

SOUTH FLORIDA NEWS



NEW MARINE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM AT WARNER UNIVERSITY

The marine industry is in dire need of well qualified technicians. A new Marine Technology program offered by the Orlando, Florida-based Institute of Marine Technology in partnership with Warner University is poised to fill this need by preparing individuals for entry-level technician opportunity.

"Our marine program is being built, with help from industry leaders and top-level dealership and marina representatives, around what the industry needs and expects from future employees. Partnering with Warner University, which has direct access to a 4,274-acre lake for testing purposes, gives us an edge that we feel will help bring new blood and talent to the industry," says Justin Maley, director of industry relations for the marine program.

Students will be able to pursue two courses of action in the Marine Technology program at Warner University. Both, a Certificate Program and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Marine Technology will be offered. The only requirements are a high school diploma or GED. www.imteducation.com

LEGISLATION UNDERWAY TO PERMIT PURCHASE OF FOREIGN FLAGGED BOATS IN U.S.

A bill introduced in Congress would make it possible for foreign-flagged boats to be offered to sell to U.S. residents while in U.S. waters. Nine members of the International Yacht Brokers Association (IYBA) traveled to Washington, DC in May to gain support for this bill, HR Bill #2369, which has bipartisan co-sponsorship by Florida representatives Lois Frankel, D-West Palm Beach and Ted Yoho, R-Gainesville.

"It is estimated there are about \$2 billion worth of yachts currently afloat that are not allowed into U.S. waters to be sold. Many of these boats decide to stay offshore in the Caribbean

or even stay in The Med, as offshore this is the only place a U.S. citizen can legally view and buy them," explains Bob Denison, founder and president of Fort Lauderdale, FL-headquartered Denison Yacht Sales and IYBA board member, who made the trip. "This bill would allow the import duty of 1.5 percent to be paid at the time of closing, rather than the time of listing for sale, which seems to make more sense. Could you imagine having to pay doc taxes when you list your house for sale, rather than at closing? Duty being paid when a boat sells also makes sense as it would be definable by the Purchase Price, not a guess by an appraisal."

A new yacht owner will on average spend up to 13 percent of the value of the boat in the first year on upgrades and refit items, according to research by the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. The IYBA supports having these jobs and work performed in the U.S. rather than going offshore.

"While our IYBA delegation was in Washington, DC, at the American Boating Congress in May, we split into two groups with our lobbyist and met with Congressmen and Senators in 15 separate meetings," says Staley Weidman, of The Catamaran Company and the chairman of IYBA's Public Affairs Committee. "In an unofficial meeting at a Boat PAC event we could secure a co-sponsorship for the from Congressman Charlie Crist, former Governor of Florida." iyba.yachts



NEW COMPLETE ANCHORING SYSTEMS REMOVES THE GUESSWORK

The answer to an often-asked question has turned into a new product for Fortress Marine Anchors. Now, the Fort Lauderdale, Florida-based company offers two of its most popular models in convenient, Complete Anchoring Systems, that in-



clude chain, a shackle and 25 percent more rope than usually found for safer sets and anchoring in deeper water.

"Over the past 30 years we have been asked by boaters to provide size and length recommendations for chain, rope and shackle to be used with our anchors, particularly the FX-7 (for boats up to 27 feet LOA) and FX-11 (for boats up to 32 feet LOA), our two best-selling models. These new all-in-one anchoring systems take out all the guesswork," says Fortress spokesperson, Brian Sheehan.

Three decades of customer service experience has taught that most coastal and lake anchoring is done in 50-foot depth of water or less, according to Sheehan. Fortress recommends using 6-feet of chain for every 25 foot of water depth, and boaters commonly use 10 to 15 feet of chain with the company's anchors with great success. Fifteen feet of chain is included with the new FX-7 and FX-11 anchoring systems. Fortress also recommends a 5:1 scope, so in 50 feet of water, the boater would need 250 feet total of chain plus rope (5 x 50 feet). Two hundred and fifty feet of rope is included with the two new anchoring systems.

"So, in total, our new anchoring systems have 265 feet chain plus rope total, more than enough for typical lake and coastal anchoring," says Sheehan. www.fortressanchors.com.

PURSUIT BOATS PURSUING LARGER MANUFACTURING FACILITY

Construction should be completed in August for a new building at the Pursuit Boats facilities in Fort Pierce, Florida, timing that coincides with the beginning of the 2018 model year debuts.



The increased pace of recent product introductions has led to the need for this \$2.1 million-dollar facility, that adds 14,000 square feet and 30 new jobs. The expansion enables Pursuit to up production by 50 percent for its luxury line of boats.

"The demand for new Pursuit Boats in the South Florida marketplace, along with our growth in other primary boating regions - both domestic and international - creates an opportunity for us to expand our manufacturing capabilities in Fort Pierce. Pursuit's ability to deliver more quality product to consumers through factory-authorized dealers makes them a valuable and lasting purchase for current and future owners alike," says Bruce Thompson, company president.

Pursuit Boats builds sport fishing and cruising boats from 18' - 38' loaded with yacht-quality amenities that withstand the extremes of offshore conditions and in-shore activities. www.pursuitboats.com



is to extend "I" and "J" docks, thus increasing the number of berths capable of accommodating vessels in the 200-foot range. www.thunderboltmarine.com

THUNDERBOLT MARINE EXPANDS

Thunderbolt Marina, a full-service yacht repair and refit facility located on the Wilmington River, near Savannah, Georgia, has expanded. Over 1,000-feet of additional dock space was installed at the marina and 400 feet of rail added to the property vessel transfer system. The rails allow for efficient movement of yachts in the 165-foot range on hand-standing space and into each of the fully enclosed service bays. This



COVER SHOT:

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Resort-style marina featuring 117 slips for vessels up to 180 feet. Daily and contracted rates available. Enjoy private pool & spa, tennis courts, two 18-hole golf courses, and Bourbon Steak, a Michael Mina Restaurant at Turnberry Isle Miami Resort, as well as shopping at nearby Aventura Mall. Private charters and sports fishing adventures may also be arranged.



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ARTIST SHEDS LIGHT ON FLORIDA KEYS LIGHTHOUSES

BY JILL ZIMA BORSKI







ighthouse Larry of the Florida Keys came to the revelation that lighthouses needed help when he saw their decay up close. Until then, he never thought much about them, even though his mother was "obsessed with lighthouses."

Larry Herlth was a typical Keys kid in the early sixties and seventies. Primarily raised by a single mom with five brothers, Larry said they did not own much in the way of things, so he had to figure out how to make them. For example, his mom bought him clay and he molded his own Army men and trucks. Various Keys friends and acquaintances shared their skills and knowledge during his youth.

His stepfather was a lobsterman who sculpted a dolphin out of coral rock which inspired Larry's love of art and working with his hands. "Everything I know, art-wise, is self-taught out of a desire to know how to do something."

Herlth often watched those around him and imitated them.

"Barefoot Stanley" taught him how to weld. "I watched

him cut things off with torches. Stanley welded things out of scrap, and repaired cars, trucks, pulleys, fly wheels and gears."

Herlth then learned woodworking and cabinetry while working at KLI Lumber in Key Largo.

The first time he ever welded aluminum was for a recent commission to replace the decorative lighthouse at Whale Harbor Restaurant in Islamorada which is modeled after the Nauset Lighthouse in Cape Cod. It replaced a coral rock lighthouse that graced an all-you-can-eat buffet but was damaged by fire and natural elements.

He earned his nickname Lighthouse Larry when neighbors commissioned him to do a lighthouse for the end of their jetty. Trevor and Edna Gray gave him freedom to use his imagination, and their yacht captain suggested he fashion it after Alligator Lighthouse, which stands off the coast of Islamorada. Capt. Jim Daisy took him out to the lighthouse and Larry said he really looked at it. "I took a camera and it occurred to me how awesome it was." He observed the architecture and the brackets so he could re-create them but also realized the structure was in bad shape.

Using copper for the first time, Herlth created Alligator Lighthouse for the jetty. But images of the lighthouse stayed with him. He researched Keys lighthouses and their illustrious history and learned about organizations that sought to preserve and protect lighthouses. He shared his knowledge and concern with others but it wasn't helping. He decided since he was an avid swimmer, he would swim to the lighthouse and back – nine miles – to call attention to the plight of lighthouses. On August 1, 2012, six days before National Lighthouse Day, Herlth's athletic feat was promoted by the Keys' tourism agency, and the swim became a yearly event.

In September 2012, Herlth swam to and from Sombrero Lighthouse off of Marathon in the Middle Keys – 16 miles – also to call attention to needed repairs.

The fifth annual Swim for Alligator Lighthouse is set for Sept. 23 in Islamorada (www.swimalligatorlight.com). The open water swim passes over seagrass and coral reefs and attracts international participants.

Swimmer Eliza Colmes of Islamorada said the scenery is amazing. "We have seen dolphin, turtles, more lobster than you can count and every species of tropical fish that swims here." Colmes has swum it twice on a four-person relay team,

BOAT SHOWS

TAMPA, FL

SEPTEMBER 8 – 10 Tampa Boat Show www.tampaboatshow.com

FISHING TOURNAMENTS

BERMUDA

blast.com

JULY 3 – 7 Bermuda Billfish Blast www.bermudabillfish

JULY 8 – 10 Bermuda Release Cup www.bermudatriple crown.com

JULY 12 - 16 Bermuda Big Game Classic www.bermudabiggame classic.com

JULY 19 – 23 Sea Horse Anglers Club Billfish Tournament www.bermudatriple crown.com 407-571-4680

CARRABELLE, FL

AUGUST 5 - 6 C-Quarters Marina Annual Kingfish Shootout www.c-quartersmarina. com/shootout.html info@c-quarters marina.com (850) 697 8400

CHARLESTON, SC JULY 5 – 8

MEGADOCK Billfishing
Tournament

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ISLAMORADA, FL

SEPTEMBER 15 – 17
Herman Lucerne
Memorial Tournament
hermanlucernememorial.
com/tournament/
event-schedule
kelliet62@gmail.com

SEPTEMBER 29 – 30 Mad Dog Mandich Fishing Classic and Family Fun Weekend www.maddogclassic.com 305-667-0399

JACKSONVILLE, FL

JULY 17 – 22 33rd Annual Greater Jacksonville Kingfish Tournament www.kingfish tournament.com

JUPITER, FL

SEPTEMBER 9 Annual KDW Sports Fishing Tournament Chasen'Tailz www.chasentailz.com (561) 201-7757

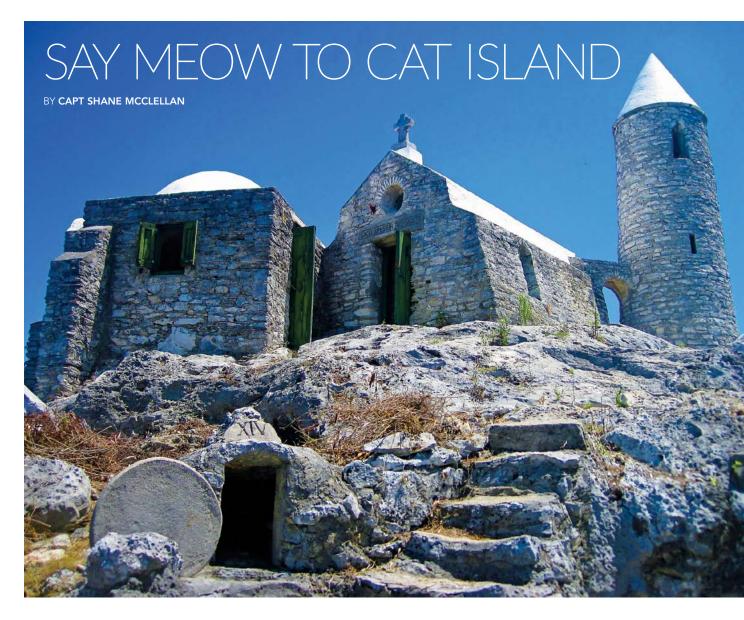
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but this year, she will swim solo. "The best part of the swim as a relay is the camaraderie with teammates," which for her included former Olympians Jon Olsen and Jeremy Linn and local artist Beth Kaminstein.

Kaminstein has been part of a relay twice as well. "The best part of the swim is the water. It's glorious, clear, and as you get closer to the lighthouse, visibility gets measurably better... The worst part of the race is dealing with all the variable factors of nature. It could be the current, wind, waves, jellyfish and the challenges that weather can pose."

Last year was flat calm.





le are exploring Cat Island in the Bahamas. The eastern side of the island is bordered by the deep Atlantic Ocean, while the western side is a shallow sandy bank extending for 10 miles away from land. The island may have been named after Arthur Catt, a pirate, or the name may refer to its one-time large population of feral cats.

Starting at the small island on the northwest corner of Cat Island, called Little San Salvador, is a beautiful beach in Half Moon Bay, but it is owned by Holland America Cruise Line. They don't seem to mind if you walk along the beach and the anchorage is almost perfect when the ship leaves in the evening.

Our next stop is Arthur's Town, which is the childhood

home of Sidney Poitier. Cocktails By The Sea is a wonderful place to grab a drink or bite to eat and around town you can find ladies weaving palm fronds and straw into almost anything imaginable. This is true of almost everywhere in the Bahamas and if you visit the country, check out some of the different straw markets to find some unique souvenirs.

Down the island you will come to New Bight and can see the Armbrister's Great House and the Church of the Holy Redeemer. This church is the last one designed by Father Jerome, who was born John Hawes and left an architecture career in England in order to be an Anglican missionary in the Bahamas for over 10 years. He then became Catholic and was sent to Australia for around 20 years. Throughout his ministry he continued to use his architecture knowledge





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FISHING TOURNAMENTS

KEY LARGO, FL AUGUST 2 - 3 Hooked on Kids Charity Fishing Tournament www.sheridanhouse.org/ web/events/fishingtournament/ 954-983-4360

SEPTEMBER 22 - 24 Annual Take Stock in Children Backcountry Challenge www.keylargorotary. org/TakeStockin Children.cfm mike@islandbay resort.com 305-304-0421

KEY WEST. FL

JULY 19 - 22 Key West Marlin Tournament www.keywestmarlin.com scott@keywest marlin.com 305-292-2710

SEPTEMBER 8 - 10 S.L.A.M. (Southernmost Light Tackle Anglers Masters) www.redbone.org/ tourn_sched.html susan@redbone.org 05-664-2002

MARATHON, FL

SEPTEMBER 21 – 24 Marathon International **Bonefish Tournament** www.mibt59.com/ bnbfishing@comcast.net Barb 305-304-8682

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL

AUGUST 12 Anchorage Aweigh Fishing Tourney www.village-npb.org/467/ Anchorage-Aweigh-Fishing-Tournament 561-841-3386

WEST PALM BEACH, FL

AUGUST 17 - 19 Anglers For The Cure www.anglersforthe cure.com

SAILING REGATTAS

MIAMI, FL **JULY 15** CGSC Sr Commodore's Cup www.cgsc.org

AUGUST 5 – 6 Single Handed and Double Handed Race www.cgsc.org

SEPTEMBER 21 – 24 **BBYC Lime Cup** www.biscaynebayyacht club.com/limecup.html

by building simple yet beautiful churches wherever he was sent. At the end of his life he moved back to the Bahamas and built his hermitage just outside of town on the tallest hill in the country at 206 feet. This stone structure was his retirement home and consists of a personal chapel, kitchen, bed chamber, study, and bell tower. Walking through it you realize he was not a tall man, so watch your head. On the way up the hill he carved the 14 Stations of the Cross capturing the events of Jesus' last days. This was very high on my list of things to see in the Bahamas and it made the trip to Cat Island worth it.

Now we are going to leave New Bight and visit Old Bight in order to see a couple other church ruins. It is worth walking through these old churches in order to have a look around before we head to the southern tip of Cat

Island for Hawks Nest Marina. Here you can take a slip or anchor in the tidal creek if a storm is coming. During calm weather, you can anchor on the bank in crystal clear water 10 feet over a white sandy bottom. The resort has an airstrip for private planes, but the real treat is the fresh water swimming pool.

That is Cat Island in a nutshell. Next issue we will sail through the Jumentos Islands.

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.

THE JMP CORPORATION CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER, RD



he saying 'necessity is the mother of invention' certainly applies to the founding of the JMP Corporation in 1977. Since its humble beginnings, the South Korea-based company with its U.S. head-quarters in Miami, Florida, has grown to become a global leader in sea water pumps and strainers, and efficient, flexible impellers. Today, JMP has distributors in 20 countries worldwide with eight in North America alone.

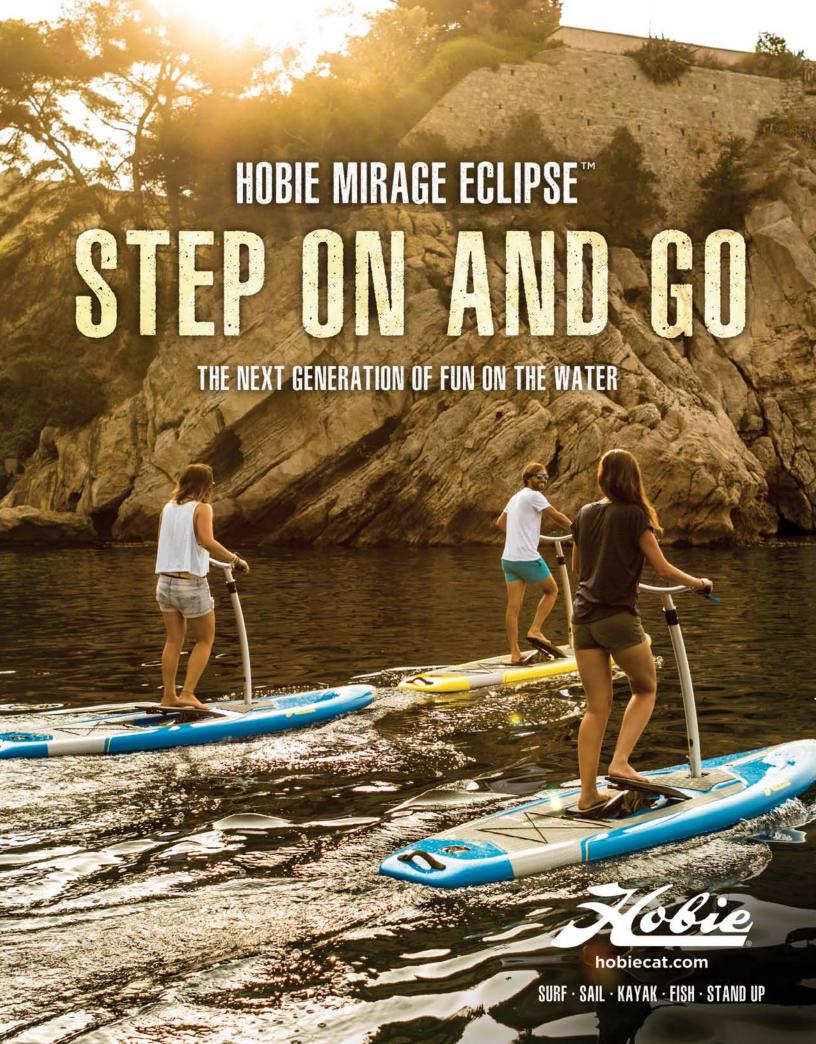
"We attribute much of our success to embracing the challenge of change in the marketplace," said manager, Chan 'CJ' Jeon, in a company statement. "It made us nimble and has allowed us to continually strive for excellence."

JMP was founded by Jeon's father, who was an independent engineer in South Korea at the time. The Korean Navy approached him to build pumps, as they were having problems finding parts from their current supplier. Jeon studied how the pumps functioned and designed his own to supply to the Korean Navy. He then studied the impellers, and once again created his own formula

with special mixtures of rubber with infused wax. This launched the impeller business and the formalization of JMP. CJ Jeon and his brother joined the company in the early 2000s. The company currently has about 50 employees and its parts and equipment are used by companies such as Kohler, Doosan, Mitsubishi and Hyundai Seasall, as well as private boaters worldwide.

"Expanding into North America was key to the company's growth. By providing greater product selection with superior quality, we gained our customer's trust and quickly became the well-known brand of today," according to Jeon.

JMP moved into a new facility about three years ago, which expanded its manufacturing capacities. The company has continued to acquire new OEM (original equipment manufacturer) accounts. Looking ahead, the company will continue to invest heavily in product expansion and innovation, according to Jeon. To celebrate its 40th anniversary, JMP will host a large celebration at its headquarters in South Korea later this year. www.jmpusa.com



SEE & HELP SAVE SEA TURTLES AT THE LOGGERHEAD MARINE LIFE CENTER

BY CAROL M. BAREUTHER



chance observation that many sea turtle hatchlings were heading away from the sea rather than toward it during nesting season in Palm Beach County, led to the foundation of the Loggerhead Marine Life Center (LMC). Today, the Juno Beach, Florida-based LMC's mission is the rehabilitation and conservation of threatened and endangered sea turtles. What this means is that there are many hands-on ways that visitors can get close-up and personally in-

volved in the well-being of these wildly popular marine reptiles.

"There are many reasons why our beaches are so densely populated with sea turtle nests," says Hannah Deadman, the LMC's public relations and communications coordinator. "Two of these are our location relative to the Gulf Stream as well as the fact that there is less light pollution here compared to places like Broward or Miami-

Dade Counties. However, we are not entirely sure of all of the reasons as sea turtle research is a relatively new field."

It was LMC founder, Eleanor Fletcher, who noticed the sea turtle hatchlings taking a wrong turn in their migration to the sea. Curious about this, Fletcher decided to dedicate her life to teaching others about the importance of sea turtle and ocean conservation. She first started the Children's Museum of Juno Beach in 1983. Reflecting on its expanded work, the organization's name was changed to The Marinelife Center of Juno Beach in 1990. Finally, the facility was renamed the LMC in 2007, when its current campus opened at 14200 U.S. Highway 1.

"We mainly rescue and rehabilitate loggerhead and green sea turtles. However, we occasionally care for hawksbills, Kemp's ridley and olive ridley," says Deadman. "The public can symbolically 'adopt' one of our sea turtle patients at \$35, \$50, \$75 and \$100 levels. Each of these levels comes with different fun items like a T-shirt, DVD, a sea turtle plush toy and more as well as information about sea turtles. Proceeds from the adoptions go toward the care of the patient, such as food, medications and other treatments.

A great success story is the rehab of a sea turtle patient named Xander, a loggerhead that was brought to the LMC's hospital after being rescued in the summer of 2015. Xander was found in critical condition, entangled tightly in heavy fishing line. In fact, both back flippers were broken, making it difficult for the turtle to swim or eat. However, Dr. Charles Manire, the LMC's veterinarian and director of research and rehabilitation, and his team carefully removed the line and rope from Xander. Once the turtle was strong enough, Dr. Manire performed surgery on the fractured flippers. With time, treatments and care, Xander's wounds completely healed and the turtle was released into its ocean home in March 2016.

"We always update our social media, website, phone systems and on-campus signage, and send out a local media alert when we are going to have a release. In addition, our Hatchling Release program in August is a unique experience that allows visitors to learn about sea turtles and the nesting and hatching process. The program begins with an exclusive, behind-thegate tour to meet our current sea turtle patients, followed by a presentation and ends with a trip to the beach to see LMC staff release sea turtle hatchlings into the ocean," says Deadman.

The LMC also offers its Biologist Beach Walks program in August and September, which gives visitors insight into the LMC's research department. With permission from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), a permitted staff member leads guests down onto Juno or Tequesta







beaches to discuss the nesting and hatching processes of sea turtles. After an introduction to these processes, visitors may have the opportunity to witness a live excavation and create their own data sheets to take home as a memento.

To prevent harm to sea turtles, Deadman recommends that boaters slow down while in offshore waters during nesting season from March through July. This is because many females spend more time near the surface resting at this time, putting them at higher risk of being hit by a vessel. In addition, since marine debris is a huge issue, properly disposing of trash and recycling plastics, fishing line or other items can help to reduce the negative impact of this debris in sea turtles.

"If you ever happen to encounter an injured or stranded sea turtle, call the FWC immediately at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or you may dial *FWC or #FWC on your mobile phone. Once you have contacted FWC, you are also welcomed to call the Center at our 24-hour Emergency Response number (561-603-0211), if you need assistance with the rescue," invites Deadman.

For more information on the LMC, visit: www.marinelife.org







Nurture Belize — protecting fishing areas from development and destruction

Florida Keys — working with guides/anglers to protect and improve fisheries for the future

Bahamas — flats and mangrove conservation

Project Permit — population study, what, when, and how they tick

Boca Grande, Florida — juvenile tarpon habitat restoration



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MOUNT GAY BLACK BARREL

RUM BY CLINT AND TERRY BORAM

or over 30 years Mount Gay has sponsored sailing regattas around the world. Sailors proudly wear their Mount Gay Red Caps as symbols of participating in one of 150 hosted regattas each year. As the day of racing ends, the rum flows in the hospitality tents featuring cocktails made with Mount Gay Silver and Eclipse. Discerning sailors know that the distillery also has three sipping rums to help them contemplate the day's racing. Black Barrel is the company's small batch, handcrafted rum that needs neither mint nor fruit juice added for full enjoyment.

At over 300 years old, Mount Gay is the oldest rum brand in existence. The rums begin with molasses mixed with water which is boiled, to sterilize prior to fermentation. A special yeast culture is then introduced into the molasses wash and monitored for 72 hours. Once fermentation happens the "wine" of six to seven percent alcohol by volume is distilled in either a pot still like the one replaced in 1760 or a two-column continuous still similar to the Coffey still of 1832.

Master Blender, Allen Smith, blends the rum from these two stills to create Black Barrel. The blend is then placed in deeply charred bourbon oak barrels to mature a second time. Black Barrel is often compared to similarly priced bourbons. Since we love bourbons we can't wait to try.

HE SAID

There is a very subtle charred oak note with hints of vanilla and cherry blossom on the nose. The cherry bursts on the palate with hints of charred oak as it lingered in the finish. Upon the second sip, cinnamon becomes more noticeable and begins to take over the cherry but to my delight the oak finish remains. Once the cinnamon takes over I lose the cherry and vanilla altogether. What I do like about this rum is the oak finish. That stays consistent with each sip.

SHE SAID

I love the honey color and the lacing it leaves on the glass. The cherry vanilla nose is not overly sweet. Immediately on the tongue is a burst of cinnamon which engulfs my palate leaving me unable to decipher another note. The liquid is hardy and smooth which coats and warms the throat. I keep going back for more out of curiosity and because the rum is so soothing. I'm really enjoying this one note wonder. It reminds me of a good bourbon for its texture and spice.



OVERALL

Black Barrel is a good sipping rum for the price point. Adding an ice cube mellows this rum out very nicely. So, for a rum to warm you on a brisk fall night, take it neat, but for a nice sipping experience after a summer sail, add that ice cube. You will go back for more.

4 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.