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## SOUTH FLORIDA



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**WALTER DUKE** Celebrates 40  
LMC Becomes **YACHT CENTRAL**

# SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS



## **BOSTON WHALER HELPS KIDS GO BACK TO SCHOOL**

More than 150 backpacks filled with school supplies were loaded into a 170 Dauntless and delivered to children at three local elementary schools as part of Boston Whaler's 6th annual 'Boatload of Backpacks' event. The Edgewater, Florida-headquartered company's new president, Nick Stickler, got in on the fun by helping to hand out the goods. "We are pleased to be involved in a local charity that helps prepare our young community for future success", says Stickler. Boston Whaler is the near 60-year-old builder of unsinkable runabouts, cruisers and center console boats. [www.bostonwhaler.com](http://www.bostonwhaler.com)

## **NEW SALES OFFICE FOR DREAM YACHT CHARTER**

Dream Yacht Charter has opened a sales office at its Fort Lauderdale, Florida, charter base, at the Royal Palm Marina in Dania Beach. By November, the office will be fully operational when its stock boats arrive on site. Dream Yacht, the largest privately owned charter operation in the world, is a dealer for Bali catamarans and Dufour monohulls. The company also sells new Lagoons, Fountaine Pajots, Nautitech, Beneteaus and Jeanneaus into its fleets.

"Many clients are interested in ownership and would like to chat with a knowledgeable person about ownership options and charter management in particular," says Estelle Cock-

croft, an Aventura, Florida-based yacht broker who with husband Stephen are also owners of the popular website, [cateramaranguru.com](http://cateramaranguru.com). "Being on-site, makes it convenient for the client to establish a personal relationship with a broker while at the base. People always feel more comfortable with someone they meet personally and can better assess whether this will be a good fit for them."

Dream Yacht also welcomes two new catamarans to its fleet in December. One is the Lagoon 450 SporTop (450S) owner's version with 3 cabins and 3 heads. The 450S is an updated version of the 450 Flybridge, one of the most successful catamarans built with more than 500 on the water. It is more luxuriously appointed, with ample storage, a great U-shaped galley and spacious cabins and heads. Second is the Lagoon 42. This latest model in the Lagoon family, which offers 4 cabins and heads, is fully equipped with air-conditioning, generator, electronics and more. [www.dreamyachtcharter.com](http://www.dreamyachtcharter.com)

## **MAVERICK BOAT GROUP SUPPORTS BONEFISH & TARPON TRUST RESEARCH**

It's impossible to fully protect a migratory fish species without knowing where it swims throughout its life cycle. To unlock this below-the-sea mystery, the Maverick Boat Group is sponsoring a new research program for the Coral Gables, Florida-





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headquartered non-profit, the Bonefish & Tarpon Trust (BTT). The Tarpon Acoustic Tagging Program is a five-year study using acoustic telemetry to identify tarpon movement patterns and important habitats. It capitalizes on a large network consisting of thousands of acoustic receivers stretching across the Gulf of Mexico and along the coastline of the Southeastern US. This array of receivers will monitor the movements of some 50 tarpon tagged as part of the program.

"Maverick Boat Group's generous support is enabling BTT to research important questions about tarpon movement in Florida's waters and beyond. Knowledge gained from this project will help conserve tarpon, their habitats and the larger fishery. Our partnership continues the company's longstanding commitment to conservation and provides new opportunities for BTT to share its mission and ongoing work with Maverick customers," says Jim McDuffie, BTT executive director. [www.bonefishtarpontrust.org](http://www.bonefishtarpontrust.org), [www.maverickboatgroup.com](http://www.maverickboatgroup.com)

### NEW LOOK & LAYOUT FOR YACHTS MIAMI BEACH 2017

The 29th annual Yachts Miami Beach, formerly named the Yacht and Brokerage Show, will introduce a new look and layout for the 2017 event. The new strategic and aesthetically pleasing look comes thanks to EDSA, a design company renowned for its work at Disney's resorts and Atlantis in the Bahamas, hired by Show Management and the Florida Yacht Brokers Association, which co-owned the event. Spanning more than a mile along Collins Avenue from 41st Street to 54th Street, the show's new layout highlights its picturesque, waterfront location along Indian Creek Waterway. New too, guests can for the first time arrive to the show aboard free water taxis connected to convenient parking locations. The

city's premier in-water luxury yacht show, will take place from February 16 to 20 on Collins Avenue, across from the legendary Fontainebleau and Eden Roc hotels. [www.showmanagement.com/miami\\_boat\\_show/event/](http://www.showmanagement.com/miami_boat_show/event/)

### MARINE TOURISM GETS A BOOST FROM A SINKING IN THE PALM BEACHES

The Ana Cecilia cargo ship, once used in both an attempt to smuggle \$10 million worth of cocaine on the Miami River and as the first ship to carry cargo from Miami to Cuba in 2012 after 50 years of embargo, now has a new destiny underwater in The Palm Beaches as an artificial reef. The ship, a 170-foot Halter Marine general cargo ship built in 1972, was sunk on July 13, a little over a mile off the Lake Worth Inlet in 85 feet of water (coordinates: 26 47.118/-80 00.960). Here, it is part of the artificial reef system managed by the Palm Beach County Department of Environmental Resources Management. It will soon become a diver's dream bustling with underwater activity as it is colonized by the algae, sponges, and corals that support sea life such as Goliath Grouper, sea turtles, thorny oysters and green moray eels. <http://www.palmbeachfl.com>, [www.pbcgov.com/erm/](http://www.pbcgov.com/erm/)



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# LAUDERDALE MARINE CENTER EXPANDS TO ACCOMMODATE LARGER YACHTS

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER



Large yachts are increasing in size and number. In fact, 755 vessels 80-feet and longer were either on order or under construction compared to 692 in 2013, according to Showboat International's 2016 Global Order Book. What's more, these big boats run across the board from sport fishers, open, expedition and sailing to the majority which are motor yachts. It follows that this surge in megayachts will need dockage, service and repair facilities. This is just what the latest expansion targets at the Lauderdale Marine Center, in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, the largest yacht repair facility in the U.S.

One of LMC's first expansion projects has been to add five

new dry storage slips or 'laydays' for vessels up to 150-feet in its southwest area. These, completed in mid-August, increase the facilities dry storage slips to 41 total for vessels over 120-feet.

"We looked at our space distribution for onland storage and 70 percent was for boats 100 feet and under, while occupancy in boats over 100 feet was close to 80 percent on an annual basis and higher than this in season," says Doug West, LMC president, about what led to the expanded laydays. "We has some land, a grassy field about an acre in size that was previously used for trailer storage, which we paved over and turned into boat storage."

A second development has been to take 15 of LMC's nearly 60 acres, what was formerly the River Bend Marine Center, and turn it into an additional 85 spaces: 43 in water and 42 out of water. The first of these spaces, designed to accommodate boats ranging from 40 to 80 feet, will open at the end of 2016. All 85 will be operational by March 2017, according to West. These 15 acres were acquired by LMC's owner previous to the Carlyle Group's purchase of the LMC in 2015. The Washington, DC-headquartered Carlyle Group, one of the world's largest private equity firms, also owns marina facilities in the Florida Keys.

Two additional projects for the LMC are currently in the permitting process and West expects these to be completed by the summer of 2017.

First, West explains, "There currently isn't enough room for the bigger boats in the marina. We will be reconfiguring our slip space to move from our current 25 percent of slips for boats 80-feet plus to 36 percent, offering 78 spots total for 80-plus foot yachts."

Secondly, LMC will be upgrading its 300-ton lift to a 500-ton capable of lifting aluminum and fiberglass yachts up to 180-foot long. There's also a 75 and 100-ton lifts on property.

"We often get requests to haul boats that are too heavy for us. There is a big demand for this and by next summer we'll be better prepared to meet this," West says.

The LMC has a unique business model in that service and repairs, other than hauling, launching and bottom painting, are concessioned out to independent contractors. Currently 73 contractors lease space at LMC, while up to 350 contractors representing a variety of marine trades work on property during the course of a year. New, as of the beginning of 2016, LMC established a certified contractor program.

"To be certified, contractors have to agree to a number of

## BOAT SHOW

### FORT LAUDERDALE, FL

**NOVEMBER 3 – 7**

Fort Lauderdale Boat Show

[www.ShowManagement.com](http://www.ShowManagement.com)  
800-940-7642

### FT. MYERS, FL

**NOVEMBER 17 – 20**

Fort Myers Boat Show

[www.SWFMIA.com](http://www.SWFMIA.com)  
954-570-7785

### TAMPA, FL

**OCTOBER 4 – 6**

IBEX - The International Boatbuilders Exhibition and Conference

[www.ibexshow.com/](http://www.ibexshow.com/)  
[info@ibexshow.com](mailto:info@ibexshow.com)  
866-963-9655

## FISHING TOURNAMENTS

### BIMINI, BAHAMAS

**NOVEMBER 10 – 13**

BBGC Wahoo Smackdown

[www.biggameclub.com](http://www.biggameclub.com)  
[bimini.com](http://bimini.com)

### ISLAMORADA, FL

**NOVEMBER 10 – 12**

The Cheeca Lodge All-American

Backcountry Tournament  
[www.cheeca.com/experience/fishing/all-american-fishing-tournament](http://www.cheeca.com/experience/fishing/all-american-fishing-tournament)

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[www.redbone.org](http://www.redbone.org)  
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### MADEIRA BEACH, FL

**NOVEMBER 3 – 5**

Fall King of the Beach / Mad Beach Food Fest

[oldsaltfishing.org/tournaments/](http://oldsaltfishing.org/tournaments/)

### STUART, FLORIDA

**OCTOBER 14 – 15**

Saltwater Sisters Ladies Tournament

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

**NOVEMBER 4 – 5**

Stuart Sailfish Club Members Tournament

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

## POKER RUN


### KEY WEST, FL

**NOVEMBER 9 – 14**

Key West Offshore Poker Run

[flpowerboat.com/project/key-west-offshore-poker-run/](http://flpowerboat.com/project/key-west-offshore-poker-run/)

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points, such as adhere to safety training, offer warranties, give estimates in advance and work schedules. As of August, over 100 of our contractors have become certified. This is yet another way we are working to enhance what's most important to us, the customer experience," says West. 





# BIMINI ISLANDS

LIFESTYLE BY CAPT SHANE MCCLELLAN



This issue we are going to focus on the island group of Bimini, which is the closest point to America. If you want to come here by boat you can leave from Miami, but I recommend leaving from Key Largo instead. This way you are south of Bimini and you can head almost due east while the Gulf Stream pushes you north at 2-4 knots.

The main settlement of 1600 is on the seven mile long and 700 foot wide strip of land of North Bimini. Big game fishing is the lifeblood of the island and due to this Ernest Hemingway lived here in the late 30's while he was writing *To Have and Have Not*. His residence was at the Compleat Angler Hotel, which burned down in 2006.

The busy season for Bimini is opposite the rest of The Bahamas, because guests want calm weather to deep sea fish and snorkel the many wrecks and reefs. During the





spring and summer this place can have quite the night life evidenced by the fact there are twice as many bars as restaurants!

When you are here you should make a trip to the local museum, which of course has a whole section on Hemingway's time on the island. They also have exhibits on pirates, music, the local airline, fishing, and some of the dive sites including the Bimini Road, which is supposed to be a road from the lost city of Atlantis, but is actually just a local rock formation.

A hundred feet or so away is South Bimini which is worth a day visit. The first place I walked to was the fabled Fountain Of Youth. I find it funny that at the American Fountain of Youth there is a whole theme park you have to pay to get in. Here in the Bahamas they just have a sign and a well. If you want some water you have to bring it up quick, because the bucket is full of holes.

The nature trail is a beautiful walk along the scrub, through some gorgeous forest, and along the beach. You can poke around the ruin of Percy Cavill's house. He was an Olympic gold medalist at the turn of the century and the house shows

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### SAILING REGATTA

**FORT LAUDERDALE, FL**  
**OCTOBER 22 – 23**  
**Opti Team Race Regatta**  
[www.lyc.org/web/guest/regattas](http://www.lyc.org/web/guest/regattas)

**OCTOBER 1 – 2**  
**Frigid Digit Regatta**  
[www.lyc.org/web/guest/regattas](http://www.lyc.org/web/guest/regattas)  
 954-524-5500

**OCTOBER 19 – 23**  
**Snipe Masters Worlds**  
[www.lyc.org/web/guest/regattas](http://www.lyc.org/web/guest/regattas)  
 954-524-5500

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

**OCTOBER 22 – 23**  
**Halloween Howler Youth Regatta**  
[www.cgsc.org](http://www.cgsc.org)

**NOVEMBER 9 – 12**  
**Nassau Cup Ocean Race**  
[www.nassaucuprace.org/#](http://www.nassaucuprace.org/#)  
 305-858-1733

**NOV. 26 – DEC. 3**  
**Melges 24 Miami World Championship**  
[www.usmelges24.com](http://www.usmelges24.com)

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

how conch shells are used as a building material in the Bahamas. Several times along the trail there are displays showing different animals.

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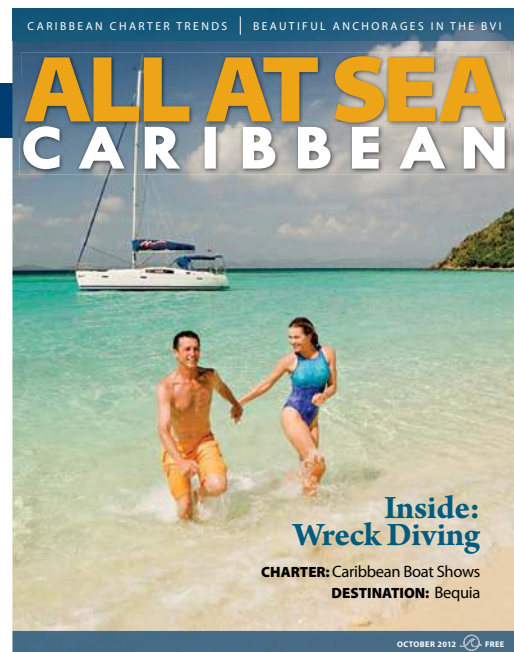
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is a world famous facility owned and operated by shark biologist Dr. Samuel Gruber. It offers marine biology internships to people interested in shark research and the conservation of the ocean's ecosystems and tours are given sometimes.

Due to the weather when I was here I did not get to snorkel much, but I did stop at the SS Sapona on my way to the next issue, the Berry Islands. This WW1 concrete freighter ran aground during a 1926 hurricane. It sits in 10-15 feet of water and you can snorkel inside the expansive cargo hold, the impressive engine room, and other small side rooms. Over the

years this wreck has been stripped down and the wood was used to build the Compleat Angler Hotel. During WW2 it was used as target practice and the famous Flight 19 disappeared while returning on a bombing run. You can even climb up to the deck, walk around, and jump off the side. 🌀

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# WALTER DUKE + PARTNERS CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

LIFESTYLE BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER

Fort Lauderdale was still a seasonal town with little development back in 1975 when Bob Clobus, fresh out of the U.S. Army Finance Corp in Vietnam, founded the commercial real estate valuation firm that is now Walter Duke + Partners. That started to change as more capital became attracted to the area and Clobus saw an opportunity to help banks properly underwrite real estate loans. He founded an appraisal company called Clobus Valuation. Then, the firm changed forever when Walter Duke, newly-graduated from the University of Florida, came on board in 1985. Duke was the driving force behind the firm's growth from a one-man operation to a statewide company with multiple offices and a roster of clients that include the world's most respected companies.

"Our firm has completed appraisal and consulting assignments on nearly every commercial and residential tower in downtown Fort Lauderdale. We are pleased of the role we have played in helping to shape the Fort Lauderdale skyline. We are also proud to have appraised every boatyard and marina in the market giving us the opportunity to meet and work with the many exceptional people that comprise our vital marine industry," says president, Walter Duke, III.

Looking ahead at the real estate market in South Florida and what boating enthusiasts can look forward to, Duke sees the local business and government communities working with the scientific and marine communities to better support and nurture the marine industry. In part, this is simply getting people out on the water by networking with local public schools and non-profits. After all, the more people that get exposed to the water the better to the marine industry over the long term.

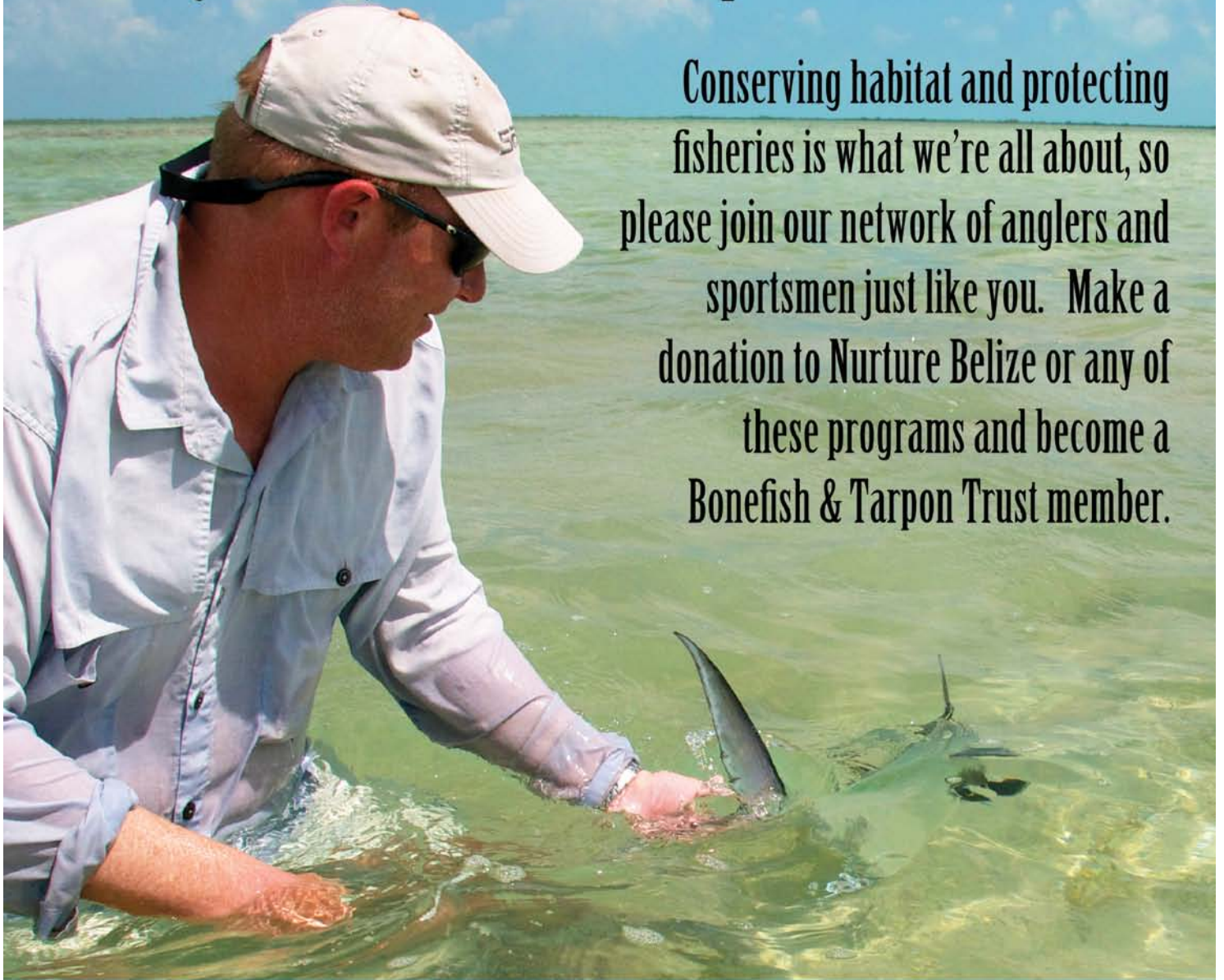


"There is also a refocusing on the importance of the marine industry both economically and socially. For the first time in many years, new boat storage is going to be introduced into the market for smaller boats making it more affordable and accessible to the nearly two million residents of Broward County," says Duke.



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# BAREFOOT ESTABLISHES CET LAW IN KEY LARGO WITH GLOBAL REACH

LIFESTYLE BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI

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Growing up, Natalie Barefoot had a four-panel poster of a breaching humpback whale in her bedroom. "I've always been drawn to whales," said the University of Miami School of Law graduate. Now, Barefoot is the executive director of Cet Law. "Cet" is short for the word cetacean, a scientific category that includes whales, porpoises and dolphins.

Through Cet Law, Barefoot aims to combine her passions for cetaceans, law and environmental protection. "When people ask what I do, the easiest description is to say I am a whale lawyer."

Barefoot established Cet Law in Key Largo in 2015 because it is near her network of contacts in Miami. But additionally, the quality of life, the ecosystem and tourism are interconnected here. "We live and breathe our marine environment. It is part of our life every day; sustainable tourism is the key."

After graduating law school, Barefoot worked in Miami at Hogan Lovells, where for five years her main client was the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. Her work centered on endangered species and water flow. She learned her favorite part was working with scientists. As an attorney she had to distill technical information into precise, accurate language that could be understood outside of the scientific community in order to present the case to the judge. "I loved taking the information from the micro to the macro level," she observed.

The challenge, she found, was finding agreement with scientists on a figure that achieved the results the client wanted; for example, a level of water flow through a dam that protects endangered species. "You have to ask the court for a specific remedy; however, scientists are, understandably, at times reluctant to commit to a figure because a change in any parameter of a model, which can be caused by a myriad of outside influences, can change the final outcome."





Barefoot's affinity for incorporating science and best practices into legal frameworks is reflected in Cet Law's tagline: "translating science and knowledge into protection."

After her experience in private law, Barefoot worked with the United Nations Environment Programme in Geneva, Switzerland. There, an opportunity presented itself to observe a trial in the Netherlands regarding an orca that had to be rescued and rehabilitated under a permit, but rather than released, it was transferred to a zoological park where it now performs. Seeing whales in the legal system inspired her to get involved in a hands-on way.

So, she left the UN and spent time in the field with scientific researchers. First, she went to New Zealand where she worked with an orca whale expert, Dr. Ingrid Visser. "I offered my legal expertise in exchange for field experience and the opportunity to understand on-the-ground what issues cetaceans were facing." Next, Barefoot went to the Cook Islands to work with humpback

whale expert Nan Hauser. She spent four months there, again offering her technical assistance in exchange for experience.

All that time, she was also trying to understand if there was a need for someone like her and if so, what the best vehicle to deliver those services would be. "I found there was indeed a need and that establishing a not-for-profit made the most sense to be able to effectively reach the end result of improving protection for cetaceans and their habitats. The funny thing was I thought that by focusing my work on cetaceans, I could really drill down on a narrow area of law and policy." But, she found this was not the case. "There are a lot of activities that directly affect cetaceans – fishing bycatch, whale watching, ship strikes, entanglements... And, when you think about it, so many, if not all of our daily actions affect the marine environment, which is the habitat of cetaceans. It has been a huge learning curve from that perspective, but I am loving every moment of it; I am meant for this work." 🐳



# PUSSEY'S RUM AGED 15 YEARS

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

On a recent trip to Annapolis, we had to make a stop at Mill's Fine Wine and Spirits to check out the rum selection stocked for incoming cruisers. Lo and behold there was the Pusser's Rum Aged 15 Years; a rum we can't find in South Florida. The \$60.00 purchase price made us hesitate just a brief second but boy after tasting what Forbes refers to "the single malt of rum" it was money well spent.

If you have been on charter in the British Virgin Islands, surely you've partaken in a Pusser's Painkiller® or two. The fruity cocktail is made with Pusser's Original Admiralty Blend (Blue Label), based on the same recipe use by the British Royal Navy as their daily rum ration to sailors. The pint size ration or "tot" was distributed by the ship's purser. After consuming their daily ration, sailors' slurring of Purser soon became "Pusser." On July 31, 1970, known to many as "Black Tot Day," this 300 year tradition was abolished by the Admiralty Board.

In 1979, a global sailor and entrepreneur, Charles Tobias, obtained the rights and all blending information from the Admiralty and formed Pusser's Ltd. on Tortola. Pusser's is a blend of five West Indies rums distilled in a double wooden pot still – one of the few producers still using this method. The 15 year old is crafted in small batches and from the beginning took the world by storm winning Gold medals at World Rum competitions.

## HE SAID

Wow! What an inviting nose. I get vanilla bean, sherry and some charred notes. The woodiness doesn't taste of oak, rather beech or ash. The first sip is smooth and subtle accentuating the sweet notes from the nose and defining the charred note as tobacco. The finish however, is floral and almost tropical. The second sip brings out cherry and melon explaining the floral finish. The sweetness definitely comes from molasses and is well balanced with the alcohol content. My third, fourth and fifth sips bring something new and wonderful to my palette.

## SHE SAID

The color is an inviting golden-red with nice lacing on the glass. I too get the sherry or maybe brandy on the nose but instead of vanilla, I get rich caramel and the tobacco Clint gets on the palate. My first sip engulfs my sinuses with pure pleasure. All the notes on the nose shine along with something I can't quite pinpoint on the first sip. My second sip hits the jackpot – dark



chocolate-covered Bing cherries. Oh my! The finish is smooth with the lingering cherry and sweet honeydew melon.

## OVERALL

As you can tell we loved this rum. Every sip brought out something different to explore. We can definitely tell a lot of care went into making this special rum.

4.75 OF 5



## 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.*