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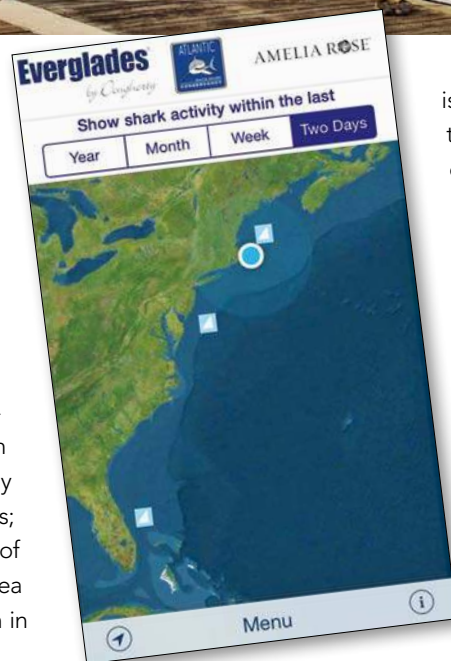
## BOAT SHOW'S ECONOMIC BENEFIT MORE THAN NUMBERS

The 2016 Annual Fort Lauderdale International Boat Show (FLIBS), the world's largest boat show in terms of gross exhibitor space and vessels gathered for any event, pumped an incredible \$857 million into the overall economy of the state of Florida. This figure comes from an economic impact study conducted by Thomas J Murry & Associates in conjunction with the University of Florida on behalf of Show Management, FLIBS's owners and producers, and the Marine Industries Association of South Florida (MIASF). Other impressive numbers from the study include the \$508.3 million in total sales by FLIBS participants; \$380.8 million in estimated sales by Florida companies, of which \$240.7 million was contributed by the tri-county area and \$131.5 million by Broward County; and \$304.3 million in statewide personal income and economic activity.

"The bigger story is that the five days of the show feeds the 360 other days of the year in terms of marine jobs and businesses," says Phil Purcell, MIASF executive director.

## TRACK WHITE SHARK SIGHTINGS WITH NEW APP

A new app launched July 1 by The Atlantic White Shark Conservancy (AWSC), based in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, makes it easy to track shark sightings. The app, Sharktivity,



is free to the public thanks to the generosity of two socially responsible businesses – Amelia Rose Designs, in Boston, and Everglades Boats headquartered in Edgewater, Florida.

"White sharks are not considered a public safety concern in South Florida waters so the app is useful to boaters to participate in our citizen science program," says Cynthia Wigren, AWSC board member. "Through

the Sharktivity App they can report white shark sightings to be included in the Northwest Atlantic white shark movement study and population study."

Staff from the AWSC, Cape Cod National Seashore, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries and towns from throughout Cape Cod and the South Shore provided input on this app, developed by Conserve.IO., based in Delray Beach, Florida. Currently the app is available only on Apple products, but plans are in the works for an Android app as well. [www.atlanticwhiteshark.org](http://www.atlanticwhiteshark.org)





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### FIRST-EVER AND PERENNIAL EVENTS HOSTED BY THE MAVERICK BOAT GROUP

Over 90 participants enjoyed their first annual Cobia Owners Rendezvous in July, organized by Cobia Boats of Maverick Boat Group, headquartered in Ft. Pierce, Florida. The event, hosted at the Blue Marlin Lodge in West End on Grand Bahama, saw guests were treated to a festive line-up events such as live music, Bahamian fare, a sandbar party and Junk-anoo celebration.

Next up, MBG will host its 30th annual Owners Tournament in September 22 to 25, out of Islamorada.

"This September's event is definitely special," says Elliott Deal, whose father and uncle, Scott and Troy Deal, founded the company. "We've added new events over the years, but for the majority of the company's 31 years this has been our sole owner's tournament. We are expecting owners from all four of our brands (Maverick, Hewes, Pathfinder and Cobia) to participate in the three-night night tournament. There will be live entertainment, food, drinks, raffle prizes, and the best fishing the Keys has to offer. We are expecting close to 50 boats to participate this year." [www.maverickboatgroup.com](http://www.maverickboatgroup.com)

### YACHT BROKERAGE OPENS 20TH OFFICE IN SOUTH FLORIDA

Denison Yacht Sales opened its 20th office, and seventh office in Florida, this summer at the Miami Beach Marina, in Miami.

"Boating has been a huge part of the culture in Miami for de-

cares, so with our South Florida roots it was a natural fit for us," says owner, Bob Denison. "Some of the coolest boats and some of the coolest people who buy them pass through Miami, and having an office there will allow us to easily interact with them."

Denison's Miami location will be led by a seasoned team of five licensed and bonded yacht brokers: Mike Kiely, Stanley Castro, Carlos Dominguez, Juno Prudhomme, and Nick Athanassiadis.

Denison will feature new boat brands at the 1,500 square foot Miami office including Beneteau, Monte Carlo, Carver Yachts and Marquis Yachts.

A second Fort Lauderdale office for Denison Yacht Sales is nearing completion and will open soon at The Quay on 17th Street Causeway. [www.denisonyachtsales.com](http://www.denisonyachtsales.com)



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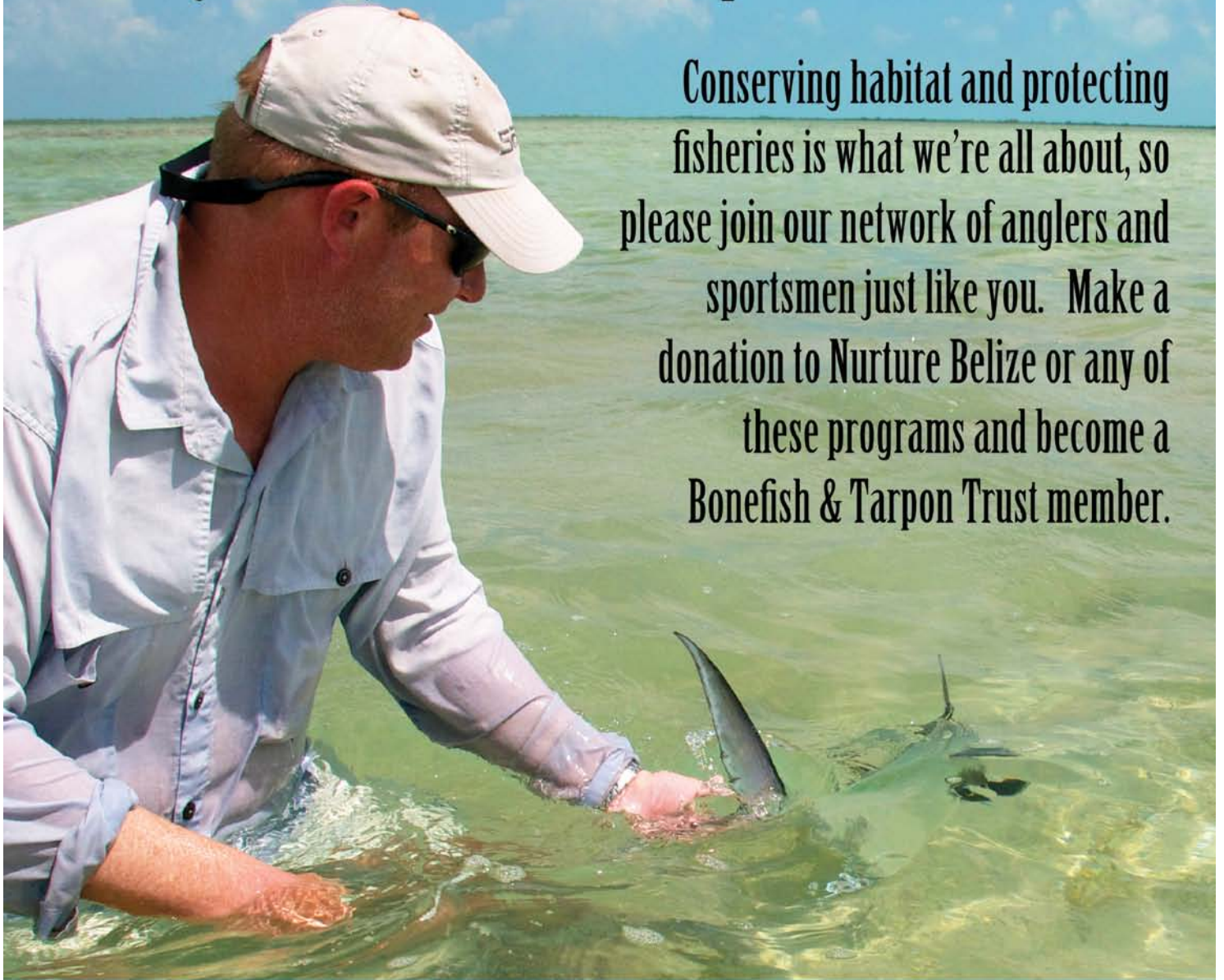
Sit and ponder in Islamorada's Toilet Seat Cut

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# NOW AVAILABLE: INSURANCE FOR U.S. YACHTS TRAVELING TO CUBA

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER

IMAGE COURTESY OF COMMODORE ESCRICH



Front view of Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba.

Cuba has long been a forbidden fruit for U.S. yachtsmen. After all, this largest of the Caribbean islands is located less than 100 miles from Key West, Florida. This opportunity opened up nearly two years ago when President Obama announced policy changes making it easier for Americans to visit Cuba. Sailors and sports fishermen, owners of small family yachts and megayachts, are all interested in making the trip. The logical next question is how to obtain insurance that covers a private vessel in Cuban waters. This has been elusive since regulations under the U.S. Department of the Treasury, that controls contact with Cuba, hasn't permitted U.S. insurers to offer this product – until now.



"I get questions on this topic frequently," says Wally Moran, writer and co-author of the Cuba cruising guide, *Cuba Bound*. "Insurance is, in my opinion, the number one issue stopping boaters from going to Cuba on their own vessels."



Yacht insurance for Cuba is not new, says Joe Kolisch, president of Kolisch Marine Insurance, Inc., based in Coral Gables, Florida. "There has always been a market for Cuba. The hard to place surplus line companies, like those in the London market, have placed this for years. But insurance through standard market carriers hasn't been available."

This changed in June when Pantaenius America Ltd., a German-owned marine insurer with a U.S. division based in Harrison, New York, made the groundbreaking announcement that it would offer coverage for U.S. boats cruising in Cuban waters.



"We undertook the effort to offer insurance to Cuba because we always try to accommodate yacht owners to allow them to navigate where they want to," explains Cary Wiener, president of Pantaenius America. "What was stopping us before

was the legal restriction. Our sister company in Europe had no such restriction and has been insuring yacht owners traveling to Europe all along. Therefore, we, as a group, have the required experience to support yacht owners desiring to go to Cuba."

The first step in obtaining insurance is to self-qualify under one of 12 Department of the Treasury-authorized licenses that allows Americans to visit Cuba. Some of these include amateur and semiprofessional international sport competitions; public performances, clinics, workshops, other athletic or non-athletic competitions and exhibitions; professional meetings; educational activities; and humanitarian projects. In addition, U.S. vessels less than 328 feet in length need a Coast Guard permit. This means filling out the CG-3300 form, *Application for Permit to Enter Cuban Territorial Seas*, and submitting it to the Seventh District headquarters in Miami.

"We have an endorsement that needs to be signed for insurance to Cuba. No documents need to be filed with the US for permission to travel to Cuba as long as one fits into one of the 12 licenses, but Cuba may require documents, and the client is advised to sort out the documentation carefully and plan ahead," says Pantaenius America's Wiener. "For us, this process takes less than two working days and usually can be completed the same day.

Pantaenius has no separate restrictions about the type of yacht it offers its Cuban endorsement other than what vessels would normally need to qualify for the company's Florida or Caribbean requirements for underwriting. The cost of the additional Cuban coverage averages an additional 10 percent of boat's total premium with a \$500 minimum. This cost covers a 14-day period, the maximum period of time annually that a US vessel can remain within Cuba without a special BIS (Bureau of Industry and Security) license.

"There are very limited marina facilities for yachts in Cuba, and they require reservations. There are almost no facilities to properly perform serious repairs to the yacht. Sometimes we have to fly in repair crews and supplies in order to make even temporary repairs before the vessel can be brought back to Florida for permanent repairs. This is the reason for the small additional premium," says Pantaenius America's Wiener.

Going forward there will be more competition and a handful of major U.S. carriers may soon start underwriting insurance for Cuba.

"What I think we'll see is Cuba becoming like other countries such as Colombia, Haiti and Venezuela where exclusions and warranties will include double the deductibles while in these

## BOAT SHOW

### TAMPA, FL

**SEPTEMBER 9 – 11**

**Tampa Boat Show**

[www.tampaboatshow.com](http://www.tampaboatshow.com)

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

### ISLAMORADA, FL

**SEPT 30 – OCT 1**

**Mad Dog Mandich Fishing Classic and Family Fun Weekend**

[www.maddogclassic.com](http://www.maddogclassic.com)

305-667-0399

**SEPTEMBER 16 – 18**

**Herman Lucerne Memorial Tournament**

[hermanlucernememorial.com/tournament/event-schedule](http://hermanlucernememorial.com/tournament/event-schedule)

[kelliet62@gmail.com](mailto:kelliet62@gmail.com)

### JUPITER, FL

**SEPTEMBER 10**

**Annual KDW Sports Fishing Tournament Chasen'Tailz**

[www.chasentailz.com](http://www.chasentailz.com)

(561) 201-7757

**SEPT 30 – OCT 1**

**Ladies KDW Bluewater Babes Fish for Cure Tournament**

[fishforacure.com/](http://fishforacure.com/)

### KEY LARGO, FL

**SEPTEMBER 23 – 25**

**Annual Take Stock**

### in Children

**Backcountry Challenge**

[mike@islandbayresort.com](mailto:mike@islandbayresort.com)

305-304-0421

**OCTOBER 7 – 9**

**Baybone Celebrity Tournament**

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

(305) 664-2002

**SEPTEMBER 10**

**Lionfish Derby for Divers**

[www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies](http://www.reef.org/lionfish/derbies)

[reefhq@reef.org](mailto:reefhq@reef.org)

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### KEY WEST, FL

**SEPTEMBER 9 – 11**

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countries waters, exclusion for confiscation, and exclusion for theft unless a vessel is moored within a commercial marina previously agreed upon," says Kolisch.

For Cuba, this could be the Hemingway Marina in Havana or Gaviota Marina to the east in Varadero.

"I don't know that there would be different claim issues in Cuba other than the aforementioned exclusions for theft, which are not to my knowledge the norm in other countries. That being said, Cuban marinas are quite secure and theft of property from a boat, or a boat itself, is generally unheard of," says Cuba Bound's Moran. "As for navigational issues, if the skipper remains, as do most, in the marina there won't be any problems. However, cruising the Cuban coast does demand navigational skills that many boaters do not have such as the ability to navigate more competently than just by looking at a chartplotter and pointing the boat." 



# TOP DESTINATIONS IN THE SOUTHERN ABACOS

**LIFESTYLE** STORY AND PHOTOS BY CAPTAIN SHANE, SV GUIDING LIGHT



In this issue we are going to leave the Hope Town anchorage and visit the southern Abacos. Even though the south point in the Sea of Abacos is only 13 miles away, relatively few boats journey this way so you will get the feeling of getting away from it all with only an hour or two of travel.

The first order of business is sailing by Lubber's Quarter where you have a small community and a friendly bar. On the other side is the south end of Elbow Cay, the same island Hope Town is on. This entire area is only about 6-7 feet deep, so if you have a draft of 6 feet or more you need to watch the tide which is about 3 feet. When the tide is out Tahiti Beach is a favorite, because you can walk the nice size sand flats which dry out.

Now we are going to anchor next to the mainland at Snake Cay. This place used to be a commercial dock and was used to



ship lumber and other resources. It is completely shut down now, but if you like to poke around ruins and snorkel shipwrecks then this is a good place for you. Another thing you can do is take a dinghy tour snaking around the island in a maze of mangroves, rocks, and islets.



If ruins are not your thing, then maybe snorkeling at the Pelican Cays Land and Sea Park will be. There are dive balls east of Sandy Cay and remember there is no fishing in the park.

The south end of the Sea of Abacos is capped by the almost perfect anchorage at Little Harbor and here you will find Pete's Pub & Gallery. This unassuming bar beckons you to come in and I would have a hard time naming a place I felt comfortable in as quickly as I did here. In the 1950's Pete's parents sailed into the harbor and never left. His dad built a foundry and lived a simple life as a sculptor. Pete has continued his dad's work and built a gallery for some amazing sculptures by his dad, him, and now his son. In fact you may even get a tour of the foundry. This is a fantastic place to visit and wait out a front, since there is a beach, good snorkeling, and you can gunk hole around the Bight Of Old Robertson, just outside the entrance, where you can hunt for blue holes. While here check out the caves where the family first lived in true Swiss Family Robinson style.

Cherokee Settlement is the last harbor along the southern coast, which continues 30 miles to Hole In The Wall point. This little fishing village is rarely visited, because you have to leave the Sea Of Abacos to get there, so you will be a bit of a novelty. One of the two things to see is the longest dock in the Bahamas at

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## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

**STUART, FLORIDA**  
**SEPTEMBER 23 – 25**  
**Annual Ladies**  
**Fishing Tournament**  
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**OCTOBER 14 – 15**  
**Saltwater Sisters**  
**Ladies Tournament**  
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## SAILING REGATTA

**MIAMI, FL**  
**OCTOBER 8 – 9**  
**Columbus Day Regatta**  
[columbusdayregatta.net](http://columbusdayregatta.net)

**SEPTEMBER 15 – 18**  
**BBYC Lime Cup**  
[www.biscaynebayyachtclub.com/limecup.html](http://www.biscaynebayyachtclub.com/limecup.html)

**NASSAU, BAHAMAS**  
**OCTOBER 17 – 22**  
**Id Crook Memorial**  
**Snipe World Masters**  
**Championship**  
[snipeworlds.org/masters/](http://snipeworlds.org/masters/)

770 feet, or one sixth of a mile. Every several years a hurricane damages it, but the town is so proud of it they always fix it. The second thing is the memorial to fallen local fishermen. 

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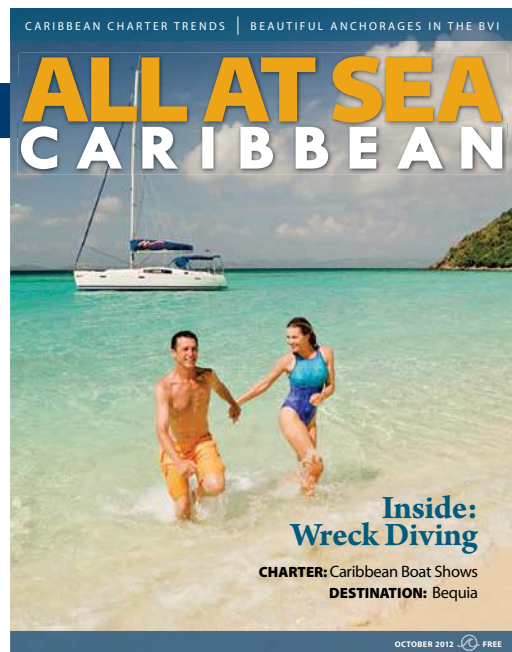
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# HOW TOILET SEAT CUT IN ISLAMORADA CAME TO BE

LIFESTYLE STORY AND PHOTOS BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI



Toilet Seat Cut, a bona fide tourist attraction, is in the waters of Florida Bay around mile marker 90 in Islamorada. About 250 decorated toilet seats line a 60-foot-wide manmade channel near mangrove islands and seagrass flats enabling boat travel between the western end of Plantation Key and the eastern end. A five-foot-tall pirate and mailbox are part of the decorations planted in the marl as well.

How Toilet Seat Cut began was a mystery -- even for 40-year

residents of the Upper Keys -- until a phone call came from a woman claiming to know its story. Cheryl Lamp shed light on the history of the useful shortcut, verified by a longtime Florida Keys family, the Wrenns, who have a street named after them near Coral Shores High School.

A Miami-based architect, Vernon D. Lamp, built a second home in 1956 on three lots in the Plantation Key Colony neighborhood of the Keys. He enjoyed fishing and was a



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member of the Miami Rod and Reel Club. His children, Steven and Cheryl, loved coming to the Keys. They participated in the Elks Lodge sailing races, and Cheryl recalled going to Rusty's Bait and Tackle, which doesn't exist anymore, and collecting starfish and sea urchins from the Bay and painting some of them to sell to tourists. Ted Williams, baseball hall of famer, was a guest at the Lamp's "Key House," as they called it.

When Vernon departed in his boat from his home on Coconut Palm Boulevard to have dinner at the Plantation Yacht Harbor at mile marker 87 bayside, he grew tired of having to take a long, slow and circuitous journey out to Cow Pens to get to the restaurant that was a mere three miles away as the crow flies. So, little by little, he carved a thoroughway in the wavering seagrass on the flat close to his neighborhood.


According to his daughter, Cheryl, her father attached a 50 horsepower motor to his boat named "Bucktail" and dredged through the grassy flat. With persistence, he eventually created a five-to-six-foot wide channel, wide enough for a small johnboat or flats skiff to motor through. Then, he added posts to mark the way.

In 1960, along came Hurricane Donna, which passed over the Florida Keys. On one of the posts that Lamp had installed in his cut, a nail jugged out, and after the storm had passed, Lamp motored through his favorite shortcut and received a surprise. On that nail hung the rim of a toilet seat. There had been much

damage in the Keys, and household belongings like this toilet seat simply blew away in the storm. "He washed it, disinfected it, painted it and hung it right back where it had landed after Donna," Cheryl said. "My father had a sense of humor."

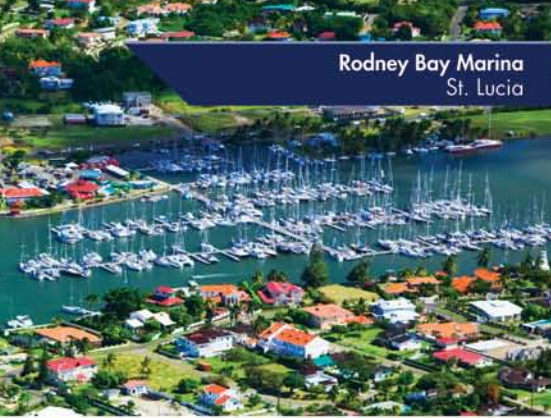
Tom Wrenn graduated from Coral Shores High School in 1966 when it was one building for Kindergarten through 12th grades and was friends with Steven Lamp. "There were 39 kids in my graduating class," he recalled.

"Vernon was an absolute character. He was a teaser. He put that toilet seat with no hinges on one side of the cut and the toilet seat lid on the other end so he could find his way home after dark with a spotlight. Back then, there was no protection for the seagrass like there is now. In the 60s, it was only wide enough for a single propeller. Every time, I went back to the Keys after moving to New York in 1971, it kept getting wider and more elaborate. It's a tourist attraction now."

Keys residents and visitors quietly commemorate events like birthdays, weddings and spring break by hanging toilet seats now. It is not legal, but that hasn't stopped the tradition that began 56 years ago. 

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*Jill Zima Borski is a 21-year-resident of Islamorada. She is board chair of the Florida Outdoor Writers Association which celebrates 70 years this year.*



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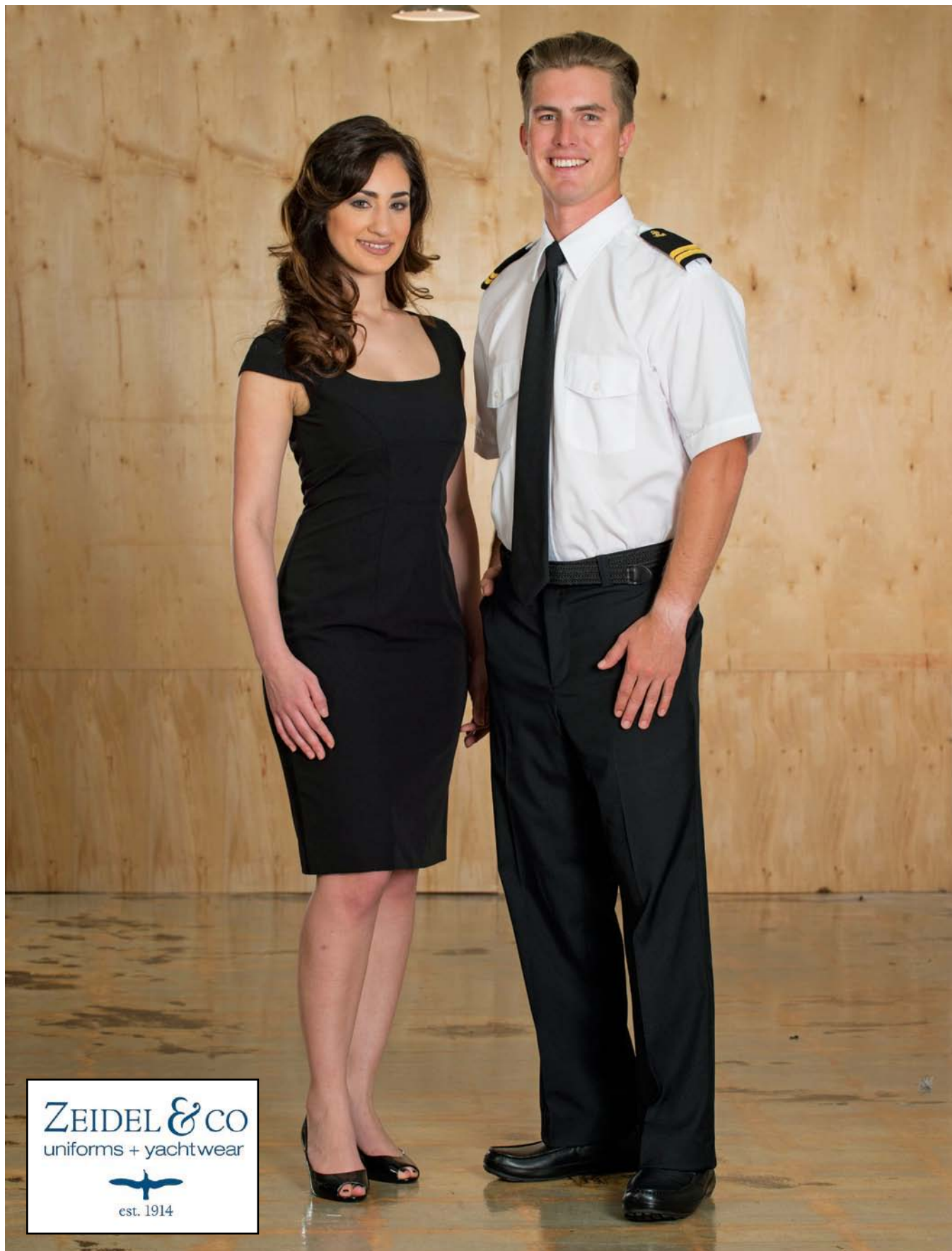
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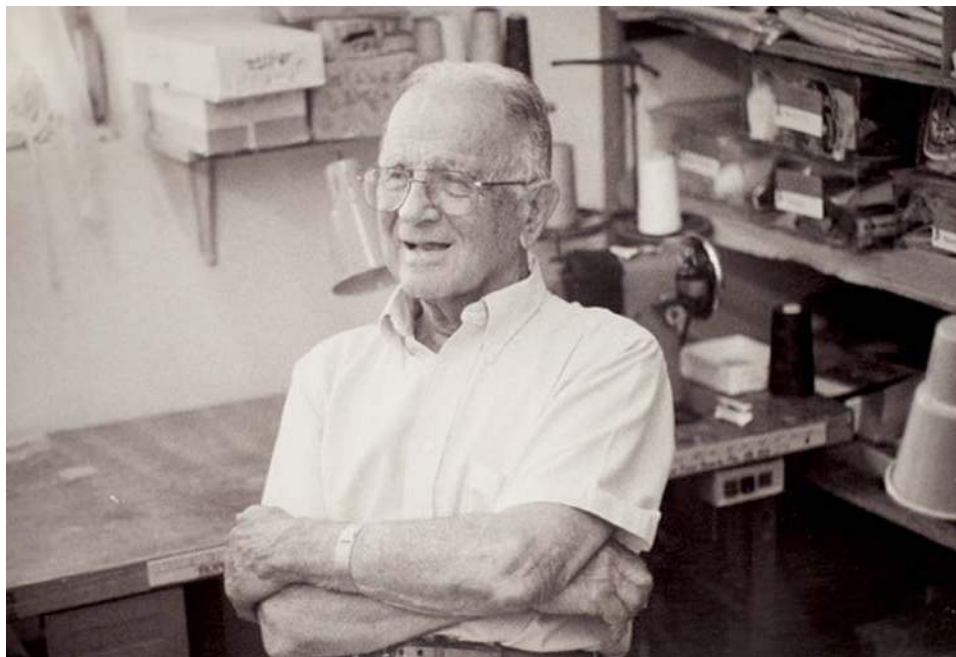
# NEW LOCATION FOR 104<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF ZEIDEL & COMPANY

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER

What started as a small family business tailoring uniforms for the captains of elegant wooden yachts owned by turn-of-the-century tycoons and Hollywood movie moguls, has grown into a multi-generation company offering a full line of nautical apparel. This year, Zeidel & Company, headquartered in Palm Beach, commemorates its 104th year in business. The company also celebrates the opening of its second location in Ft. Lauderdale.

"The Zeidel family started the company in Port Washington, New York, but it wasn't until Al Zeidel opened his location in Palm Beach that he realized this industry was his life and true passion," says uniform specialist, Amy Knowles. "He fell in love with walking the docks and shaking hands with all the captains and crew and making sure they were well taken care of."

Just as fashion changes from year to year so crew uniforms have continued to evolve. Knowles says the traditional epaulet shirts are still worn by some members, however, a vast majority of the industries crews have grown more fashion forward. For ladies, the skort is everything. It's the perfect piece of clothing for stewardesses to transition from day to night quickly and still be able to clean and prep the rooms for turndown service all while looking flawless. For men, it's classic-looking, wrinkle-resistant slim-fit stylish long pants. Like Al, the company's current Zeidel's also like getting to know their crew customers. New are regularly hosted events such as Crew Brews (morning and afternoon editions) and Crew-B-Qs & Docktails.



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Zeidel's new shop in Fort Lauderdale, located just off Federal Highway at 19th Street, features a showroom filled with samples of the most popular items ordered. This makes it easy for staff to zone in on the needs of each yacht and guide crew through the ordering process.

"Fort Lauderdale allows us to cater to larger boats but still maintain our brand in Palm Beach," says Knowles. "We are more than just a uniform store now and we want to spread the wealth and the word!" [www.zeidel.com](http://www.zeidel.com)





# DOORLY'S 12 YEAR OLD - BARBADOS

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

Barbados is one of our favorite Caribbean Islands. There you will find the most genuine people and, in our opinion, some of the best rums in the world. When we were there we bought a Doorly's XO and have nursed that bottle to the final drop. Foursquare Distillery has now brought to a wider distribution market Doorly's 12 Year Old.

Rum made in Barbados is known as Bajan Style Rum. By law, the rum is not permitted to have any additives other than caramel for color. Barbados has three main distilleries — Mount Gay, The West Indies Distillery and Foursquare, producer of Doorly's. Master Distiller and Blender, Richard Seale is one of the top proponents for pure and unadulterated rum. Seale is the fourth generation to work in the family business which was founded in 1926.

Doorly's 12 year old is a blend of pot still rum which brings complexity and depth and column still rum adding a balance of aroma and flavor. Ninety percent of the rum is then aged in Kentucky Bourbon barrels while the other ten percent is aged in Madeira casks for 12 years. The rums are then married for a period of time so the two can fully integrate. Mr. Seale's innovative approach to blending has created a unique and distinctive product well worth the \$24.99 price tag.

## HE SAID

I get a bit of vanilla and caramel on the nose with a slight alcohol punch. The initial sip retains the vanilla but adds orange and coffee. There is a slow burn which gives way mid-palate to a nice warming sensation. Further sips lead me to contemplate the casks in which it was aged. My guess is bourbon because I'm not overwhelmed by sweet notes. This is a smooth, well balanced sipping rum which provides just enough complexity at this price point to be satisfying.

## SHE SAID

The hue reminds me of a midsummer sunset painted with a mix of orange and reds. The nose is soft and subtle with orange and floral notes leading me to believe it was aged in sherry casks. I was surprised when heat immediately hit my tongue and mid-palate. There is pepper, tobacco, and a slight



alcohol burn which dominates. Where did the inviting notes go? The liquid is very warming going down which makes me sweat a bit on this warm summer night. Upon my second sip, the notes balance out quite nicely bringing into harmony the subtle notes of the nose and the spice of the tobacco. I'm really beginning to enjoy this rum.

## OVERALL

Though we enjoy the warming of Doorly's 12 year old, is something to be said about the time of year you present this rum. It would be best enjoyed late fall to early winter when the frost hits the pumpkins.

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### 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.*