

# ALL AT SEA SOUTH FLORIDA

A full-page photograph of two women performing a handstand on a wooden dock. The woman on top is wearing a white tank top with yellow trim and white leggings, with her legs bent and feet tucked. The woman on the bottom is wearing a white patterned tank top and blue leggings, supporting the first woman. Both are smiling. In the background, there is a body of water, a large white ferry, and a city skyline with several tall buildings under a blue sky with light clouds.

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# SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS



## MARINE INDUSTRY DAY SET FOR JUNE 18

Educational games, a pirate show, propeller races, water taxi rides and boat displays, plus live music and food trucks, are just a few of the activities scheduled for the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF)'s third annual Marine Industry Day. Set for June 18 at Fort Esplanade Park, this free family-oriented event aimed at raising awareness of the area with its thriving marine industry and concentration of oceanographic research institution as a global marine hub. "We also want to build our brand in the broader community so when issues arise that affect our industry, such as dredging, infrastructure and transportation needs, we'll have a thoughtful seat at the table on things that without our participation could have unintended negative consequences," says Sharon Abramson, MIASF's director of public relations and marketing. [www.marineindustryday.com](http://www.marineindustryday.com)



## "INSPIRE GIVING THROUGH YOU" – IGY MARINAS FORT LAUDERDALE STAFF HELP VETERANS

IGY Marinas Fort Lauderdale headquarters staff and volunteers will assist the Military Heroes Support Foundation (MHSF) based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, on June 11th, as part of its 2016 community outreach project, "Inspire Giving through You." Repairs and maintenance on a few military family homes is one way IGY staffers and volunteers will give-back via this all-volunteer non-profit veteran's organization. MHSF, whose motto is 'Never Let a Hero Stand Alone,' assists service men and women while they are on deployment and in their transition from deployment to home. In addition, IGY's Anchor Club Partners, including Maritime Professional Training (MPT) and Wards Marine Electric's Fort Lauderdale location, have volunteered to be drop-off loca-



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New concrete floating docks from Bellingham Marine have replaced the fixed piers at the Ocean Reef Club's Marina and Marina Village Condominiums, thus giving a big boost to property values. "The decision to upgrade our docks was one we knew would pay off," said Sandy Marks, board member of F-Dock, in a release from Bellingham Marine, in Bellingham, Washington. "What we didn't anticipate was how large the payoff would be. A single slip that was priced at \$250,000 before the renovation is now valued at close to \$750,000. The returns

are even more impressive for the owners of the largest slips." New dock features include fully encased concrete floats, rounded finger ends, composite trim, telescoping pile and underwater lights. The private Ocean Reef Club Marina is located in Key Largo, Florida and offers berthing for 175 yachts. [www.oceanreef.com](http://www.oceanreef.com)

tions for the ongoing donations of non-perishables to the MHSF. Beyond South Florida, IGY employees and volunteers at corporate offices, sister companies, and company-managed marinas in St. Petersburg and Gainesville, Florida; Charleston and Greenville, South Carolina; Newport, New Jersey; Manhattan and Montauk/Hamptons, New York; and Panama, will also show their civic spirit on June 11, 2016 to benefit organizations in their local communities. [www.igymarinas.com/igy-community-service](http://www.igymarinas.com/igy-community-service)



exhaust and a Seatorque oil bath shaft system combined with a Seakeeper 16 Gyro to assure a smooth ride. The R58 can exceed 40 knots, equipped with a capacity to hold 1,500 gallons of fuel and 250 gallons of fresh water. "We are really proud to offer the R58, which exemplifies our authentic craftsmanship and dedication to our customers," said builder, Bob Roscioli, chief executive officer of Roscioli International, Inc., based in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, in a company release. The R58 Sport Cruiser is slated to debut in October just in time for the 2016 Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show. [RoscioliDonzi.com](http://RoscioliDonzi.com)



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COVER SHOT: Earth Day Yoga & Music Festival held at Miami's Island Gardens Yachting Resort (<http://islandgardens.com>)

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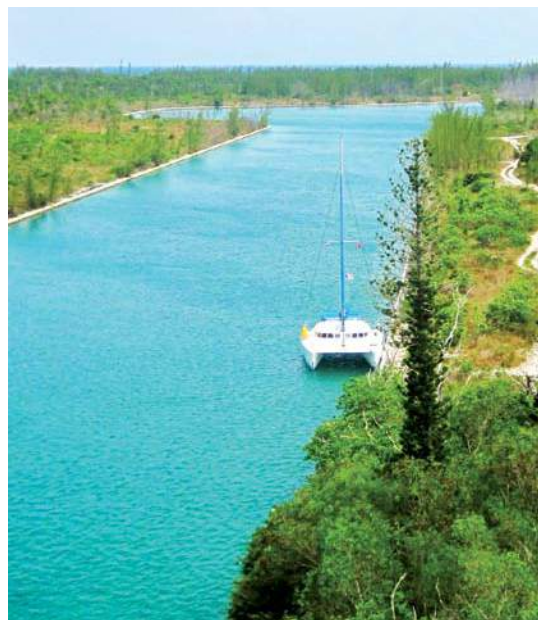
LIFESTYLE BY CAPT. SHANE McCLELLAN - SV GUIDING LIGHT



The Bahamas is an amazing sub-tropical country and the best part is how close it is to South Florida. With this new column we are going to explore this shallow, breathtaking paradise one island group at a time and this month we are at Grand Bahama Island.

I know you power boaters can zip right over in 2-3 hours, but the wind jammers will have to set out from South Florida before daybreak to make it well before dark, plus you get a great sunrise in the process. Of course you have to cross the Gulf Stream so you want to watch out for ship traffic and the appropriate weather. My rule is to never attempt a crossing if the wind is above 10 knots and coming anywhere from northwest to northeast, because it will push against the 3-4 knot north-bound current and make steep waves.

In my opinion, West End Grand Bahama Island is one of the two best locations to make landfall. Here you can find an anchor-





age with protection from every direction except the west, and if the wind gets too bad you can go into the marina. There is an immigration office to check into the country and the marina does not mind if you hang out at the pool and bar afterwards.

Freeport is the second largest city in the Bahamas and is very industrial. It was established in 1955 by Wallace Groves as a government land grant with the expectation it would be economically developed and became a free trade zone operated by the Grand Bahama Port Authority. In the past there was an oil refinery, and it is still a major oil transfer terminal. Cruise ships visit on a regular basis and at the cruise ship dock you can see the remains of one of only two trains ever in the Bahamas. This one operated in the 1950s by a lumber mill harvesting the pine forest on the island.

Most of the island's tourism is focused in the suburb of Lucaya, named after the pre-Columbian inhabitants of The Bahamas. There is a waterway that is for a large ex-pat community, but the lots have not been developed very quickly and you can tie up along the canal. You should visit the Garden of the Groves, which is a botanical garden named after the founder of Freeport and his wife. Within the garden you will find an aviary, café, waterfalls, chapel, sculptures, and a couple miles of trails through gullies and around a pond. It is quite the sanctuary. Another place to visit is the Port Lucaya Marketplace, where you can walk among shops, eat at some nice restaurants, and enjoy the nightly entertainment, including a guy able to limbo under a stick suspended by two beer bottles! My knees hurt watching him.

The eastern half of the island is a national park with five different ecologies and an extensive underwater cave system.

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

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**JULY 13 – 17**

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If you are going to visit The Bahamas you need to know how to pronounce two words. First the small islands will have cay in the name and is pronounced key. The second word is the national dish, conch, pronounced konk. You will be able to try this mollusk almost anywhere as conch fritters, cracked conch (which is tenderized and fried), and conch salad, which is my favorite. 🍷

You can read more from Captain Shane at [www.svGuidingLight.com](http://www.svGuidingLight.com)



# E.J. SCHRADER MATTRESS COMPANY CELEBRATES 60 YEARS

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL BAREUTHER



When patriarch Enoch Schrader started making mattresses out of a small rented building in West Palm Beach back in 1956, he never imagined that 60 years later his namesake company, the E.J. Schrader Mattress Company, would have grown into a third generation business. Yet it's done just that thanks to son Blair and wife Diane spotting and seizing on opportunities. That is, the two, with the help now of grandson, Austin Burkett, have expanded beyond the company's traditional residential business and added marine mattresses to its repertoire in big way over the last decade. It's a decision that has scored the company homes for its custom-crafted mattresses on everything from v-berth runabouts to the master staterooms of the world's largest yachts.

"I think he'd say 'wow'," says Blair Schrader, about his late father's reaction to the company's diamond anniversary. "He was a man that knew what he needed to do to survive in business and he passed that along to me."



Schrader's father Enoch worked 25 years in the mattress industry in New York. He moved to Florida after being recruited by Spring Air to work at its West Palm Beach factory. Schrader recognized that everyone doesn't sleep in the same way. So, he went out on his own, rented a 5,000-square-foot building and started to hand-craft mattresses and box springs tailored to individual needs, shapes and sizes at no extra cost. It's a move that in 1969 enabled the business to move into the 20,000-square-foot facility on 6601 Norton Avenue that the company occupies



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today. Over the years, clients have included Bing Crosby, Gianni Versace and Jimmy Buffett as well as estates such as the Kennedy compound and Mar-a-Lago in Palm Beach.

"I started working with my dad at age 13. For the first five years he took the measurements and I've been doing them for the last 40. I think we're one of the only companies that still goes out and measures for mattresses," he says.


In the 50s, 60s and 70s, the Schrader's worked extensively with the designer trade on contract bedding for residences as well as renovations in mom-and-pop hotels during the summer off season. Yachts were much smaller in those days and much of the bedding work was done by canvas and cushion manufacturers. Designers just didn't tend to get involved on yacht projects designed for a couple of guys to go out fishing who were more than likely going to sit on their bunks in trunks wet with fish blood. By the end of the late 70s, yachts started to get larger, became more family-friendly and served as investment vehicles for corporations that put these now plush vessels into charter. That's when designers started to get on board. In 1992, Schrader's wife Diane came into the business, worked with the designers and diversified the company into upholstery, headboards and footboards, daybeds and fancy rolled edge mattresses covered in chic cloth.

"The economic downturn in 2008 combined with government regulations in flame retardant design put a lot of small businesses out of business. We knew that to weather this storm we had to stay serving customers and that meant commit-

ting fully to the marine industry. So, we joined the Marine Industries Association of Palm Beach County, started making contacts and attended our first Palm Beach International Boat Show in 2010. Since then, we've added the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show, Stuart Boat Show and TrawlerFest-Riviera Beach," says Schrader.

Two of the coolest vessels the Schrader's have manufactured custom mattresses for is *Nomad* (formerly *Aussie Rules*) and *Cake Walk*. *Nomad* is a 228-foot motor yacht custom built in Freemantle, Australia, by Oceanfast. The megayacht underwent a refit in 2008 and during this time, the Schrader's were sent the architectural plans in order to make the mattresses to spec. In total, they created nearly 60 mattresses for the vessel and shipped them in a container half way around the world. *Cake Walk*, the largest steel hulled yacht built in the U.S. since the 1930s measuring 281-feet, also sails with Schrader mattresses.

"What we really enjoy is starting with a concept and seeing it through to completion. For example, we were asked to put an electric bed and mattress in the master stateroom of a Riva 75 go-fast party boat. I thought it was crazy, that we'd never get it down the spiral staircase. But Diane was sure we could and sure enough we did," says Schrader.

The E.J. Schrader Mattress Company is celebrating its anniversary all year. In particular, the Schrader's look forward to showing unique items not seen in the industry before at the Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show November 3 to 7, 2016. Come by their booth and say 'Happy 60th!' 





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# FLORIDA BAY IN DIRE NEED OF FRESHWATER

LIFESTYLE BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI



PHOTO BY PETE FREZZA WITH FLORIDA KEYS AUDUBON

Pete Frezza, research scientist with Florida Keys Audubon, records a seagrass die-off in Florida Bay.

Dying and dead floating seagrass and fish kills from low dissolved oxygen in Florida Bay are a main topic of conversation in the Florida Keys. According to the Everglades Foundation, lack of freshwater flow has killed 50,000 acres of sea grass; that's double the size of Miami. Florida Keys residents, fishing

guides, anglers, realtors, environmentalists, scientists and your average Joe are worried because marine life, flora and fauna are suffering.

However, according to Eric Eikenberg, chief executive officer of the Everglades Foundation, there is good news.

On April 19, the federal house appropriations committee approved the 2017 Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill, which allocates about \$37.4 million toward national security and energy and water infrastructure.

The funding is critical to restore the freshwater flow from central Florida to the Everglades.

Holly Raschein, who represents the Florida Keys in the Florida House of Representatives, said, "The Everglades and Florida Bay are not just state treasures, but national and international ones as well. This year, the State of Florida allocated more than \$200 million to Everglades restoration. I hope that by making long-term investments at the state level, our counterparts at the federal level will continue to partner with us on projects like modifications to Tamiami Trail that will help restore more natural water flows."

Eikenberg said an important next step is construction of a 2.6-mile Tamiami Trail Bridge with the groundbreaking expected in May. The first one-mile Tamiami Trail Bridge is open, assisting the sheetflow of water into Florida Bay.

Pete Frezza, research manager of the Everglades Region for Audubon Florida, said some of the worst seagrass die-off has occurred in areas that serve as primary foraging habitat for economically important gamefish such as snook, redfish and tarpon. These areas also are foraging grounds for iconic bird species such as great white heron and roseate spoonbill. To date, wading birds have had one of their most unproductive nesting seasons in decades in Florida Bay.

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## FISHING TOURNAMENTS CONTINUED...

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A fish kill in Florida Bay includes dead toadfish, mullet, pinfish and redfish.



Eerie greenish water and dead seagrass are signs of seagrass die-off in Florida Bay, occurring due to a lack of freshwater say scientists.

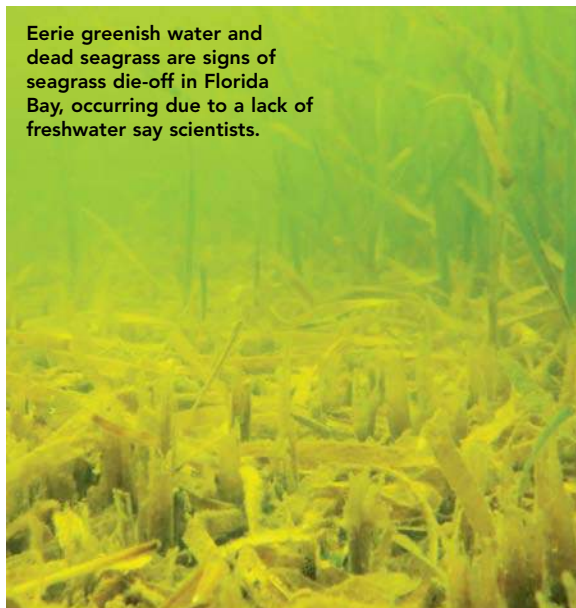


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A water quality monitoring station in Florida Bay records extremely high salinity.

Salinity conditions in the bay this past summer were sustained at levels twice as high as normal. Lack of rain and freshwater from the upstream Everglades coupled with high temperatures created anoxic conditions in the bay, leading to the seagrass die-off and numerous documented fish kills.

Along with seagrass, researchers documented stressed and dying mangrove and buttonwood trees in the bay. "This is very unusual, as these are very salt- and low oxygen-tolerant species," Frezza said.

Brooke Black, Bonefish & Tarpon Trust Florida Keys Initiative program manager, said, "What is most frustrating is we've been here before. About 25 years ago, we lit the fuse in Florida Bay, and the result was a major grass die-off, algal blooms, fish kills and a struggling recreational fishery. We were finally recovering from that event and we struck the next match.

"I think the science and angling community that witnessed the previous event agrees that the current downturn will top the demise of the late 1980s and early 1990s. Starting last

summer, guides were reporting floating dead seagrass, putrid smells, dying black mangroves, accumulations of dead fish and a lack of targeted recreational species. Additionally, local fishing tournament records over the past nine months note that more bonefish are being caught than redfish. This is particularly troubling because our local bonefish population is notably depressed and redfish were once our fish in a barrel."

Scientists agree the system has to be restored with massive influxes of freshwater. Dr. Tom Van Lent, senior scientist at the Everglades Foundation said, "We've built so many canals and drained so much water that the natural flow is interrupted. Eighteen hundred miles of canals and dams break it up, with water control points and pump stations diverting the natural flow of water to coastal towns and cities."

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# DOES THE GINGER BEER MATTER IN A DARK 'N' STORMY?

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

Having a Dark 'n' Stormy after a day of sailing became a ritual of sorts after we became crew members on *Incommunicado*, an Omega 36 sailboat. As soon as we crossed the finish line a row of red Solo cups filled with ice got a six-count each of Gosling's Black Seal rum poured from the jug-handle size bottle, then a squeeze of lime topped with Barritt's Bermuda Stone Ginger Beer. No other recipe would do. This month we wanted to put our D&S snobbery to the test. Does the brand of ginger beer matter when making a Dark 'n' Stormy?

Gosling made sure the undisputed "dark" in a Dark 'n' Stormy is Gosling's Black Seal rum. They hold two certificates at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office specifying exactly how to make the drink: one and a half ounces of Gosling's Black Seal, topped with ginger beer in a highball glass. Using a different rum directly violates the official, certified recipe. However, no specific ginger beer was ever cited in the company's trademark registrations leading to a "stormy" debate.

Barritt's has been Bermudians' choice for generations and most recently the choice of sailors up and down the eastern seaboard. After years of a failed partnership with Barritt's, Gosling entered the market with Gosling's Stormy Ginger Beer. Using their established rum distribution channels Gosling's ginger beer quickly became the go-to for bars and restaurants. Today other ginger beers have jumped into the market to capitalize on this popular cocktail. To the casual D&S drinker the choice of ginger beer may seem insignificant, even an afterthought. Trust us, the choice matters.

Our good friends Bob and Michelle agreed to help with the blind taste test. Using *Incommunicado*'s recipe, Michelle made four Dark 'n' Stormy using different ginger beers. She numbered each cup and kept the identity to herself until we all had a chance to form an opinion.

## RESULTS

### Drink 1 (Bundaberg)

Terry - Smooth and balanced.  
Clint - Very smooth.  
Bob - Favorite. Very Smooth.



### Drink 2 (Gosling's)

Terry - More spice, less rum taste.  
Clint - More spice, a little more sweetness.  
Bob - Spicy and bitter.

### Drink 3 (Barritt's)

Terry - Less ginger beer, more rum taste.  
Clint - Tasting more rum. Very little ginger.  
Bob - Barely tasted the ginger beer. More rum.

### Drink 4 (Reed's)

Terry - Smooth. Well balanced.  
Clint - Smooth, additional ginger spice.  
Bob - Smoother than drink 2. Less spice.

So did any of us pick Barritt's as our favorite? We're ashamed to say NO! Terry and Bob both chose Bundaberg while Clint gravitated towards the Reed's. All three of us disliked the Gosling's. Bundaberg from Australia gave Barritt's great competition and might have to be put into the rotation but you can guarantee the left over Gosling's went down the drain. ☹️

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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.