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BID TO WIN STAY AT HISTORIC HILLSBORO LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER'S COTTAGES

Take a trip back into maritime history! Bid in the Hillsboro Lighthouse Preservation Society's Silent Auction by March 8 to spend a night or two in one of the rustic turn-of-the-century light keeper's cottages. The auction is part of the organization's March 10 gala dinner in celebration of the 110th anniversary of the lighthouse, which has been operating since March 8, 1907.

"The light and its optical system are the most powerful in the U.S.A. and time to time in the whole world. Lighthouse enthusiasts travel from all over the world to come and visit the Hillsboro Inlet light," says Art Makenian, president of the non-profit society, which operates, maintains and preserves the light.

The Light Keepers Cottages are located on the U.S. Coast Guard Light Station Hillsboro Inlet. Each cottage is fully furnished, including kitchen appliances, utensils, charcoal grills,



towels, beach towels, and sheets. Bidding starts at \$1,000 for a one-night stay and \$1,500 for a two-night stay. To bid, Email President@HillsboroLighthouse.org by Wednesday, March 8th at 6 p.m. hillsborolighthouse.org

PALM BEACH INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW SET FOR MARCH 23-26

More than \$1.2 billion worth of yachts and accessories, including hundreds of vessels ranging from 8-foot inflatables to superyachts nearly 300 feet in length, will be featured at the 32nd annual Palm Beach International Boat Show. That's not all! In addition to the large selection of boats and exhibits, the show offers fun and educational activities, including free youth fishing clinics by Hook the Future, IGFA School of Sportfishing seminars, on-the-water boat handling sessions, and long-range cruising clinics. Attendees can also enjoy live music and refreshments at the show's world-famous floating cocktail lounges. The show takes place on the West Palm Beach waterfront along Flagler Drive. Guests are invited to come by boat and can tie up to free docks located south of the in-water displays. www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-international-boat-show-2017/event/



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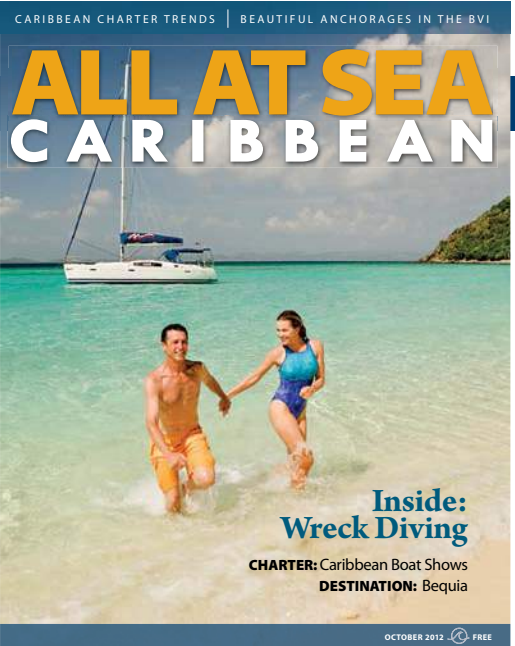
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REEL IN A WHOPPER OF KNOWLEDGE AT THE WEST PALM BEACH FISHING CLUB'S SPEAKER SERIES

Trolling and chunking for yellowfin tuna. Tips for targeting cobia and permit on the wrecks and reefs. How to catch smoker kingfish. These are three of the 16 topics presented by speakers at the West Palm Beach Fishing Club (WPBFC) between now and November. Speakers are local, regional and nationally recognized fishing experts who cover the techniques, locations, baits and tackle they know best.

"Our speaker schedule features some of the best in the business," says Tom Bzura, the Club's communications coordinator. "We choose speakers who cover techniques for catching species club members are most interested in, both inshore and offshore. Some of these fishing pros might look familiar from last year, and others are speaking to club members for the first time. It's important to keep it fresh and bring new insight to each meeting."

Speakers are hosted the first and fourth Wednesday of most months at the WPBFC's historic clubhouse, located at the cor-

ner of 5th Street & North Flagler Drive, in downtown West Palm Beach.

"Seminars are definitely free for members and we do allow non-members to attend. If they like what they see and learn something, we encourage them to join the Club," invites Bzura. Annual membership is \$80 for adults, \$25 for juniors (ages 10-18) and \$15 for peewees (kids up to 9 years old). Family memberships are available for \$150. www.westpalmbeachfishingclub.org

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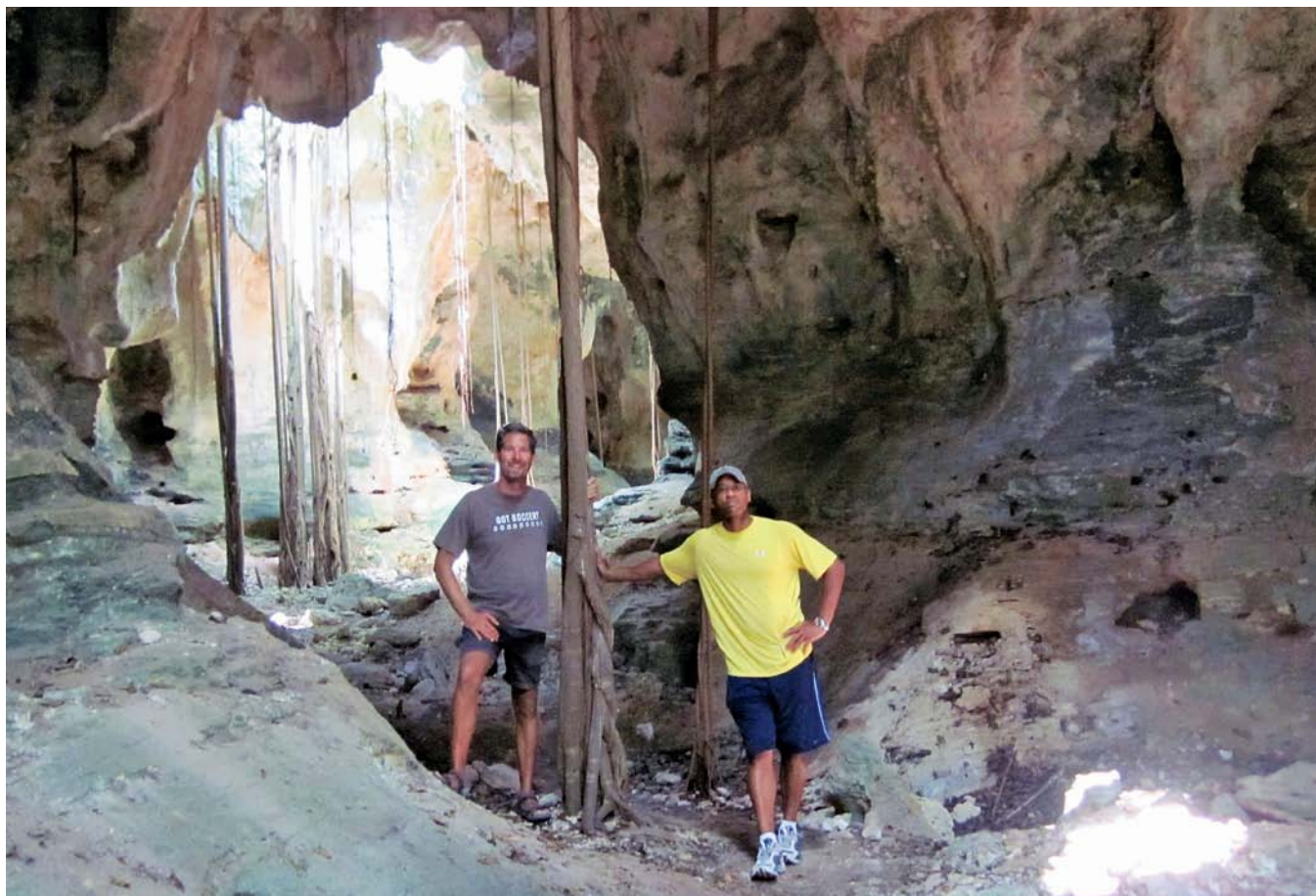


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EXPLORING SOUTHERN ELEUTHERA

BY: CAPT SHANE MCCLELLAN



left you as we just went south through Current Cut in Eleuthera. We are now going to continue traveling south on the west side of the island, which is also the bank side.

Your first stop, Glass Window is an impressive site, as a small canyon at the narrowest part of the island, barely seen above sea level. In 1991 a rogue wave slammed into the Glass Window and the bridge was knocked seven feet to the west, stopping traffic for years. While here check out the Bull & Cow Rocks just down the road.

About five miles south you will find Gregory Town and Elvina's is the place to be at night. This place is a bit of a music mecca and you never know what musician will walk through the door and play a set.



During the day check out the Surfers Manor. It has a beach that is supposed to have prime surfing conditions. I can tell you the beach was wonderful and the surfer shack was very cool to check out.

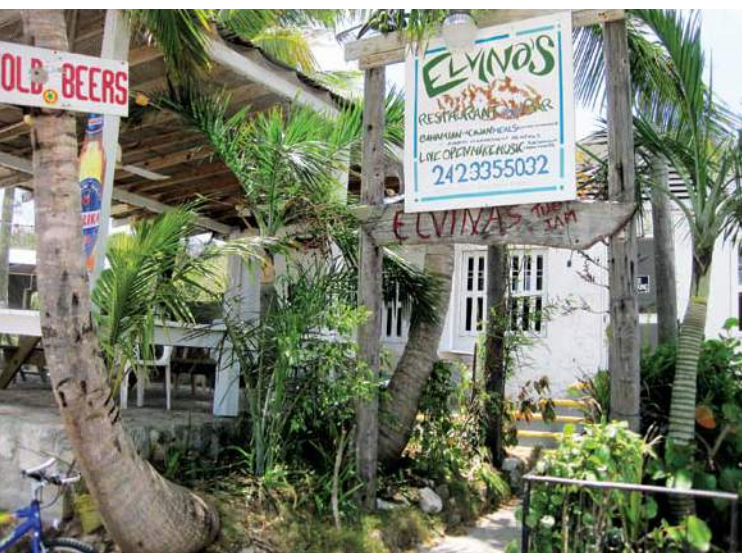
Our next stop, Alice Springs, has an unbelievably well protected harbor, since the entrance is cut through a cliff. There is an extensive poultry farm ruin you can poke around in Alice Springs and a mile or two outside of town there is an extensive cave to explore.

Believe it or not, Eleuthera has the best soil of all the Bahamas islands and is the breadbasket of the country. In fact, it used to be the largest pineapple exporter in the world until Hawaii took over.

Continuing down the coast to Governors Harbor, we find the very first consulate for the United States of America, built in 1789. Besides the beautiful homes and wonderful atmosphere, you should check out the library housed in an 1896 gingerbread house. Also, do not miss the well-known Friday night fish fry.

Fifteen miles south is the small town of Tarpum Bay. It's supposed to be an artist community. There is no harbor, but if you have the time and the weather is settled it is a nice walk through town. The houses are pretty and one of them is a modern-day castle.

End your trip in Rock Sound where you will find the Ocean Hole. This is a large blue hole the locals say is bottomless and is the swimming hole for the settlement. The Ocean Hole was nice, but the coolest thing was a smaller blue hole where a local guy used to store turtles and an open-air cave with tree roots growing down. The locals use it as shelter during hurri-



BOAT SHOWS

CHARLESTON, SC

APRIL 28-30

Charleston In-Water Boat Show

www.CharlestonInWaterBoatShow.com
864-250-9713

JACKSONVILLE, FL

APRIL 21 - 23

Southeast US Boat Show

southeastusboatshow.com
904-759-2758

MOBILE, AL

MARCH 31 - APRIL 2

Mobile Boat Show

www.gulfcoastshows.com
251-478-SHOW

NAPLES, FL

MARCH 2 - 5

Bonita Springs Boat Show

www.swfmia.com

NASSAU, BAHAMAS

MARCH 28 - APRIL 2

The Bahamas Yacht

and Travel Show

www.bahamas-yacht-and-travel-show.com
954 900 4500

ORANGE BEACH, AL

MARCH 23 - 26

Wharf Boat & Yacht Show (WBYS)

www.wharfboatshow.com
scott@cmmmarinas.com
(850) 527-2882

SARASOTA, FL

APRIL 21 - 23

Suncoast Boat Show

www.showmanagement.com/suncoast_boat_show/event/
954-764-7642

VERO BEACH, FL

APRIL 1 - 2

Marine and Wildlife Art Festival and Craft Show

www.MarineWildlifeArtFestivalCraftShow.com
info@marinewildlifeartfestivalcraftshow.com
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WEST PALM BEACH, FL

MARCH 23 - 26

Palm Beach

International Boat Show

www.showmanagement.com/palm-beach-international-boat-show-2017/event/

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

ABACO, BAHAMAS

APRIL 19 - 22

Abaco Diamond Series - White Marlin Roundup

www.skipstournaments.com
skip@skipstournaments.com
(954) 531-7985

ISLAMORADA, FL

APRIL 21 - 23

Redbone Sunrise/Sunset Celebrity Tarpon Tourney

www.redbone.org/tourn_sched.html
susan@redbone.org
305-664-2002

APRIL 28 - 30

Islamorada Spring Classic

www.islamoradaclassic.com/
islamoradafishingclassics@aol.com
305-522-4868

KEY LARGO, FL

MARCH 3 - 4

Annual Charity Billfish Blast

lmundell@paradisebank.com
561-392-5444

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canes and the kids love swing around from the vine like roots. I can attest to the joy of playing in this cave.

Eleuthera turned out to be my favorite island in the Bahamas. Check out next month as we will sail down the Exumas Island chain.

Visit www.svGuidingLight.com to read more from Captain Shane about the Bahamas, Caribbean, life aboard, world traveling, and more. You might also want to check out his travel video series.

ISLAND BOAT SHOW BECOMES ANNUAL TRADITION IN THE FLORIDA KEYS

BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI



You don't have to be a major metropolitan area to host a boat show. The rural Florida Keys know a little something about boating and fishing, and the second annual Island Boat Show etched another notch toward becoming a yearly tradition. Organized and staffed by volunteers affiliated with Island Christian School (ICS) in Islamorada, the boat show Jan. 21-23 was hosted at Hawks Cay Resort and Marina in the Middle Keys.

Organizers invited guests to come enjoy test rides aboard major boat brands without the hassle of crowds. Fishing seminars, raffles, water sport companies and related vendors all combined for a show that benefitted a private school by providing salary increases for teachers and other needs. "Our private school teachers make a fraction of the public school teachers," said Glenn Latham, an Islamorada-based volunteer and ICS supporter.

Larry Luna, who has moved to Texas, and Capt. Rich Tudor of Islamorada and the Saltwater Experience created the Island Boat Show in 2016. It raised \$39,000 for the school primarily from slip fees and entry fee donations, which compared to larger boat shows, are reasonable and considered good deals. The weather wasn't great at the 2016 event but it didn't hamper the enthusiasm.

ICS, for 30 years, held an annual Christmas Fest and when Tudor's boys, now aged 13 and 10, began attending the school, he got involved. The person who organized the Christmas Fest retired and Luna and Tudor thought about a regatta / boat show idea instead.

"Miami [boat show] is so hectic," said Tudor. "Traffic is a nightmare, and for attendees to test-ride boats takes time and effort; the vendors have to bring boats in a week ahead of time."

Tudor said the Island Boat Show quadrupled in size in one year's time. In its first year, the event featured about 50 boats from a dozen vendors. In 2017, 40 major boat brands are bringing an average of three boats each, from 16-foot skiffs to 53-foot ocean-going vessels, said Latham, and the majority are in the water.

Tudor said boat manufacturers are happy with the show, acknowledging crowds are smaller but more people are boat buyers, so the age-old quality not quantity mantra applied. "Hawks Cay is a beautiful resort and it gives locals and South Florida residents the opportunity for a stay-cation with discounted room prices," he said as an extra attraction.

Free seminars expanded in 2017 as well. Located inside a ballroom near the exhibit area, they accommodated more listeners and featured experts in topics such as redfish and snook; spearfishing and freediving; reef fishing; bonefish, permit and tarpon; Everglades fishing; fly fishing; fishing the Bay, dolphin fishing; backcountry secrets and bridge fishing.

One of the speakers, Capt. Richard Black of Islamorada, shared his preparation routine in a blog: "Part of my daily



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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

KEY WEST, FL
MARCH 13 – 16
March Merkin Permit Tournament
 marchmerkin.com/
 DHorn18669@aol.com
 303-888-4546

APRIL 25 – 30
The Final Sail
 www.bluewatermovements.com/final_sail/

NAUTICAL FLEA MARKET

VERO BEACH, FL
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 FLNauticalFleaMarket.com
 info@FLnauticalfleamarket.com
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3rd Annual Indian River Nautical Flea Market and Seafood Festival
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 www.FLNauticalFleaMarket.com
 954-205-7813

SAILING REGATTAS

CHARLESTON, SC
APRIL 20 – 23
Charleston Race Week
 www.CharlestonRaceWeek.com
 843-259-2672

MIAMI, FL
MARCH 3 – 5
Melges (NA) Miami Winter Series Event No. 3 | Melges Rocks Regatta
 www.melges20.com

MARCH 5 – 11
Bacardi Miami Sailing Week
 www.miamisailingweek.com/


MARCH 15
Miami to Havana
 www.havanarace.org

routine is looking at weather forecasts, and not just one, but several forecast sites, comparing notes from each and developing a personal forecast with the best available atmospheric science. This addiction to weather helps me predict fishing patterns and narrow my fishing options..."

Silent auction offerings included Old Town Kayak, Yeti Coolers, custom fishing gear, a Mercury outboard engine, Bubba Blade Knives, artwork, clothing, fishing charters and Hawks Cay Spa packages.

Event-goers need not go hungry. Hawk's Cay onsite restaurant, Anglers and Ale, caters to the boat show attendees for the weekend.

Because the reception for the Island Boat show has been so positive, Tudor suggests interested participants sign up to participate in 2018 now via the website www.islandboatshow.com.

Volunteers are grateful to the show's title sponsor, Seven Marine, which enabled advertising and promotion in local media as well as through banner ads placed at businesses along the Florida Keys Overseas Highway. 

Jill Zima Borski is an Islamorada-based writer and artist and her website is www.jill-zima-borski.com.

EMERALD ANNIVERSARY FOR INTERNATIONAL SEAKEEPERS SOCIETY

BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER



Working with the yachting community to promote globally-significant oceanographic research, conservation and education to protect the seas has been the mission of the International SeaKeepers Society since it started in 1998. Today, twenty years later, this Coral Gables, Florida-headquartered non-profit organization continues to work with yachts and scientists as a vital part of its programing.

"The organization's initial focus was the development and use of instrumentation on yachts to monitor marine conditions throughout the world's oceans," explains Sarah Hernandez, the Society's marketing and public relations manager. "Today, SeaKeepers continues to work closely with yacht owners and crew to coordinate research and outreach activities that reflect the yacht owner's ocean-related interests. From where we began to where we are now, we have been able to expand from ocean monitoring to using yachts as the platform for all types of ocean research. This eliminates 90 percent of costs for scientists and creates new innovations in ocean science including genome sequencing, shark and fish tagging, coral studies and more."

Highlights in SeaKeepers two-decade history include awarding the organization's highest award to accomplished ocean and sealife environmentalists. These include 2014 awardee Wendy Benchley, wife of Jaws author Peter Benchley, who advocates for the protection of sharks, and 2015 recipient Fabien Cousteau, grandson of famed ocean explorer Jacques Cousteau and a renowned ocean conservationist in his own right. Programming-wise, SeaKeepers has enjoyed some memorable and influential trips. One of these is a week-long research expedition aboard the mobile biomedical laboratory DISCOVERY Yacht Copasetic and supporting its research for PBS's special, 'Sponges: Oldest Creatures in the Sea?'

"For the coming year and for years to come, SeaKeepers aims to complete expeditions with new vessels in both local and international locations. We have already expanded with our SeaKeepers West Coast and SeaKeepers Asia chapters in 2016 and we look forward to further expanding our efforts through these partners," says Hernandez.

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FREEDOM WATERS FOUNDATION SEEKS TO GET EVERYONE OUT ON THE SEAS

BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER



Many in the boating community take for granted the wondrous feel of salt spray on your face, the wind blowing through your hair and rock and roll wave action under your feet. This isn't so for those with special needs, from children, teens and young adults with medical challenges to injured veterans with

physical limitations. It's the beauty of organizations like Freedom Waters Foundation (FWF), based in Naples, Florida, that gives everyone a chance to see what life is like on the sea.

"There is a concrete and spiritual story to how our foundation came to be," says Debra 'Debby' Frenkel, FWF founder

and executive director, who is also a licensed social worker and who co-authored *U.S. Sailing's Adaptive Sailing Resource Manual* with Betsy Alison, coach of the U.S. Paralympic Team at U.S. Sailing. "The concrete answer is I worked for another organization where I started all these programs. They closed their doors in 2005 and while unemployed my current co-founder, John Weller, who has worked 30-plus years as a yacht broker, and I continued to conduct boat outings for children with cancer and their families. In January 2006, John encouraged me to start my own foundation. I knew that offering therapeutic boating and marine activities did wonders from what I experienced personally and with my extensive experience with disabled sailing."

Frenkel says FWF's mission is to improve the lives of individuals with special needs, like those with disabilities, life threatening illnesses, youth at risk and veterans, via short voyages on the waters of South Florida. This for example, may mean an opportunity for some families who rarely get to do a fun activity together to do so out on the ocean. Or, providing a safe place on the soothing seas for camaraderie and relaxation for traumatized or injured veterans.

There are several programs in place for FWF to accomplish this objective. One is Weller Days, which started out as voyages for children with cancer and their families. Now, this program, named for FWF's co-founder, is for anyone, of any age, with any disability and consists of 1 to 3 hour cruises of a variety of vessels. In another program, FWF partners with Colliers County Parks and Recreation department to provide adaptive sailing instruction on small boats. There are also fishing programs, including those that cater to groups of veterans in need of healing activities. Some kayaking and paddle-boarding has even been added to the mix.

"I think what my son enjoyed most was the sensation of the wind on his face while we were out on the water," says Jeff Mitchell, who with his wife moved to Florida from the cold climate of Ohio in order for their 25-year-old wheelchair-bound son with cerebral palsy to enjoy more outdoor time. "Sailing or riding on a motorboat offers such a different feeling for him than on land and it's an enjoyable social experience as well. I think what is most impressive about Freedom Waters is that it helps people to do what they normally would never do."

Mitchell has expanded his involvement with FWF from parent to also volunteer. Volunteers are indeed the lifeblood of the organization. For example, an armada of local boat owners, proprietors of both private craft and larger commercial vessels such as day excursion and sports fishers, donate their



Jeff Mitchell with his son, Peter, and wife, Maryann.





time and use of their vessels. Those without boats, volunteers such as Mitchell, offer their assistance in a myriad of ways. This includes, in his case, serving as a guide to make sure there's smooth sailing for all.

"The most important need we have is for people with boats," says Andrew Cilla, owner of Luke Brown Yachts, in Fort Lauderdale, and board president who has conducted over 60 FWF trips on his 39-foot trawler and will be now doing the same aboard his 44-foot Nordic Tug. "It can be once a month or once a year. What's nice is that there's a shared benefit. It's a special experience whether you're a volunteer or one of the individuals or families going out for the first time."

The FWF has two full time employees and over 200 volunteers which include boat owners, crew, office help and more.

Now in its 11th year, Frankel says, "We continue to build the FWF family on both coasts of Florida and maybe further someday. After all, our goal is to get as many people as possible out to enjoy the natural healing effects of being on the water."

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CLÉMENT – SELECT BARREL RHUM AGRICOLES

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

(([Employee Recommended," read the starburst on the shelf in front of Clément Select Barrel Rhum Agricoles from Martinique. Years ago, we were given a bottle of Clément X.O. which Terry secretly hid for herself because she enjoyed it so much. So, it wasn't a far limb to go out on to select an employee recommended rum. Well, we thought it wasn't.

Rhum agricole is the French term for cane juice rum, a style of rum originally distilled in the French Caribbean islands using freshly squeezed sugar cane juice rather than molasses. Sugar cane once drove Martinique's economy until the introduction of sugar beets and cheap South American sugar led to the industry's collapse. In the late 1800's, Homère Clément, a prominent member of the Martinique community, purchased Domaine de l'Acajou, a 43-acre sugar plantation and transformed it into a producer of world-class rhum agricole.

Inspired by the enjoyment of fine brandies, Clément mimicked the distillers of Armagnac, a distinct kind of brandy in southwestern France, to perfect his rhum agricole process. Clément Select Barrel is a recent addition to the Clément family. The rum is aged three years in small, hand selected French oak barrels which are no larger than 650 liters.

HE SAID

The initial nose has a very harsh alcohol note which eventually settles to a light floral with some citrus blossoms. There is a charred note as well but again it's very subtle. The taste is not one I've had before, especially in a rum. It has a liqueur texture without the sweetness. The taste reminds me a lot of grappa which is made from all the leftovers product in the bottom of the barrel. This is going to sound strange – it tastes like the smell urine has after you eat asparagus. Second, third and fourth sip gets a little better it still has an earthy, vegetable taste.



SHE SAID

Okay, Clint calm down. Let me try. The rum has very nice lacing with a dark copper tone. There are very subtle honey, orange and charred wood notes on the nose. I'm going to admit, the first sip made me cough uncontrollably once it hit my throat. There was a harsh burning going down the pipes which took me by surprise. I tried again with half the sip and kept it right on the front of the palate for quite some time. The consistency of the liquid is syrupy without the sweet taste. As it moves back to the throat the charred

wood overpowers anything else that wants to come through. Once on the throat it burns going down.

OVERALL

We didn't enjoy this rum at all, not even as a mixer. Clément has some other great offerings. Maybe start and end with them. Select Barrel is not worth the \$38 price point.

RATING: 1 OUT 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.*