



For teens 14-16, Camp Live Oak offers an opportunity to develop leadership skills and log community service hours while learning about the environment and having fun. Teens are assigned to a group of campers aged 5-9 and work with teachers and staff guiding them through a series of outdoor activities. Teens also learn about survival, including orienteering, medicinal plants, primitive cooking, and wildlife identification. During Ocean Quest week, they can also participate in an overnight trip to the Marine Lab in Key Largo.

While there is an educational component to all three programs every day, the real focus of Camp Live Oak is having fun. "It can be difficult these days for parents to let kids go. We provide a safe environment that still gives them the freedom to run around and play," says Coleman. "Parents love that it is so rustic. Their kids come home dirty and tired. That's what summer camp is supposed to be."

In addition to its regular programs, Camp Live Oak offers optional age appropriate activities including surfing, mountain biking, and photography, with materials and gear provided by the camp. Campers can also learn to scuba dive through the PADI Basic Open Water certification class available for ages 10-16 and an Advanced Certification class open to ages 12-16. There is even a Starlight Sleepover in air-conditioned cabins at Birch State Park for campers from all three locations.

With its exciting, innovative programs, there is only one downside of sending your child to Camp Live Oak—you don't get to go!

For more information, go to [www.campliveoakfl.com](http://www.campliveoakfl.com), call 954-563-4880, or attend one of the open houses: May 21 at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park from 11:00a.m.-1:00 p.m., May 22 at Oleta River State Park from 11:00-1:00 p.m., and May 25 at John U. Lloyd State Park from 5:00-7:00 p.m.







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# SUNSET KEY COTTAGES: AN ISLAND LUXURY GETAWAY

LIFESTYLE BY GLENN HAYES

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The Florida Keys is a worthy destination for any boater, having plenty to offer those seeking adventure, relaxation or both. A boating mecca, the Keys provide anchorages, marinas and boater friendly hotels that offer dockage and a respite from an ocean voyage. For those boaters looking for something a little bit different and craving luxury, a private island resort adventure may just fit the bill. There is a world-class luxury resort island minutes from the fun and entertainment of Key West, offering every conceivable luxury with the privacy you can get only on an island.

Sunset Key Cottages Resort is located on seven acres of an island just 500 yards from Key West. This unique resort's two, three and four bedroom cottages share the island with a few private homes. Each cottage has its own private wraparound veranda that beckons you to a relaxing view of the outside world. All cottages have stocked kitchens and the deluxe three bedroom oceanfront cottages have all bedrooms facing the ocean with stunning views.

Your day is started with a "Rise, Dine and Shine" breakfast basket with fresh fruits, muffins and croissants delivered to your door each morning. There is also the highly rated Latitudes Restaurant at the resort that offers fresh and varied cui-

sine along with views of the Gulf of Mexico and the legendary Key West sunsets. A full service spa is also available on the island along with a fitness room, relaxing beaches, a gradual entry pool with plenty of poolside lounging and two whirlpools, as well as access to all kinds of watersports. Once you are relaxed and refreshed you can take a ferry (available 24 hours) for the short ride to Key West and enjoy all the island has to offer, and then retreat back to your private island oasis knowing your boat is safe in the secure marina.

Although Sunset Key Cottages Resort does not have its own marina, boaters can dock at the Westin Key West Marina and be ferried over to the island on a Westin launch, available 24 hours. The 37-slip marina can accommodate boats and motor yachts from 25 feet to 200 feet with 30/50/100 amp service. Just one block from Duval Street, the central location couldn't be better. As a marina guest, all the amenities of the Westin Key West are at your disposal but if you rent a cottage on Sunset Key then you will have 24 hour access to the mainland but can also enjoy all the luxuries of the resort island.

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# FOOD YACHT TAKES TO THE SEAS

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL BAREUTHER



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Chef Lindemann, owner of Food Yacht, preparing lunch.

There's nothing better than sitting seaside forking into a fresh seafood meal. Now imagine that same experience on the sea itself. South Florida native, Justin Lindemann, has combined the age old love of delicious dining with the newfound trend of a food truck to serve fine food afloat aboard his new Food Yacht.

"A few years ago, I went with some friends to the Bahamas on their catamaran," says Lindemann, who was born and raised in Miami Beach and grew up as a self-termed 'dinghy rat' spending his days fishing and scuba diving before moving north to Jupiter. "We were sitting there, on the hook, watching the sunset and enjoying a meal of fresh fish and lobster. It was an incredible moment and from that point on I knew this is where and how I wanted to cook."

Lindemann is a chef by profession. He's worked for the past decade at Little Moir's Food Shack, a top rated seafood restaurant in Jupiter. It's here he's learned to take fresh seafood and experiment with a full palate of flavors. For example, one of his favorite dishes is variations on traditional Mexican ceviche such as an Italian-style with goat cheese, lemon and sundried tomatoes. While happy working at the Food Shack, there has long been a part of Lindemann that has wanted to get back out on the water to combine his love of the sea and cheffing. Thus, the concept of the Food Yacht was born.

"I wanted to find a boat that I could take people out on and have room to cook as well. The first lead took me up to Sanford in Central Florida. There was a 60-foot 1980-built aluminum-hull Lazy Day houseboat that was tricked out with things like flat screen TVs in every room. It would have been perfect, and it's now a B&B, but I knew there was no easy way to tow her 170 miles down the St. Johns River. The logistics weren't there. I needed something that would be easy to drive and dock. I found it over in Naples...a 40-foot long pontoon boat that's 14 feet wide, with bathrooms, air-conditioning and a nice teak table on top for dining," says Lindemann, who holds a U.S. Coast Guard Master's License.

Lindemann spent several months working on the custom-build Destination Yachts Top Deck model. He installed a small kitchen and everything else needed to pass all state inspections for what is technically termed a mobile food dispensing vehicle. A year and a half ago he launched with his first group of paying passengers celebrating a friend's birthday. The menu? Crab cakes, sushi rolls, shrimp flatbread, blackened scallops and pan sautéed fish served with a blue cheese topped iceberg wedge, and berries and whipped cream for dessert. Through his connections with the restaurant, Lindemann has relationships with local fishermen, each specializing in a type of fresh fish such as tilefish, vermilion snapper or Spanish mackerel (which he uses to make his sig-



nature Smoked Fish Dip). He also adds fresh kale, cucumbers, tomatoes or even starfruit from his home garden.

Today, Lindemann offers week night dinner cruises for up to six people. He heads up the Intracoastal Waterway or down to cruise around Singer island. On Sundays, the Food Yacht takes on more of a food truck persona. Lindemann serves to boaters and paddleboarders upscale take-out food: conch salad with chips, fresh fish, tuna or shrimp wraps, and shrimp cocktail, either traditional spicy or with lemon, garlic and thyme. He also sells safety equipment like life jackets, flares, first aid kits as well as hats, sunglasses and sunscreen. He positions the boat between the A1A and US1 bridges over the Loxahatchee River in Jupiter, west of the Jupiter Inlet Lighthouse and Museum.

"People have been trying on and off the concept of selling food afloat in this area. It's a tough business. You need to put a lot of skills together – mechanic, electrician, business person, sailor and chef. I've always been hands-on and like to learn and do things for myself. Most importantly, I like to cook and wow people. Now I have a chance to do that on the water," Lindemann says.

For more information, Visit: [www.foodyacht.com](http://www.foodyacht.com), Email: [Justinpops555@yahoo.com](mailto:Justinpops555@yahoo.com) or Call: (561) 389-2975

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**MAY 7**

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**MAY 21**

**Fort Lauderdale**

**Hospice Regatta**

[www.hpbcf.org/events/](http://www.hpbcf.org/events/)

### MIAMI, FL

**MAY 21 - 22**

**CGSC Goombay Regatta**

[www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)

## BOAT SHOW

### MIAMI BEACH, FL

**MAY 20 - 22**

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# RON ABUELO 12 YEAR OLD

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

Have you ever gone to a movie based on your favorite books and left the theater wishing you had never gone. Would your opinion of the movie have been different if you hadn't read the book? When doing our rum tastings we purposely limit our information to what we find on the label so our experience is organic. It is not until after our initial tasting we learn the history and what the distiller intended us to experience. The label on Ron Abuelo 12 year old told us it was a product of Panama and the company dated back to 1908. Basic.

Don José Varela built his first sugar cane mill in Pesé Panama in 1908 but it wasn't until 1936 that Varela's three sons encouraged him to distill the excess sugar cane juice into rum. Soon after, the upstart distillery, Varela Hermanos, created Seco Herrerrano, now Panama's national spirit.

After the Varela sons took over the business they amassed a sizable personal collection of aged rums. Their collection became so large, the brothers began sharing small amounts with the public under a private label, Ron Abuelo.

Today, Ron Abuelo is aged in American White Oak barrels in the solera style. Though this bottle has a 12 year age statement, it actually contains rums greater than 20 years old. The age is stated by the youngest rum in the batch.

## HE SAID

In the glass, this rum looks younger than a 12 year old. The initial nose is sweet with vanillas and molasses and a hint of spice but the longer I linger the vanilla goes away. I immediately get the sweetness from the molasses on the palate and some citrus undertones. The rum is smooth and warming from start to finish. It may look like a younger rum but it drinks like a rum well beyond its years.

## SHE SAID

My nose immediately picks up orange peel but needs to linger as well to detect what provides the sweetness. Molasses? Brown sugar? I definitely do not get vanilla like Clint. As I linger I'm taken by the body of the rum. It coats the glass and eventually my palette like fine brandy. Though I expect a sweet taste, the orange, with a touch of cinnamon, becomes the dominant note. There is a bite



on the back of the throat before a nice warming sensation going down.

## OVERALL

Though we are not 100% on target with the notes suggested by the distiller, we enjoyed the simplicity and could make it a go-to when we are just looking for a taste of rum without pretense.

## RATING: 4



### 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 33 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.*