

Hooray for the Red, White and Burgee!



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Benjamin Bogachek



Tom and Olivia Mackintosh



Collins and Bud Copeland



Mescolotto family

America250 is Here at The Reef!

By Jody Steele

This historic milestone is a Semiquincentennial marking 250 years since the Second Continental Congress adopted the Declaration of Independence. Communities across the country are celebrating the Fourth of July with a variety of events to honor and commemorate this moment.

America's 250th birthday inspired me to look back at our Club's own Independence Day Weekend history.

It's clear that over the years, Independence Day Weekend has become a favorite event that Members regard as a special summer holiday. Popular events, the majority that we still continue to celebrate today, have become a part of our Club history and celebration. Such events as the Welcome Reception (now known as Holiday Happenings), All-American BBQ Dinner, sandcastle building (dating back to at least 2002), fishing

tournaments for all ages, cart parades, golf tournaments (dating back to at least 1994), and of course, firework displays, still grace the schedule today. But

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AROUND THE REEF

Hydroflight Show (NEW) & Fireworks Display!

Saturday, July 4 • 8:50 p.m. Head out to Buccaneer Island at 7 p.m. for the Red, White and Blues Beach Bash and stay for the all-new Hydroflight Show at 8:50 p.m. The traditional Fireworks Display will follow at 9 p.m. See page 18 for the full holiday schedule.

Be sure to familiarize yourself with the Club's current Dress Code. You

can scan this QR code to be directed to the Club's website.



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UPDATE YOUR MEMBERSHIP PHOTO

It's time to update your Membership photo. Drop by the Membership Office any day of the week to have your photo taken by the Membership Team. The office is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Sundays. Call 305-367-5921 for more information.

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Sunrise Cay Bridge heads into the sunset, by Steve and Bonnie Schoedinger.

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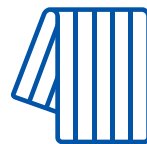
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NEWS & HAPPENINGS



LEAVE THE TOWELS, TAKE THE REST

There are many things you should take with you when you leave Buccaneer Island: your beach bag, children, golf cart, etc. But the blue-and-white striped Buccaneer Island towels should be left behind. If you know of a few that have made their way off Buccaneer Island, please return them to the pool desk.



PADEL ON THE MOVE

The padel court near Town Hall Waterside will be removed on **Monday, July 6**, for repaving of the surrounding parking lot. It will return this fall, however, and players will be rewarded for their patience with the installation of a second court. The new courts will be on the opposite side of the parking lot from the previous court.

Gotta Question?

I have a tattered American Flag and am wondering if there is anywhere on The Reef I can retire and dispose of the flag properly?



This is a great question, and with Independence Day coming up soon, one that's very timely! It is important to note that any damaged American flag should be replaced and retired appropriately to provide the flag the respect it deserves.

Conveniently, the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) has a flag retirement dropbox in the Public Safety Department lobby. Members are encouraged to retire their tattered flags there, and ORCA will ensure that the flags will be disposed of properly and respectfully.

However, if you are looking to dispose of the flag on your own, it is suggested that you do so by burning it outside. As **Jim Leenhouts** mentions in his article, "US Flag Protocol for Ocean Reef Members," previously published in the May 31, 2024, edition of the *Ocean Reef Press*, "Burning is best done with the flag properly folded in a neat,

clean cardboard box outdoors in a metal bucket or pail. You can use an ounce or two of charcoal lighter fluid to dampen the box and ignite it with a long gas match." This is considered the dignified manner of disposing of the American flag.



ORCA's flag retirement dropbox, located in the Public Safety building.

EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you would like to submit a question, email the *Ocean Reef Press* at orp@oceanreef.com.

Capital Projects Update

Work continues to progress on two major projects designed to enhance the Member experience for years to come: the new Academy of Golf and expansion and renovation of The Spa.

Academy of Golf

Construction of the new Academy of Golf remains on schedule and is advancing quickly. Major progress has been made in recent weeks, with the foundations for both the Academy and Annex buildings completed in May and the main Academy building structure finished earlier this month. Crews are now working to enclose the Academy building over the next two weeks. Construction is also advancing on the Annex building, where work on the second floor is underway with the roof to follow in a couple weeks. In the meantime, the temporary Driving Range is



Spa renovation and expansion, June 22, 2026.



Academy of Golf, June 22, 2026.

open to Members throughout the duration of the project.

When all is said and done, the new Academy will boast more bays than the previous building, a simulator and social area, additional shade and a smoother entry/exit to include additional parking. The Annex building will serve as Member restrooms, viewing area, club repair on one side and an enhanced locker room and break area for the Golf Course Maintenance Team. The Academy is expected

to reopen ahead of next season.

Spa Expansion & Renovation

Significant progress continues both inside and outside the future 21,000-square-foot Spa facility. Tile installation on the first floor of the expansion area has been completed and is underway on the second floor, paving the way for millwork installation in both areas. Construction of the new wet amenities is also progressing, with tile installation set to begin

soon. Behind the scenes, most of the mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems are expected to be finished by early July. Outside, asphalt work in the expanded parking area is scheduled to begin shortly.

The project is on schedule for Fall 2026 completion and will not only modernize the facility, but also increase appointment availability for standing and on-demand bookings.

Look for updates in future editions of the *Ocean Reef Press*.

CENSUS SAYS

Our 50 States

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, we thought it would be fitting to take a look at where across these United States our Members have their primary residence. Keep in mind that the Census also told us that 85% of Equity Members own more than one home, 92% of which are located in the U.S.A. and 14% in Florida.

Here are the top 10 states claimed as primary residences:

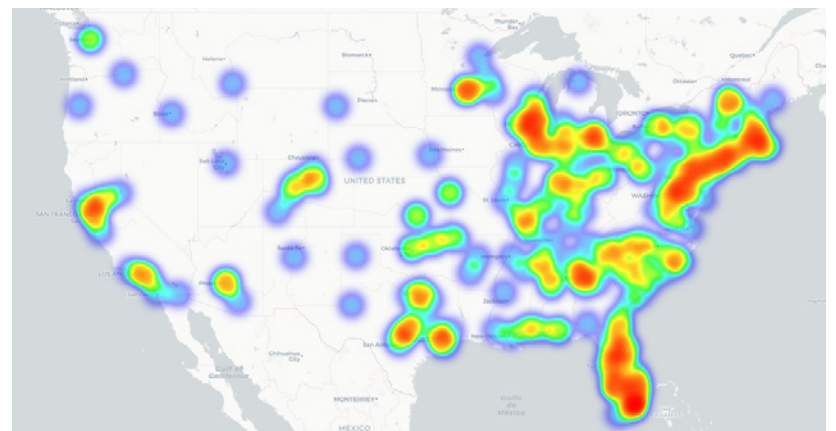
Equity:

1. Florida
2. Ohio
3. Pennsylvania

4. New York
5. New Jersey
6. Massachusetts
7. Maryland
8. North Carolina
9. Michigan
10. Illinois
11. Connecticut
12. Texas

Legacy:

1. Florida
2. New York
3. Pennsylvania
4. Massachusetts
5. New Jersey
6. Ohio
7. Illinois
8. Texas
9. Maryland
10. Connecticut



This United States heat map represents primary residences for the entire Membership. Not represented here are our 94 families in Canada, and four in Puerto Rico.

Social:

- | | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Florida | 5. Massachusetts |
| 2. New York | 6. New Jersey |
| 3. North Carolina | 7. Georgia |
| 4. Illinois | 8. Ohio |
| 9. Pennsylvania | 9. Texas |
| | 10. Maryland |

SUNRISE & SUNSET TIMES

Friday, June 26 – Thursday, July 2

Friday 6:33 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Saturday 6:33 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Sunday 6:34 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Monday 6:34 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Tuesday 6:34 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Wednesday 6:35 a.m. 8:15 p.m.	Thursday 6:35 a.m. 8:15 p.m.
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Important Vote-by-Mail Reminder

If you vote by mail in Florida, vote-by-mail ballot requests must be renewed each year.

The easiest way to register to vote by mail is to fill out the online form on the Monroe County Supervisor of Elections page at votemonroeflkeys.gov. The deadline to submit a request for a ballot to be mailed is 5 p.m. on the 12th day before an upcoming election.

The following are some important dates to remember:

Primary Election 2026: Tuesday, August 18

- **Monday, July 20** – Deadline to register to vote or change party affiliations.
- **Thursday, Aug. 6** – Deadline to request that ballot be mailed.
- **Monday, Aug. 3 through**

Saturday, Aug. 15 – Early voting period.

General Election 2026: Tuesday, November 3

- **Monday, Oct. 5, 2026** – Deadline to register to vote (no deadline to change party affiliation).
- **Thursday, Oct. 22** – Deadline to request that ballot be mailed.
- **Saturday, Oct. 24 through Saturday, Oct. 31** – Early voting period.

Polling Location

Ocean Reef Members will cast their votes at The College of the Florida Keys located at 106040 Overseas Highway.

Scan here to visit the Monroe County Supervisor of Elections page



Drive Safe on The Reef

As we head into the Independence Day holiday week, more Members will be traveling The Reef by cart. This is a good time to brush up on the fundamentals of golf cart safety.

Here are a few things to keep in mind with children:

- Infants and young children cannot be held by the driver or a passenger, and are not allowed to hold the cart's steering wheel.
- Young passengers must be secured in age-appropriate car or booster seats, just as they would in a regular car.
- Junior drivers with an ORC Learner's Permit can only drive with a licensed adult (18+) present. They must wear their yellow Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA) lanyard displaying their permit for easy identification.



- Teenagers from ages 12 to 16 can earn a Golf Cart License by holding a Learner's Permit for at least one year and passing an ORCA driving test.

All drivers are expected to follow standard rules of the road.

- Use of turn signals or hand signals is required for all turns.
- Headlights and taillights are required for driving after dark.
- Just like regular cars, golf carts should be parked only in designated spots.

Most importantly, being a responsible driver is about more than just knowing the rules. It is about being courteous enough to follow them.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Public Safety at 305-367-2222.

Knowledge You Can Count On



As market conditions evolve, local expertise and timely guidance remain more important than ever. We invite you to review the full Second Quarter Market Update.

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Two Histories. One Trivia Challenge.

USA to ORC

To celebrate America's 250th anniversary, we've paired moments from our nation's history with milestones from Ocean Reef Club's own story. Whether you're a history buff or an Ocean Reef expert, we hope you'll discover something new and have fun along the way. Good luck!



Celebration of the 1993 Member buyout.



President George H.W. Bush arrives at Ocean Reef.

- How many years after the signing of the Declaration of Independence did Ocean Reef Club members receive their independence with the purchase of the Club?
- George Washington was America's first President, who was Ocean Reef Club's?
 - Bob Berrey
 - Paul Astbury
 - Michael Leemhuis
 - Alex Tonarelli
- The Vice President of the United States is elected for a four-year term. How long is the term of the Club's Vice Chairman?
- The State of Florida is the primary residence for more Ocean Reef Members than any other. In what year did Florida become a state?
- The Villa Cay neighborhood is considered Ocean Reef's first colony. What is considered America's first permanent English colony?
 - Plymouth, MA
 - St. Augustine, FL
 - Jamestown, VA
 - New York, NY
- The U.S. Constitution and the Club's Rules, Regulations and Policies both begin with a "Preamble." What are the first three words of the U.S. Constitution's?
- Which state is home to Mount Rushmore but not home to a single Ocean Reef Club member?
 - Wyoming
 - South Dakota

- Idaho
 - North Dakota
- The Bakers first landed at Ocean Reef in 1948. What year did the Pilgrims land at Plymouth?
 - ORC Founders Alice and Morris Baker converted their original home to the first golf clubhouse. Which US President's former home is now a UNESCO World Historic Site and depicted on the nickel?
 - The United States and Ocean Reef both have Founding Fathers, vitally important to their histories. How many do each honor?
 - The first resident physician came to Ocean Reef in 1970 leading ultimately to today's Medical Center. What is America's oldest operating hospital?
 - This ORC visiting US Vice President famously spelled Potato with an "e".
 - Dan Quayle
 - Gerald Ford
 - Joe Biden
 - Walter Mondale
 - At the Beach Bar, a Reef Cup drink cannot be beat. In 1776, what was the most popular fermented and everyday beverage?
 - In 1990, Ocean Reef was the site of a summit meeting between President George H. W. Bush and which European president?
 - Italy's Francesco Cossiga
 - France's Francois Mitterand
 - Ireland's Mary Robinson
 - Germany's Richard von Weizsacker



The Baker home on Card Sound became the first golf clubhouse in 1960.

- Which U.S. President's secret service agents drew their guns on a jolly man in a red suit who had arrived by boat to the Club's Marina and famously were told, "Don't shoot Santa Claus?"
 - Gerald Ford
 - Jimmy Carter
 - Bill Clinton
 - Richard Nixon

Answers

217. The buyout of the Club occurred in 1993, 217 years after the Declaration of Independence was signed in 1776.
- A. Bob Berrey was hired as the first Ocean Reef Club President in 1994, after the Member buyout.
- A Vice Chairman's term is two years, and if elected is followed by two more years as Chairman and two years as the Immediate Past Chairman.
1845. Florida is the 27th state in the United States.
- C. Jamestown, Virginia. Settled in 1607.
- "We the People"
- B. South Dakota
- 1620
- Thomas Jefferson's Monticello in Charlottesville, Virginia.
- US: Seven - George Washington, Thomas Jefferson, John Adams, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, James Madison, John Jay. ORC: Nine - Alice and Morris Baker, Bill and Roger Baker, Harper Sibley, Carl Lindner, Tom Davidson, Richard Farmer and Alan Goldstein.
- Bellevue is the oldest public hospital in continuous operation, opening in 1736.
- A. Dan Quayle
- Hard Cider, apples were easy to grow and there were no expensive imported ingredients.
- B. France's Francois Mitterand
- D. Richard Nixon. While each of these former Presidents have visited Ocean Reef, it was President Nixon's team that almost had Christmas canceled at The Reef.

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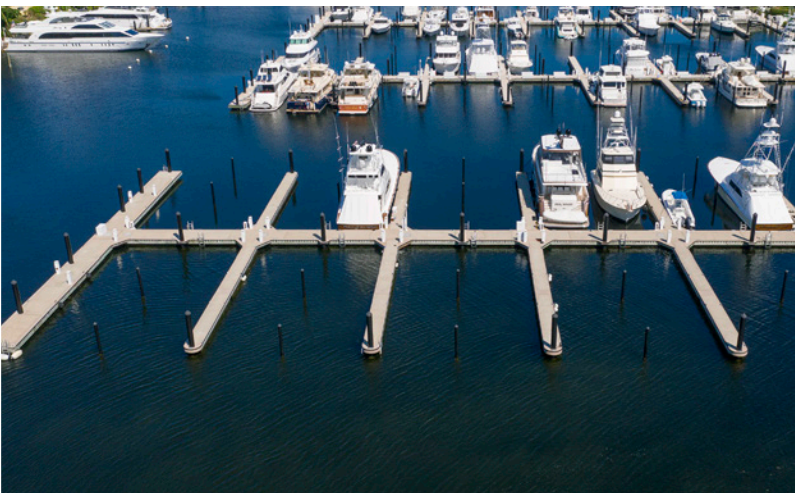
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Eric Woodward | 305.394.4461



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Fairway Lakes 47
2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$2,900,000 | 2719
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Fairway Lakes 28A
2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,750,000 | 2870
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Equity Wreath Decorating



Joey Stotsky with Charlotte and Brooke Hering.



Alyson and Charlie Caldwell, Brenda Sport, Logan Vincent, Kerry Townsend, Charlotte Filbert and Gerard Byrnes.



Anne Kempner, Lori Cilley, Caroline and Denise Haney, Sheryl Strode and Esther and Dan Carrico.



Marisa Barbarino Smith.

OPPORTUNITIES TO MINGLE

All-Member Paint & Plant Get Together

Wednesday, July 1

2-4 p.m. • Carysfort Hall
Members can paint their own plant while catching up with friends.

Legacy Member Mid-Week Mixer

Thursday, July 2

5-6 p.m. • Reef Lounge
Legacy Members will receive a complimentary drink voucher to enjoy while mingling with fellow Legacy Members.

Member Reception

Wednesday, July 15

3-5 p.m. • Town Hall Assembly
Enjoy this Mix & Mingle Cocktail Reception.

Details and registration for events are available by calling Member Events at 305-367-5874.



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Memberabilia Rules of Department



by Joan Birsh

Pictured here are infringements on the "common sense" Rules of Department

The Ocean Reef Club, like every well-run organization, is guided by rules. At Ocean Reef most of these rules are designed to ensure our safety (e.g. golf cart regulations); to preserve or aesthetically improve our surroundings (building codes); to encourage an atmosphere of civility and decorum (the OR Dress Code).

There are also additional rules, not clearly spelled out and not always recognized by some members and guests. Let's call them Rules of Department. (Department is described in the dictionary as – "A person's behavior or manners.")

iPhone Addiction ...



Cell phones and their owners are seldom parted. But you must risk a little "separation anxiety" when you are dining in Ocean Reef restaurants or attending most Cultural Center, Town Hall or special Club events.... Also, good Department requires you NOT to use the speaker on your phone for boisterous conversations, shared with friends. Be aware that you might be disturbing the tranquility of listeners, who happen to be in your phone's range.

No Home Delivery...



Free treats offered by the club (e.g. coffee & pastries Sunday morning at the Point) are a pleasure to be enjoyed along with the view. Do not consider it an opportunity to fill your pockets or your bag with goodies for the late sleepers in your household. The pastries are delicious. Your behavior is gauche.

Do I Know You?...



For those of us who have difficulty remembering names, it comes with a sigh of relief, when a thoughtful person doesn't continue to wait to be formally introduced, but simply extends a hand and politely says his or her name.

Nothing is Perfect...



The Ocean Reef Club comes close, but there are occasions when a sensible complaint is warranted and might even promote a helpful change. If you have a problem with an Ocean Reef Associate, written complaints to the Club's president are advised, especially if they include proposed solutions. This advice is seldom accepted by the incurable "Chronic

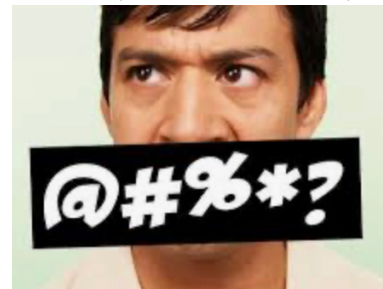
Complainers." These are people, who find something wrong with everything. *Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain – and most fools do.* – Benjamin Franklin

Golf Cart Culture...



OR members and guests are generally familiar with the official rules regarding Golf Cart Safety. But the unwritten rules of decorum, anticipated in our Golf Cart Culture, are often ignored. For example, it is a kindness to be patient about passing an older and slower cart (often driven by an older and slower member). And it is equally appreciated that, whenever possible, slow carts use the Club's existing cart paths. It makes good sense not to race with another cart and to recognize that not all unsuitable parking spaces are marked No Parking.

Remedy For Obscenity...



Though we have become accustomed to hearing profanity on the media, we do not expect or appreciate overhearing obscenities (often alcohol induced) at an OR restaurant or bar or at any Ocean Reef gathering (indoors or out). This is particularly offensive when children are in earshot or when the profanity is directed at a member, guest or Ocean Reef Associate.... Perhaps the ORC should initiate a policy where offenders get their mouths washed out with soap.

Mute For A Loudmouth...



In many group events or restaurants, all ears are directed to one person. It's the "loudmouth," who talks too much – and much too loud. The unbridled enthusiasm of a highly vocal, often inebriated, gentleman or lady is hard to squelch but a request from you or someone in charge might lower the volume. It is also worth a little self-examination to make sure you aren't the guilty party.

Save Those Kisses...



A kiss is an appropriate expression of affection. But when the kiss takes place in a public venue and lasts for an unreasonable length of time, it can be embarrassing for the onlookers. The word "intimate" means *private and personal*. It's a good idea to keep it that way.

This Chair Is My Chair...



Wrong. A beach chair is yours only for the time you occupy it. When you leave your beach chair for lunch or a manicure or a trip back to your house, 30 minutes unattended means you can no longer claim it as "your chair." Do not think you can ensure possession of a coveted beach chair by abandoning a towel or a personal item like a beach bag or a cover-up (as shown here).

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Festive Fun for July 4



by Raquel Moraga, Senior Membership Manager

As our nation prepares to celebrate its 250th birthday on **Saturday, July 4**, Members can bring their children to

the Membership Office for a fun activity during the Independence Day Weekend. Children will have the opportunity to decorate star wreaths as part of the weekend's festivities. The activity will be available from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day from **Wednesday, July 1 through Friday, July 3**. On **Saturday, July 4**, children and their parents can take part in this activity from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by or call the Membership Office at 305-367-5921 for more information.

RULES REMINDER - GUESTS

A sponsoring member shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her guests. If the manner, deportment or appearance of any guests is deemed to be unsatisfactory, the sponsoring member shall, at the request of the Club cause such guests to leave the Club.



Guests may not use Member cards. All guests of Social or Legacy members must be accompanied by the sponsoring member. This applies to both day guests or those guests enjoying overnight accommodations.

Social and Legacy members may have a maximum of six accompanied guests, including lineal family, for the day. For guests staying overnight, sponsoring Social and Legacy members must be staying overnight for the same time period.

To access the entire "ORC Rules, Regulations and Policies" document, please scan the QR code or visit oceanreef.com/rules.

LEGACY MEMBER NEWS



Legacy Member Mia Hinkebein married Wilson Vaughan on Feb. 28, 2026, at Ocean Reef Club. The ceremony was held at The Point, with a reception on Buccaneer Island. The couple met in Nashville, Tennessee. Mia is the daughter of Equity Members Bill and Anne Hinkebein and the granddaughter of Camille Wagner and the late George Wagner Jr. The couple looks forward to moving to Miami this summer, where Wilson will begin his orthopaedic surgery residency at the University of Miami/Jackson Memorial Hospital.

MEMBER NEWS

Celebrating Citizenship

Many at Ocean Reef know **Susie Misini-Hassett** as the owner of Ooh La La or perhaps for her involvement at Grayvik Animal Center, where she recently became Chairman. What many may not know is that for nearly six years she has also been working hard to become an American citizen. On April 1, 2026, Susie passed her U.S. citizenship test, and three weeks later she gratefully took the Oath of Allegiance at her Naturalization Ceremony.

"The ceremony was a poignant moment on many levels," Susie said. "My parents immigrated to Australia from Croatia in the 60s and I know

how proud they would be of my second citizenship (Australia being the first). So not only was I incredibly excited to honor my parents and enjoy the freedoms this country offers, the day was also a full circle moment for my life in the States."

In 2021, still under Covid restrictions, Susie and **Jim Hassett** were married by **Fred Sherman** at Greenberg Park with **Katy Sherman** serving as unofficial Maid of Honor/photographer. Afterward, they celebrated a small dinner at Gianni where Luca Papini and the team made the evening memorable, despite the limitations of the time. Five years later, Susie prepared to take the Oath of Allegiance and there to witness the event along with husband Jim, were Fred



Sherman and Bill Butler. "Sharing this moment with Ocean Reef Club friends was incredibly special and representative of the warm embrace and endless support I have felt from this community,

along with friends around the world," Susie said, adding, "what better time to become an American citizen than the year we are celebrating the 250th birthday of these United States?"

Special Delivery



by
Felicia M.
Koretsky

They were part postal staff, part information desk, part welcoming committee and part unofficial Reef intelligence agency.

The iconic navy-blue eagle arrives daily, riding the sides of the United States Postal Service's (USPS) unmistakable white trucks as they buzz down Reef streets delivering birthday wishes, unwelcome bills, and the occasional package of late-night shopping regret.

But behind those familiar daily deliveries is a much older story.

As America prepares to mark its 250th birthday on July 4th, the Postal Service has already reached that milestone.

In July 1775, 344 days before the Declaration of Independence, the Continental Congress created a postal system to bridge the distances between the colonies and tapped Benjamin Franklin as its first Postmaster General.

In other words, before there was a United States, there was mail.

Feeling patriotic, we were prompted to dig into Ocean Reef's own postal history, which, as it turns out, was a bit more laid-back than Franklin's.

Mail Pickup

Mail delivery in the Upper Keys stretches back to 1870, when Captain Ben Baker, a legendary pineapple farmer, opened the Cayo Largo post office near present-day Mile Marker 97. Over the decades, the local mail route shifted through rustic outposts like Largo, Aiken, Jewfish and Rock Harbor.

In those early days, getting a letter was a test of patience. Mail moved by boat, then by Henry Flagler's Overseas Railway and by rugged Model Ts navigating the mosquito-swarmed Card Sound Road. By the mid-20th century, Rock Harbor had become the primary postal hub for northern Key Largo.

The Fishing Camp Era

During Ocean Reef's early fishing camp days in the 1940s, mail and supplies moved the same way everything else did: by necessity and by hitching a ride with whoever happened to be heading into town. Letters snuggled next to groceries, supplies, and spare boat parts in the backs of trucks or the hulls of boats. If you were expecting a package, there was no tracking number, no text alerts and certainly no Amazon Prime.

As Morris and Alice Baker began transforming Dispatch Creek Fishing Camp into ORC, mail became part of the quiet machinery of a growing destination. Because nothing came directly to the Club, an Associate was likely handed the keys and assigned the job of collecting the mail from town and bringing it back to a central distribution point.

The Hollywood Influence

Then the 1948 film "Key Largo," starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, thrust the area into the national spotlight. Proving they had great minds for marketing, local community leaders petitioned to rename the Rock Harbor Post Office in 1952 so that all outbound mail could get a glamorous "Key Largo" postmark.

Air Mail

Some Members and guests skipped the dusty roads entirely. In the early 1950s, years before Ocean Reef formally dedicated its paved 2,000-foot runway in 1956, adventurous private plane owners acted as high-flying couriers, carrying bags of mail, blocks of ice and emergency boat parts from Miami.

By 1961, the Key Largo Post Office had opened a rural station near Mile Marker 103

to help keep up with Ocean Reef's growth. With the introduction of ZIP codes, two years later, Ocean Reef became part of the Key Largo postal area under 33037.

As Ocean Reef boomed, the volume of correspondence grew right along with it. More homes and guests meant a steady influx of reservations, letters, glossy magazines and postcards. Still, door-to-door delivery remained a luxury of the future. Longtime Member and Historical Society Chair **Becky Dickinson** remembered mail being delivered to the old front desk.

Eventually, the Club had its own dedicated mailroom, where Members could buy stamps and postal supplies, Dickinson said. The spot quickly became a Reefy social stop. Besides checking the mail, you could run into neighbors, catch up on news and linger a little longer. Not unlike swinging by Pak Mail today.

Presiding over it all were the beloved "mailroom ladies," one might call the original **Ocean Reef Gals**. They knew names, faces, routines and probably more than a few stories. They were part postal staff, part information desk, part welcoming committee and part unofficial Reef intelligence agency.

Paradise Needs an Address

Back then, a postcard mailed from Ocean Reef might read: *Yes, the weather, golf, and fishing are great, and no, we have no plans to leave.* It was the 1960s equivalent of a

social media post, carefully crafted to induce maximum jealousy, the vintage version of a vacation photo captioned, *Don't find me.*

Some Things Never Change

Today, all Ocean Reef mail still flows through the Key Largo Post Office. The trucks are modern, many Reef residents sport custom mailboxes, and there are private mailing and package-sending options on property. A shipment that once depended on the weather, the tides, and someone remembering to throw it in the back of a truck can now be stalked online, whether it is a critical engine part for a yacht or just a fresh sleeve of golf balls. These days the USPS even delivers some packages on Sundays, and because this remains a rural route, the carrier isn't required to wear the traditional postal uniform.

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Our postal system helped bind a young nation together, and on a smaller, saltier scale, it kept The Reef tethered to the mainland. The trucks are faster and the routes are predictable, but the core mission is identical. Every day, the mail still bridges the gap between our unique way of life and everything beyond it.

For a place built entirely on the concept of escape, the ultimate irony is that our paradise still needs an address.

Have feedback or a story idea for Felicia? Please reach her at FeliciaKoretsky@gmail.com.

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5 BD, Office, 7.5BA | \$14,500,000 | 5030
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it was quite interesting to see a 5K Fun Run (2012), Raft-Up Boat Rendezvous (2003), Street Fairs in the Fishing Village, golf cart scavenger hunts, Laser Tag on the beach, a Burgee Bar Live Cooking Station and even an Ice Cream Class (2008) on past schedules. Photo records date back to 2007 and center around fireworks and sand sculpting by renowned company "Sentinels of Sand".

This year's celebration again

will provide traditional activities that have pleased generations of families for years. Beginning on **July 2 and through July 5**, the schedule is packed with activities including a Red, White, and Blue Buffet with Bingo, cart parade, and a Beach Bash with live music by the FM Band, face painting, and inflatables for the kids. This is all topped off with a brand-new Hydroflight show Saturday at 8:50 p.m., immediately followed by an amazing fireworks display at 9 p.m., both off Buccaneer Island.

While we can't quite pinpoint the first year Independence Day Weekend was celebrated at the Club, the message from the 1994 Ocean Reef Club "Tidings,"

featured below, is all the same. Come enjoy "The 4th at Ocean Reef: Fun, Sun, & Memories!" See a full schedule of this year's activities on page 18.



Fireworks display in 2010.



Sand sculpting in 2007.



THE 4TH AT OCEAN REEF: FUN, SUN & MEMORIES



Members and Sponsored Guests with approving "Oohs" and "Aahs" judged each spectacular burst and echoing boom of Fireworks over Buccaneer Island on Sunday evening, July 3rd. The brilliant display highlighted an activity-filled holiday weekend that included swimming, sun, music and dancing, delicious food, fishing, volleyball and golf tournaments.

Vol. 1, No. 2 edition of the "Ocean Reef Club Tidings" from July 1994.

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2009 sandcastle sculpture.



Kailee and Connor Gordon, MacKenzie and Hayden Musil, and Cassie Gordon in sync for the 2010 Fourth of July celebration.

Lobstermaniacs Unite

Mini Season is July 29 & 30

By Kyle Partain, Ocean Reef Press

Step aside bibliomaniacs, egomaniacs and even Hulkamaniacs, this is the season for lobstermaniacs.

The **Siedles** and the **Hustons** are two of many Ocean Reef families suffering from Lobstermania hypermania – a severe condition.

Kent and Cheri Siedle have been regular Lobstermania participants since Kent's brother and sister-in-law introduced them to The Reef and Lobstermania more than 20 years ago. Back then, Cheri didn't quite understand the concept.

"Kent's from Hollywood, so he grew up doing lobster season," she said. "I'm from central Florida. We didn't lobster up there. We had these rock shrimp that look kind of like a really small lobster because they have a hard back. That is what I thought he meant. I got so excited when I realized we were pulling out full-size lobsters."

The "mini" in mini-lobster season, of course, is not a reference to the lobster's size. Instead, it denotes the final Wednesday and Thursday – **July 29-30** this year – before the commercial season begins.

Richard Huston was introduced to the tradition by his wife, Amy Lane, whose family has been ORC Members for more than 30 years. The Hustons were engaged and married on The Reef, so Richard stopped short of calling Lobstermania his favorite Club memory. He did, however, point out the family has earned the Heaviest Bug award at least twice.

"It's not particularly competitive, but we do take it seriously and get a lot of joy out of it at the same time," he said. "Our son, Davis, has been actively lobstering with us the last two years. Our daughter, August Ann, her role is to hold lobsters



Davis and August Ann show off some of the Huston family's haul during last year's Lobstermania.



Cheri and Kent Siedle believe the lobster hunting will be more challenging this year than it was in 2025.

for the pictures afterward and just enjoy time on the boat."

Kent sometimes plays a similar role. He admitted to spending a lot more time watching now that his and Cheri's two boys are adults with their own highly developed lobstering skills.

"It's a great excuse to get out in the water," Kent said. "Typically, in June we begin scouting. That is just another excuse to get in the water. We have dived on nearly every rock, ledge and crevice from Dade County to Islamorada."

With that experience, Kent and Cheri believe Lobstermania will present a challenge for Members this year.

"Last year was a really great year," Kent said. "Lobsters were everywhere. Pretty much if you jumped in the water, you found a lobster. The year before, we had to hunt for them a bit more. I think this year is going to be harder."

The couple will turn to Cheri's spreadsheet of information that goes back 15 years. It includes data for more than 100 GPS spots.

"The changeover has been interesting," Kent said. "Spots that were prolific in 2011, 2012 and 2013 kind of died off for a few years. Now, they are coming back around again. It's always interesting to look at the data and see the patterns."

Cheri said the only downside to being a lobstermaniac is the early-morning wake-up call on Wednesday. A good haul that day, however, means a more

relaxed start to Thursday.

"She's usually hating it the whole way out, until we get the first lobster," Kent said. "Then, it's all great the rest of the day."

Lobstermania weigh ins are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day at the RCK Seawall. The Lobstermania Awards Presentation is Thursday evening at the Burgee Bar, where the Heaviest Bug Award is handed out.

Lobsters can also be dropped off at any Club restaurant by 5 p.m. each day, where chefs will prepare them for your well-earned dinner.

The Siedles call Lobstermania the "Best Kept Secret on the Reef." The Hustons say it is their own personal "Reef Cup."

There is still time to make plans to participate this season. Who knows, you might just become a lobstermaniac yourself.



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INDEPENDENCE DAY Weekend



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HYDROFLIGHT SHOW – NEW!

Saturday, July 4 • 8:50 p.m. • Buccaneer Island

Enjoy this brand-new Hydroflight Show with fireworks immediately following.

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

Saturday, July 4 • 9:00pm • Buccaneer Island

Additional Viewing Area: Oceanside On Your Boat



THURSDAY, JULY 2

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

3:00 – 5:00pm • Inn Lobby

Learn about the event happenings and enjoy a Reef Cup and delicious treats!

LEGACY MEMBER MID-WEEK MIXER

5:00 – 6:00pm • Reef Lounge

Mix and mingle with fellow Legacy Members and receive a drink voucher for a drink of your choice. Registration: 305-367-5874

FRIDAY, JULY 3

COSMOPOLITAN COAST & MICHAEL'S SWIMWEAR TRUNK SHOWS

8:00am – 2:00pm • Burgee Shop Breezeway

EVERGLADES ALLIGATOR FARM TOUR

9:00am • Meet at Nature Center

Reservations: 305-367-6516

INDEPENDENCE DAY 5K FUN RUN PRE-REGISTRATION

12:00 – 4:00pm • Pool Desk

RAW BAR LOBSTER BAKE

5:00 – 9:00 p.m. • Raw Bar

Reservations: 305-367-5818

RED, WHITE & BINGO BUFFET

6:00 – 6:30pm Seatings

7:00pm Sharp! Bingo Starts • Carysfort Hall

Adults: \$80++pp; Ages 5 – 11: \$40++pp; Children ages 4 and under: complimentary.

Details & Reservations: 305-367-5931

FRIDAY NIGHT HOOPS

7:00pm • Basketball Courts

Join the Recreation Team on the courts for a friendly basketball game between teens and adults. Details: 305-367-6516

SATURDAY, JULY 4

INDEPENDENCE DAY 5K FUN RUN

7:30am • Registration

8:00am Sharp! • Race Starts

Business Center Parking Lot

\$35 per person. Details: 305-367-5962

BIG CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

8:00am – 12:00pm • Dolphin Course

Standard golf holes are replaced with 8 inch cups.

Details & Entry: 305-367-5912

DOLPHIN FISHING TOURNAMENT

8:00am Lines In • 3:00pm Lines Out

3:30 – 4:30pm Weigh-in • RCK Seawall

5:30pm Awards Presentation • Burgee Bar

Learn the tournament rules on Friday, July 3 at 5:30pm at Burgee Bar.

Details & Entry: 305-367-5874

COSMOPOLITAN COAST TRUNK SHOW

10:00am – 5:00pm • Burgee Shop Breezeway

FREEDOM SALE IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

10:00am – 5:00pm • Fishing Village

INDEPENDENCE DAY CART PARADE

12:30pm Line-Up • 1:00pm Departure

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RED, WHITE & BLUES BEACH BASH

7:00 – 10:00pm • Buccaneer Island

Complimentary live entertainment, face painting, playcenter and inflatables. Food Truck available.

SUNDAY, JULY 5

RED, WHITE & BLUE BREAKFAST

7:00am – 12:00pm • Ocean Room

KIDS FISHING TOURNAMENT

11:00am • Reef Treats Seawall

GUIDED STANDUP

PADDLEBOARD TOUR

1:00pm • Meet at Pool Desk

Details & Reservations: 305-367-6516

INFLATABLES AT THE LAGOON

2:30pm • Buccaneer Island

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REEF REC ROOM

July 2 – 5 • 4:00 – 10:00pm

NATURE CENTER

July 3 – 5 • 2:00 – 5:00pm

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Friday, July 3 & Saturday, July 4

6:00 – 10:00pm

Saturday, July 4 & Sunday, July 5

9:00am – 1:00pm

GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOURS

Saturday, July 4 & Sunday, July 4

10:00am • Meet at Pool Desk

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Transform the fun you're having this summer into a tempting experience or item to inspire your fellow Ocean Reefers to raise their paddles repeatedly until they win next winter. Your contribution of something meaningful will make a positive difference, and the All Charities team is standing by to give your idea legs to stand on and the power to move forward.

If you're not sure what might appeal, consider a romantic getaway for two, offering your home for an event or occasion, or organizing a gathering that can be expanded to include a crowd of friends and/or family of all ages. Perhaps a unique behind-the-scenes tour or a meet-and-greet opportunity. A hidden gem on the far side of the globe, or a SRO event for which tickets are only available to those in the know. Libations are always popular. Or simply pass along some of your miles.

Summertime donations for ACW's Silent and Live auctions enable the Ocean Reef Community Foundation (ORCF) to leverage other offerings and build momentum while at the



After successfully bidding on this new All Charities Silent Auction item, donated by Terra Cotta Realty (Florida) and Ocean Reef Club, the Scalia family gathered on Pumpkin Key this spring for an afternoon of Beach Olympics, cardboard boat races and island adventure.

same time allowing the Live and Silent auction committees breathing room to best present and maximize everyone's contributions. (Lest you be concerned, know that donations don't need physically to arrive in the All Charities office over the summer, just the description and an estimated delivery timeframe.)

The weekend's history:

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The Cardboard Boat Regatta, hosted by Ocean Reef Director of Recreation Chris Nelson and the Recreation Team, was one of the day's highlights as teams launched their handcrafted vessels and raced for bragging rights across the water.

arrives.

Additionally, the cash and auction items donated by ACW's Preferred Partners (more on them in future articles) enable ORCF to give 100% of the donations made by Club Members to non profits.

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open heart and mind free rein and give the All Charities office a call at 305-367-5996 or email AllCharities@OceanReef.com. Know that every contribution to ACW – no matter how large or small – makes a difference.

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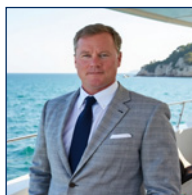
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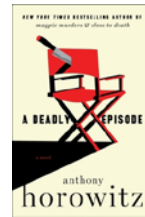
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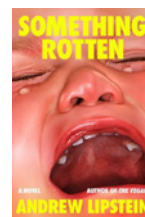
Whether mysteries with mayhem or thrillers with page-turning suspense, the following are novels added to the Library Collection at the Cultural Center that are perfect for summer reading.



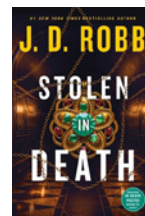
"A Deadly Episode" by Anthony Horowitz – During the making of a film about the first Detective Hawthorne/Horowitz mystery novel, the real detective must investigate the murder of the star playing him.



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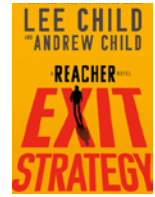


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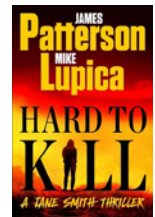


"Stolen in Death" by J.D. Robb – Detective Eve Dallas

struggles to solve the death of a billionaire, which reveals the evil doings of his father and how the family's wealth was created.



"Exit Strategy" by Lee Child and Andrew Child – Jack Reacher takes on a new mission when someone places a plea for help in his pocket.



"Hard to Kill" by James Patterson and Mike Lupica – Book two of tenacious Attorney Jane Smith as she tries to defend her client against charges of two triple murders in the Hamptons.



"Lady Killer" by Lisa Scottoline – a South Philly lawyer tries to aid a high school rival from an abusive boyfriend until both turn up dead, and she must investigate the murder.



"The Fine Art of Lying" by Alexandra Andrews – Clare enters the elite circles of Manhattan through her passion for art, where she discovers a murder, stolen art and the criminal world surrounding it all. The author and her family lived a few blocks from mine in New York City and she was even my daughter's roommate in college. So, I am so happy to see her success using a world she knows as a backdrop for her second novel. The art part, not the murder!

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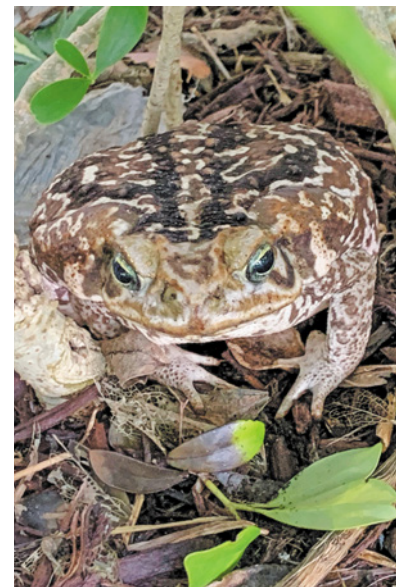
By Dr. Lora Cummings, Veterinary Medical Director at the Grayvik Animal Care Center

As we head into South Florida's hot and rainy season, when the Bufo Toads' (aka Cane Toad) mating season is at its peak, we are seeing an increase in Bufo Toad sightings.

The Bufo Toad is an invasive species that is most active during the evening hours and can be found around buildings, in yards, near canals or other bodies of water. To protect itself, the Bufo has toxins in its skin that can cause significant to life threatening neurological and cardiovascular symptoms in an animal that licks or picks up a toad in its mouth.

Exposure can also occur if a pet drinks from a water source where a Bufo has rested. We recommend keeping your pet on a short leash and paying close attention to surroundings to reduce the risk of contact. Most exposures occur when pets are not being supervised. If you are not quite sure what a Bufo looks like and see a toad, it is best to assume it may be a Bufo and avoid any contact.

If there is a chance your pet has had contact with a Bufo, quickly wipe their mouth, including gums, teeth and corners of mouth to decrease contact time. You can gently



Bufo Toad (aka Cane Toad).

rinse your pet's mouth being careful to keep their head lowered to minimize aspirating water or unintentionally rinsing toxin further into the system.

Remember, it only takes one lick of the toad's skin to cause toxicosis.

Signs can include, but are not limited to:

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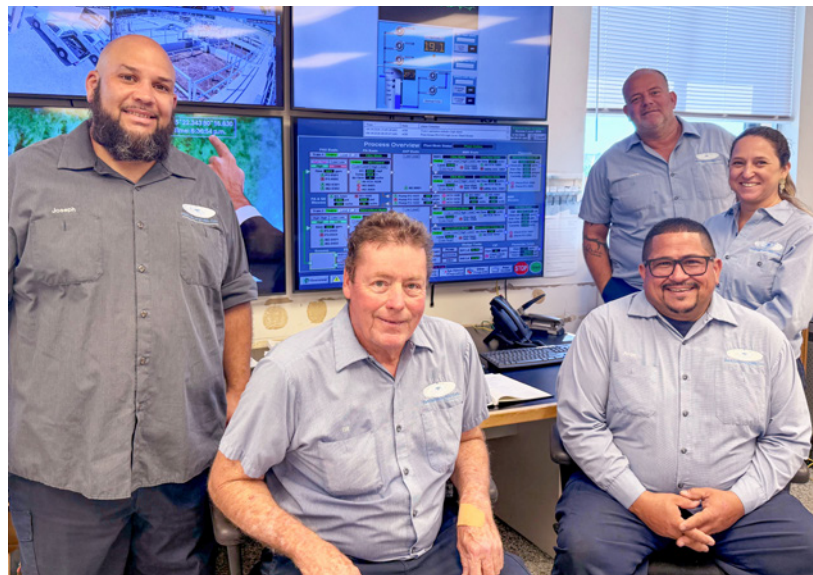
Behind NKLUC: Managing Ocean Reef's Water

Water flows through nearly every aspect of our lives at Ocean Reef – from the canals to the golf courses and beyond. But the systems that keep that water clean, safe, and sustainable operate mostly out of sight.

Behind the scenes, the North Key Largo Utility Corporation (NKLUC), a not-for-profit organization managed by the Ocean Reef Community Association (ORCA), delivers irrigation to Ocean Reef and wastewater services to both Ocean Reef and the Key Largo Angler's Club. This ensures the needs of the community's golf courses and common areas are met with precision.

Potable water at Ocean Reef is provided by the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority (FKAA), which also uses reverse osmosis to ensure safe, high-quality drinking water. But NKLUC is part of what sets Ocean Reef apart as a member-supported utility managing the water infrastructure that keeps The Reef running. 1

NKLUC operates two distinct facilities: an Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (AWWTP) and a Reverse Osmosis (RO) irrigation water



The NKLUC team (L-R): Collection Systems Technician Joseph Velazquez, Plant Superintendent Bill Midling, Treatment Operators Jorge Arteaga and Ana Benedito, and Collection Systems Technician Carlos Junco.

plant. Together, they form the backbone of Ocean Reef's water sustainability efforts.

Superintendent Bill Midling has led wastewater operations since 2013, and he's backed by a talented, experienced team. Collection Systems Technicians Carlos Junco and Joseph Velazquez keep the collection network running smoothly, while Treatment Operators Jorge Arteaga and Ana Benedito ensure the plant itself operates daily at peak performance.

As part of the sophisticated treatment process incoming wastewater passes through a series of screens to remove debris. It then moves through multiple stages of biological treatment, where carefully cultivated bacteria break down nutrients naturally without added

chemicals. From there, the water goes through filtration and UV disinfection before it is reused or discharged via injection wells. The plant can process up to 499,000 gallons per day.

The treatment plant is designed with redundancy in mind. Two parallel processing "trains" allow

staff to keep one running while performing maintenance on the other. During peak periods, both trains run simultaneously to handle increased flow. All gases generated during the wastewater treatment process are collected and treated through the odor control system, preventing odor emissions. Odor control at lift stations is an ongoing operational priority, with recent infrastructure repairs ensuring the system continues to perform with minimal impact on neighboring communities.

The RO plant draws brackish groundwater from wells more than 1,000 feet deep and forces it through semipermeable membranes that filter out salts, minerals and contaminants. The resulting clean water is distributed for irrigation across the Dolphin, Hammock and Card Sound Golf Courses and community common areas, with a total daily capacity of 2.3 million gallons across four treatment trains.



NKLUC's Advanced Wastewater Treatment Plant (Photo by Jorge Arteaga).



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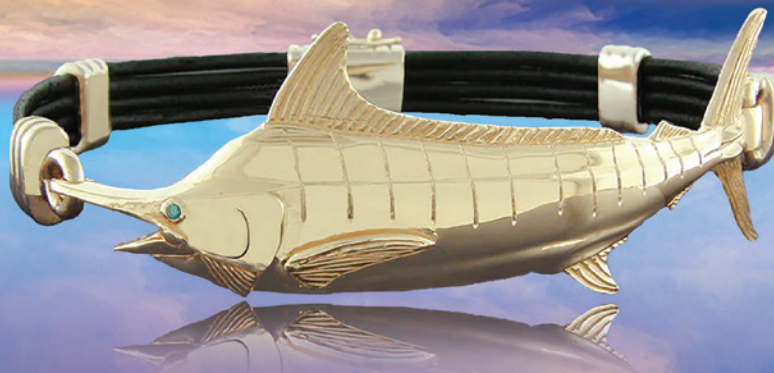
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CHAPEL CORNER

Summer at the Chapel



by Giulia Covella, Chapel Foundation Executive Director

While many Members of our Ocean Reef community are enjoying the quieter pace of summer, the Chapel remains active with a variety of projects and programs designed to strengthen our facilities, support our associates and serve families throughout the community.

One of our primary focuses this summer is a series of important mechanical upgrades to our facility. These improvements are designed to enhance the comfort, efficiency and long-term sustainability of our building while ensuring that the Chapel

continues to provide a welcoming environment for our community.

We were also honored to participate in the Club's Summer Showcase, where associates had the opportunity to learn about the many programs, services and benefits available throughout Ocean Reef. The Chapel was pleased to share information about our worship services, community events, educational opportunities and the many ways associates are welcome to participate in the life of our Chapel community.

As the season closed, we were grateful to host our annual Associate Blessing, a special gathering dedicated to recognizing and thanking the associates and vendors whose hard work and dedication contribute so much to life at Ocean Reef. It was a meaningful opportunity to offer words of encouragement, gratitude and blessing as many associates transition into the summer months.

This summer, we are also



The Chapel's Kim Salyers, Giulia Covella and Jessica Poitevin at the Club's Summer Showcase.

delighted to welcome a few of the children from Ocean Reef Academy for a Toddler Summer Program hosted at the Chapel. Providing a safe, nurturing and engaging environment for young children reflects our ongoing commitment to supporting families and serving the broader community.

In addition, we are excited to launch our Summer Associate

Bible Study, beginning **Thursday, July 16** and continuing through **Thursday, August 27**. The study will meet each Thursday from noon to 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All associates seeking a time of reflection, fellowship and spiritual growth are invited to attend.

Although summer brings a different rhythm to Ocean Reef, it remains a season of meaningful work, fellowship and ministry at the Chapel. We look forward to continuing to serve our community and to welcoming everyone back in the fall as we begin another exciting season together.

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We Mourn the Loss

Luba "Lucy" Boguski



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Luba "Lucy" Boguski on Thursday, December 18, 2025, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Beloved mother to Mark and Michael (Eva); sister to her cherished brother, Terry (Patti); Baba to William, Stella, Evelyn and Juliet. Lucy was predeceased by her husband,

Stasiu, and her parents, Wasyl and Olga.

Lucy adored spending time with her family, especially on trips to cottages on Lake Simcoe and Paugh Lake, visiting Ocean Reef Club, and getting multiple holes-in-one at Lambton Golf and Country Club. She always had time for others, and in recent years made several philanthropic donations to a variety of causes close to her heart.

The family wishes to thank the incredible staff at Nurse Next Door, Trillium Health Partners/Mississauga Hospital and Dorothy Ley Hospice for their exemplary care.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Dorothy Ley Hospice, or Sandgate Women's Shelter of York Region Inc. Online condolences may be made through turnerporter.ca.

Members who knew and remember Lucy can reach out to the family at michael.boguski@gmail.com.

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We Mourn the Loss

Michael A. Carricarte



Friends, colleagues and all whose lives were touched by Mike Carricarte are invited to join his family as they honor and celebrate an extraordinary man whose legacy of service, leadership, generosity, faith and love impacted countless people.

A burial service is scheduled for 2 p.m. on **Saturday, June 27** at Caballero Woodlawn North Cemetery in Miami. A celebration of life will follow at 4:30 p.m. at The Historic Biltmore Hotel in Coral Gables.

In honor of Mike's joyful spirit and vibrant life, the family requests that black attire not be worn. Guests are encouraged to wear light, celebratory colors.

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We Mourn the Loss

Mary Frances Williams Clauder



Mary Frances Williams Clauder, 84, passed away peacefully at home with the loving support of her family on May 27, 2026, in Cincinnati.

She is survived by her three children, Carolyn (Frank)

Pichardo, Holly (Damian) D'Apolito and April Heart; eight grandchildren; her brothers, Joe (Judy) Williams and Tom (Jenny) Williams; and many nieces and nephews with their growing families.

Mary was predeceased by her husband of 54 years, Michael Clauder, as well as her parents, William J. Williams and Helen DeCourcy Williams. Her siblings, Richard F. Williams, Carol Williams Jodar and Sharon Williams Frisbie also departed before her.

She will be remembered for her humility, compassion and unconditional kindness to all.

Born in Cincinnati, Mary graduated from Sacred Heart Academy in 1960 and then Barat College of Chicago in 1964, where she pursued a degree in sociology. She found her first calling as a social worker at St. Aloysius Orphanage.

She followed her parents' path in supporting a wide range of charities, including

the Beechwood Home, Boys and Girls Clubs, the National Conference for Community and Justice, St. Margaret Hall, and helped found new organizations like Caracole at the start of the AIDS epidemic.

Advocating for people became her passion and she lived a life of service to others with unwavering Catholic faith. Mary was honored to be elected as a Dame of Malta in 2001 for her decades of Catholic inspired service to others. She was also a Cincinnati Enquirer Woman of the Year Awardee in 2001 for her lifelong dedication to nonprofit leadership.

Married to Mike for 54 years, the two were inseparable. Their decades of companionship, encouragement and love carried them through their lifelong commitment to each other. She and Mike traveled the world with family and friends, but her favorite place was always home in Cincinnati.

To her children, Mary was a fun and supportive mother – a coach,

chaperone, scout leader, party organizer and fundraiser when needed. She actively supported her children and encouraged empathy and community service as part of a rounded life. Mary loved being a generous and active Grammy to her eight grandchildren and had every shelf filled with their pictures. Her entire face lit up when she spoke about any of them.

Never hesitating to offer her time and care, Mary leaves us with memories of her genuine kindness and lifelong friendship.

She loved wearing bright colors, so feel free to honor her memory by doing the same.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, June 16, at St. Rose of Lima Church in Cincinnati.

In lieu of flowers, our family would be honored by a donation to the Beechwood Home, 2140 Pogue Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45208. Online condolences may be expressed at RohdeFuneral.com.

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We Mourn the Loss

Jacqueline Morby



Jacqueline Morby died peacefully on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, with her beloved children, Michelle and Drew, by her side.

Known by all as Jacqui, she led an extraordinary life defined by her sharp intelligence, spirit of adventure, generous nature and the constant twinkle in her eye. She approached every challenge with matter-of-fact determination and was never

as impressed by her myriad accomplishments as were all those around her. Jacqui had a gift for both immediate and deep connection. In her professional life, that gift translated into famous deal sourcing as a pioneer venture capitalist. In her personal life, the mutual devotion between Jacqui and Jeffrey L. Morby (1937-2023), her husband of 64 years, inspired everyone who knew them. They were together dedicated to their children and their wide circle of friends. Individually, Jacqui and Jeff were remarkable. Together, they were unstoppable, and they brought their same passion for exploring the world to making a positive impact on it through their many philanthropic efforts.

Jacqueline Sue Collins was born June 19, 1937, in Sacramento, CA, to Bertha and Junior Jennings Collins. Jacqui graduated from Stanford University, where she met Jeff, and later obtained a teaching

certificate from the University of California-Los Angeles. To support Jeff's career, the couple moved to South America in the early 1970s. After welcoming Drew and Michelle and returning to the US, Jacqui relaunched her professional aspirations by obtaining an MBA from Simmons University at age 40.

Despite her late professional start, Jacqui had an immense impact on the finance industry and forged a path that enabled other women to join the field. In 1978, Jacqui joined TA Associates, then the largest venture capital fund in the world, rising to managing director and serving on the firm's four-member executive committee before retiring in 2003. Instead of relying on an "old boys' network," she effectively originated the practice of identifying promising small companies and cold calling their founders, establishing the growth equity investment strategy. Over the course of her career, Jacqui sat on the boards of more than 30 companies.

Jacqui was equally committed to philanthropic causes, taking on active and leadership roles at the Andy Warhol Museum, Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, The World Wildlife Fund, Planned Parenthood, National Public Radio, Population Action International, Carnegie Mellon Project Olympus, Lead Pittsburgh and more. Jacqui also founded the Pittsburgh Chapter of the International Women's Forum

and was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania.

In 2004, together with Jeff and inspired by her mother's struggle with the disease, she recruited two other families to co-found Cure Alzheimer's Fund. At its core, Jacqui's passion was grounded in a desire to relieve the physical, emotional and financial burden of Alzheimer's for millions of people throughout the world. The not-for-profit they stewarded for over 20 years has funded more than \$275 million in cutting-edge Alzheimer's research, leading to scientific breakthroughs that have redefined our understanding of this complex and life-altering disease.

Jacqui was a longtime community member in Martha's Vineyard and Cambridge, MA; Pittsburgh, PA; and Key Largo; and a frequent world traveler. She was a member of Ocean Reef Club, Anglers Club and Card Sound Golf Club. Her wry wit, sincere interest in others and disarming warmth made strangers into friends everywhere she went. She was deeply loved by her family and friends and respected by all those whose lives she touched. Her life made a lasting impact, and she will be greatly missed.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests any contributions be made to the Jacqui Morby Impact Fund at Cure Alzheimer's Fund by visiting curealz.org/jacqui-morby or to The World Wildlife Fund at protect.worldwildlife.org.

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John Curtiss Noble



John Curtiss Noble passed on Friday, May 22, 2026, in Ocean Reef, with his wife, Linda, by his side. He was born July 14, 1930, in Evanston, Illinois and adopted from the Cradle Adoption Agency by Curtiss and Georgiana Noble of Minneapolis. The months and years that followed marked the beginning of a remarkable journey... that began at least five name changes, not to mention, two dates of birth... all in his first couple of years. A tale best saved for another day.

He attended Brown University, the University of Minnesota and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He began a career in banking (Wells Fargo) followed by 15 years in advertising (Campbell-Mithun) in Minneapolis. In 1969, he founded Northwestern Travel, building it from the ground up into a nationally respected company with 1,000 employees and 86 offices across 22 states before its sale in 2004.

John was a self-made entrepreneur whose leadership, drive and integrity shaped not only a successful business, but a community of people who felt seen and valued. Throughout the next couple of decades following the sale, John continued to work and play hard. He gave back to the travel profession by joining several travel related boards and committees, including chairing the Midwest Chapter of American Society of Travel Advisors.

A casual suggestion to John from Linda's sister, Teresa, that the two, both single at the time,

might enjoy meeting led to John asking for Linda's phone number – that was in 1990. John and Linda were married in Minneapolis in 1991. As John said, throughout his life, he was "lucky to be at the right place at the right time." This was one of those times. For 36 years, they packed more living into their days than sometimes seemed possible. Due to John's travel business, their lives and schedules were adventure focused. Life and experiences for the couple came fast and furious... fun and wonderful. They split their time between homes in Minneapolis and Ocean Reef.

John was an avid golfer, tennis player, runner, angler and hunter. He loved everything sports. He was first introduced to Ocean Reef in 1989 through a good friend. The Nobles went on to purchase their first Ocean Reef home in 1993.

John served in leadership roles at Ocean Reef throughout the years, notably as President of the Racquet Club during the pivotal period when plans were developed and approved for the Club's new building, which stands today. The project was far from simple and required persistence in getting it across the finish line. He also served as Commodore of the Ocean Reef Yacht Club, where he brought his creativity and enthusiasm to the job. That year, they produced, drawing on the popular "American Idol" program for an "Ocean Reef Idol" competition. Delighted contestants competed for a cruise and airline package.

John loved his children and their families deeply. He will be remembered for his strong spirit, independence, a deep love of country and someone who always saw the glass half full.

John is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Linda Noble; his sons, Peter Noble, Johnny Noble, Clifford Noble (Cory), Jack Noble (Jennifer); his stepdaughter, Melissa Sattler; his sister, Sally Kahn; his eight grandchildren; and eight great grandchildren.

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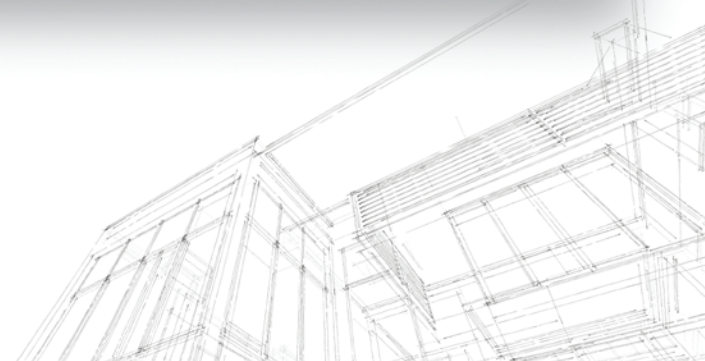
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NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

A Milestone Advancement for U.S. Sunscreen Products

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration recently announced that "Bemotrizinol was added to the list of permitted sunscreen active ingredients, marking a significant milestone in the agency's efforts to advance sunscreen innovation. Bemotrizinol is the first new active ingredient added to the over the counter sunscreen monograph since the late 1990s."

The chemical, Bemotrizinol, also known as BEMT, will give American consumers access to a level of ultraviolet A protection that has until now been unavailable on U.S. store shelves. It is anticipated that new product formulations will be available to consumers by August, and may reflect the trade names for the ingredient BEMT as Parsol Shield or Tinosorb S.

The ingredient, Bemotrizinol, has been marketed as a sunscreen ingredient in Europe and many countries around the world for years. Bemotrizinol has been used in sunscreens across Europe and Asia since 1999 under brand names including Tinosorb S by

BASF and Parsol Shield by DSM. Bemotrizinol provides protection against both ultraviolet A and B rays and has low levels of absorption through the skin into the body.

It offers a stable non-mineral option that doesn't break down in the sun, unlike one of two previously approved UVA filters, avobenzene, and it doesn't leave a white cast on the skin.

Medical Center visiting dermatologist Peter Bittar, M.D., offers the following advice, "Now that we are getting into the summer, it is more important than ever to protect your skin. UV damage from the sun is responsible for the vast majority of skin cancers as well as 80% of visible signs of aging. So, make sure to apply a SPF 30+ sunscreen every time you go outside between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m., and remember to reapply every two hours."

Peak UV rays occur between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., so wear a broad-brimmed hat and sunglasses, apply sunscreen, and hydrate frequently. Keep an eye on your local UV index: high to extreme levels (6 to 11+) require extra caution, especially when boating or playing outdoor sports. At minimum, schedule a yearly skin check with a dermatologist to help identify suspicious spots or possible skin cancers early.

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Reef Eats to the Rescue



by Jody Steele

After a fun-filled summer day at The Reef with family and friends, maybe at Buccaneer Island, out on the water fishing or snorkeling, or perhaps an early morning tennis game, you might be looking forward to an easy evening at home. When the group is all cleaned up and the "toys of the day" are put away, it is time to relax and enjoy each other's Reef Club stories.

Of course, plans for dinner are still a looming necessity, and there is a good possibility there might be a variety of cuisine choices on everyone's mind. As no one is eager to tackle the kitchen, the best solution is, "Reef Eats to the Rescue!"

Meeting recently with Ryan Schmidt, Chef de Cuisine for Reef Eats and the Ocean Room, I had the opportunity to learn about new menu items along with reviewing the traditional favorites that are just a phone call away every night of the week. Chef Ryan and his capable team are ready for you, rain or shine with dinner and a smile. He shared some of the following suggestions for all ages and palates with some perfect ideas for family sharing.

Pizza Night: Two sizes, 10- or 16-inch, two different crusts, Classic Cheese, Margherita or Build Your Own with unlimited toppings. Add a salad for a full family meal.

Sushi: Melanie Roll, Spicy Tuna or California Roll.

Soups, Salads & Starters: Clam Chowder, Caesar Salad, new Green Papaya Salad, new Lotus Rock Shrimp for a lighter meal.

Sandwiches: Cheeseburger, Chicken with Aioli, new



The Ocean Room's Kervenson Marc, Nevaeh Jovan and Ryan Schmidt show off the new wok station.

Grouper blackened or grilled (all served with shoestring fries).

Entrees: Roasted Half Chicken with Aji Sauce, Steak Frites (8 oz. Wagyu) and Pan Seared Grouper with Coconut Curry.

Pan Asian Night: The choices abound and all is delivered in special Chinese take-out boxes with chopsticks and a Fortune Cookie to add to the fun. A multitude of menu items with this theme include General Tso's Chicken, Orange Chicken, Fried Rice, Potstickers, Beef Lo Mein and more. Chef Ryan demonstrated the almost new Wok Station in the Ocean Room kitchen that is truly amazing. It even has a waterfall and steamer, which enable the chefs to cook authentic recipes with all the right equipment. Pretty impressive.

Kid's Dinner: Sliders, Pasta, Crispy Chicken with Fries or Fruit, and Pizza.

REEF EATS has desserts for sweet cravings, and an ample list of beverages including beer, wine and liquor for individuals 21 years of age or older (signature required).

Dining problem solved, with dinner delivered and only a little clean up required thanks to Chef Ryan and his wonderful team.

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FEATURED BOTTLE of the Month

Fernet-Branca

This month's featured spirit comes to us from Milan, Italy. Fernet-Branca is one of the most iconic amari in Italy. Created in 1845, it has become famous in hospitality circles around America.

Referred to as the "Bartenders Handshake," a 1.5-ounce shot is the usual method of consumption. It is an intensely flavored blend of 27 herbs, roots and spices that come together to create a one-of-a-kind profile with notes of mint, winter spices and herbal bitterness. While it can be



a bit much on its own, it is also a popular modifier in modern cocktails. For example, we use it in our "Toronto" at the Spirits Bar, but its most famous use is in the classic cocktail the "Hanky Panky," created at The Savoy Hotel by Ada Coleman in 1903.

Stop by the Spirits Bar and ask for a handshake for \$15, or take home a bottle from Port O' Call for \$45.

Hanky Panky

- 1.5oz Gin (*Juniper forward, such as Tanqueray 10*)
- 1.5oz Red Vermouth (*We like Carpano Antica here*)
- 0.25oz Fernet-Branca

Combine all ingredients, add ice and stir for about 20 seconds. Strain and serve in a chilled Nick and Nora glass with an orange peel as garnish.

 OUT & ABOUT



Angelfish Cay 5 & 6 Rocked the Block over Memorial Day Weekend because the neighborhood's mostly weekend residents were not present for the official day back in April. ORC supplied tables, chairs and tablecloths, and the neighborhoods hired a paella chef.



Photographer Carol Ellis caught ORCA Firefighters Christopher Garcia (left) and Estaban Sanchez as they enjoyed a patriotic run along Ocean Reef Drive the day before Memorial Day.



Cia Mackle with friends Allison Cohen, Denie Harris and Vicky Hucks, keeping it cool with frozen drinks and Mahjong in the pool.

INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND SHOPPING

SALES:

Golf: Saturday, July 4

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Burgee/Gift Shop: July 3 & 4

25% off purchases of \$250 or more.

Tennis Pro Shop: July 3-5

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Member Fitness Center: July 3-5

40% off On Running.

The Spa: July 3 & 4

30% off all apparel.

TRUNK SHOWS:

Burgee Shop: July 3 & 4 :

Cosmopolitan Coast:

Friday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Michael's Swimwear:

Friday: 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Member Fitness Center: July 4

10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Buccaneer Island

50% off Kering Eyewear and Cabana Life.

Tennis Pro Shop: Maui Jim Trunk Show: July 3

11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Buccaneer Island

20% off Maui Jim Sunglasses.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

For full list of events pick up a copy of This Week at The Reef!

26 FRIDAY

- Sweat Class**
8am • Member Fitness Center
- Everglades Alligator Farm Tour**
9am • Meet at Nature Center
- Cardio Tennis Clinic**
9am • Tennis & Games Center
- TRX Fitness Class**
12pm • Member Fitness Center
- Rising Star Theater Camp Talent Showcase**
12:30pm • Cultural Center
- Canasta Open Play**
12:30-5pm • Card & Game Room
- Cocktails**
5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)
- Steakhouse Night at the Grill Room**
5-9pm • Grill Room
- Live Music at Reef Lounge**
6:30-10:30pm • Reef Lounge
- Live DJ at Burgee Bar**
9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

27 SATURDAY

- Danish & Coffee**
7-10am • The Point (Members Only)
- Pickleball Open Play**
8:30-10am • Tennis & Games Center
- Cycle Strength & Reformer Pilates Class**
9am • Member Fitness Center
- UNIQ. Jewelry Trunk Show**
9am-2pm • Burgee Shop Breezeway
- Guided Eco-Kayak Tour**
10am • Meet at Pool Desk
- Junior Tennis Clinic**
11am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Live Music at Buccaneer Island**
1-5pm • Buccaneer Island
- Cocktails**
5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)
- Live Music at Reef Lounge**
7-11pm • Reef Lounge

28 SUNDAY

- Danish & Coffee**
7-10am • The Point (Members Only)

- Swim Club Class**
8am • Member Fitness Pool
- Cardio Tennis Clinic**
8 & 9am • Tennis & Games Center
- Cycle Strength Class**
9am • Member Fitness Center
- Online Summer Worship Service**
9-10am • www.picator.org
- Beginner Sailing Clinic**
9:30am • Meet at Pool Desk
- Silver Fit Class**
10am • Member Fitness Center
- Gameio Tennis Clinic**
10am • Tennis & Games Center
- Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour**
1pm • Meet at Pool Desk
- Live Music at Buccaneer Island**
1-5pm • Buccaneer Island
- Cocktails**
5-8pm • The Point (Members Only)

29 MONDAY

- Sweat Fitness Class**
8am • Member Fitness Center
- Adult Pickleball Camp**
9am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Kids' Tennis & Pickleball Camp**
9am-1pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Reef Discovery Camp**
9am-4pm • Reef Rec Room
- Reef Club Kids Camp**
9am-4pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Aqua Cardio Class**
11am • Member Fitness Pool
- Canasta Open Play**
12:30-5pm • Card & Game Room
- Tournament Tough Tennis Camp**
1:30-4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Men's "B" Night Tennis League**
5:30-7pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Member Appreciation Night**
6-9pm • Gianni Ristorante

30 TUESDAY

- Swim Club Class**
8am • Member Fitness Pool
- Adult Pickleball Camp**
9am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center

- Kids' Tennis & Pickleball Camp**
9am-1pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Reef Discovery Camp**
9am-4pm • Reef Rec Room
- Reef Club Kids Camp**
9am-4pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Silver Fit & Vinyasa Yoga Class**
10am • Member Fitness Center
- Mah Jongg Open Play**
12:30-5pm • Card & Game Room
- Tournament Tough Tennis Camp**
1:30-4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center

1 WEDNESDAY

- Pickleball Open Play**
8:30-10am • Tennis & Games Center
- Adult Pickleball Camp**
9am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Kids' Tennis & Pickleball Camp**
9am-1pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Reef Discovery Camp**
9am-4pm • Reef Rec Room
- Reef Club Kids Camp**
9am-4pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Duplicate Bridge**
1pm • Card & Game Room
- Tournament Tough Tennis Camp**
1:30-4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Member Get Together: Paint & Plant**
2-4pm • Everglades Room & Patio

2 THURSDAY

- Adult Pickleball Camp**
9am-12pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Kids' Tennis & Pickleball Camp**
9am-1pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Reef Discovery Camp**
9am-4pm • Reef Rec Room
- Reef Club Kids Camp**
9am-4pm • RCK Clubhouse
- Tournament Tough Tennis Camp**
1:30-4:30pm • Tennis & Games Center
- Member Appreciation Night**
6-9pm • Islander
- Summertime Wine Dinner**
6:30pm • Carysfort Kitchen

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"Michael"
(PG-13)

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Wednesday, July 1 • 4:30pm
Runtime: 2hrs. 7 mins.



"The Sheep Detectives"
(PG)

Friday, July 3 • 4:30pm
Wednesday, July 8 • 4:30pm
Runtime: 1hr. 49 mins.



"The Devil Wears Prada 2"
(PG-13)

Friday, July 10 • 4:30pm
Wednesday, July 15 • 4:30pm
Runtime: 1hr. 59 mins.

SUMMER CLASSIC MOVIE:
"The Odd Couple" (1968)
Sunday, July 12 • 3:30pm
Complimentary.

Cultural Center Museum
Daily • 9am-4pm
Library Hours

Monday & Wednesday* • 10am-12pm
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For more information, please visit OceanReefCulturalCenter.com.

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Monday, June 29 - Sunday, July 5

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Mon.-Fri. 6am-6pm
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Mon.-Sat. 9am-5pm
Sun. 8am-5pm
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305-501-5515

Golf Shop
Daily 7:30am-4pm
305-367-5912

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Thurs.- Sat. 11am-9pm
305-367-5999

The Spa Boutique
In the Fishing Village.
Wed.-Sat. 10am-5pm
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Tennis Pro Shop
Mon.-Wed. 8am-5:30pm
Thurs.-Sun. 8:30am-5pm
305-367-6583

SPOT ON SHOPPING

Joan the Shopper

Happy takeoffs and returns from 07FA – Ocean Reef’s beautiful Airport Terminal.



The comfortable lounge and adjacent porch provide a great view of the airstrip.

Having its own private airport has always been a special perk of Ocean Reef Club. And now with last year's opening of a much-admired new terminal building, the Airport has added a touch of tasteful luxury that enhances the experience of a private flight or provides a calm environment for the initial handling of medical and other emergencies that require immediate transportation.

The comfortable lounge and porch both offer a great view of all the takeoffs and landings at 07FA, the official designation for our Airport (less obscure identification was not available).

In my guise of *Joan the Shopper*, I was delighted to discover that a small enclave in the lounge featured merchandise suitable for flying, waiting or just hanging out. (Visitors are welcome to enjoy the view and the free coffee and, if they are so inclined, to do a little shopping.)

Molly Lechelt (pictured here) came to the Airport after six years in the Ocean Reef Recreation department.

In her job as Manager at 07FA, she has managed to stock the little Airport shop with items that have a special appeal to frequent (and not-so-frequent flyers).

The store features my favorite polo shirts. They are super soft



Molly Lechelt, Airport Services Manager

and have both the burgee and the 07FA Airport logo. The jacket, which Molly is wearing in the photo above, is lightly quilted. Perfect for some “high flying” or some on-ground transportation, like a golf cart on a windy day.

There are other useful small items that appealed to me: leather luggage tags; water bottles and hats with the Airport logo. Also with the 07FA prominently displayed, there is a leather pouch with several zippered compartments. It is the perfect substitute for a purse for a man, who is embarrassed to carry one. I have it on the Christmas list for one of my sons.

Last Word: Go see for yourself our wonderful 07FA Ocean Reef terminal.

by Joan Birsh

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Member Appreciation Night Thursday

Everton's Rum bar

Fri.-Sun. 11am-6pm

The Ocean Room

Breakfast Mon.-Fri. 7-11am
Buffet Sat. 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm

Gianni Ristorante*

Mon.-Wed. & Sun. 6-9pm • Thurs.- Sat. 6-10pm
Member Appreciation Night Monday

Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm
Dinner Thurs.-Sat. 4-9pm

Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Tues., Wed., & Sun. 11am-6pm • Thurs. - Sat. 11am-9pm

Spirits Bar

Thurs. - Sat. 5-9pm

Tapas Bar

Thurs. - Sat. 5-9pm

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Unique Camps at ORC

By Jody Steele

The Unique Summer Camps include SEVEN more weeks of non-stop fun for kids ages 5 to 17 and FOUR more weeks of racquet sports camps for adults. There is a full weekly lineup of a variety of camps for all ages and interests with a schedule that wraps up on **Friday, August 14.**

Reef Club Kids: This popular camp for the younger set (ages 5 to 10) continues all summer. Led by an enthusiastic group of Recreation Coordinators, this weekly themed camp features sports, arts and crafts, swimming, science experiments and endless play.

Reef Discovery: Designed for ages 8 to 14, this camp is full of adventures in the Florida Keys. Trips off-property to experience snorkeling,



Camps aren't just for kids at the Tennis & Games Center.

wakeboarding, an escape room, bowling and a trampoline park are just some of the action-packed excursions planned.

Racquet Sports: For all ages, children and adults, these camps (tennis and pickleball) are an opportunity to build skills while having a great time with new and old friends. Learning and loving racquet sports, being guided by experienced Club instructors, and developing a lifelong interest and confidence is all part of the game.

Basketball Skills & Drills: Meeting for one week at the end of July, this camp teaches techniques in shooting, dribbling, passing and rebounding. The camp includes expert coaching and playing daily games. For ages 8 to 14, this camp is all about fun and sportsmanship.

Soccer Skills & Drills: Scheduled for the last week of camps, this is a perfect way to end the summer for ages 8 to 14. This camp is located at the



Visits to Buccaneer Island are daily events for campers at Reef Club Kids.

Field at Four Corners, where campers improve their soccer skills, play games and take a swim break at the beach.

There is still time to plan for more fun at the Unique Camps at ORC and create memories that last a lifetime.

Reservations: Online booking available at oceanreef.com/summercamps or by calling Camp Concierge at 305-367-6516.

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Reef Club Kids Campers Ponder America's 250th Birthday

As the United States of America celebrates its 250th birthday next week, we asked Reef Club Kids campers what they thought about this historic occasion. The mostly 5- and 6-year-olds had a hard time wrapping their heads around just how long 250 years really is. Some, who shall remain nameless, even wondered whether their grandparents might be somewhere in that range. Instead, the conversations usually turned to favorite animals and foods. So, here are a few random thoughts from the campers.

flamingo. I like foxes and wolves. I like elephants and dogs and cats." In the minutes that followed, she admitted to also liking dolphins, pigs, turtles and spiders.



Christian Rose Marzano, age 7
"My mom forgot about the Fourth of July. I reminded my mom and my dad. I like to celebrate, hang out with my family and watch fireworks."



Maddox Fernandez, age 6 (and a half)
"I don't believe it because my mom never told me. I did not know this. I like people partying with fireworks."



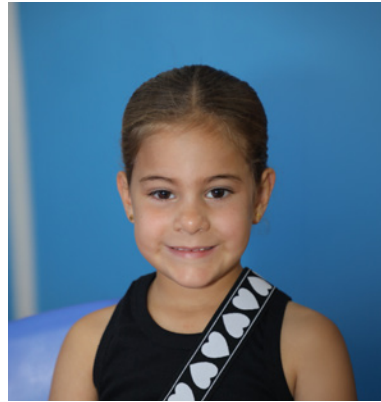
Abi Garcia, age 6
"Sometimes we like go to lunch and breakfast and we're just like eating and then we go out to the beach. I like hot dogs and hamburgers and chocolate ice cream."



Crew Weisleder, age 5
"I guess I like ice cream sundaes. I like vanilla, chocolate, strawberry and pineapple."



Cora Chanin, age 5
"I like cake, strawberry shortcake."



Becca Diaz, age 4
"I saw fireworks (in the past). I like fireworks."



Reid Hamilton, age 8
"Fireworks are cool."



Fernando Aran, age 8
"Once we went from Miami to, well I don't know where it was, but to see fireworks. I like that this is America's Independence Day."



Isabella St. Clair, age 6
"Countries are only a little bit my favorite. I like something that is a

ORC Sudoku

Fill the entire grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 block contains each number from 1 to 9 exactly once.

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See answers on page 65.



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The Academy Celebrates Graduation



by Jerome Murphy, Head of School



The Academy at Ocean Reef celebrated a closing ceremony celebration and eighth-grade graduation on June 5.

Kindergarten through eighth-grade students at The Academy at Ocean Reef gathered Friday, June 5 in front of their families, teachers, staff, board members and friends of The Academy to recognize and celebrate all of their wonderful achievements this year.

Following our closing ceremony celebration of the toddler and pre-kindergarten students the day before, we devoted the closing ceremony to recognizing all of our K-8 students.

As part of the year-end

celebrations, each grade level teacher shared highlights from their classroom experiences this year. After hearing from each of the teachers, we were delighted to reveal The Academy's year-end award winners as voted on in May by our faculty and staff.

- Junior Head of School Award – Dylan Gomez and Kenzi Howell.
- Dr. Why Award – Gabrielle Gomez.
- Perseverance Award – Isaac Perkinson.
- Scholar Athlete Award –

Siena Wright and Hadley Musumeci.

- Jill Brown Award – Sapphire Simms.
- Head of School Award – Kai Howell.

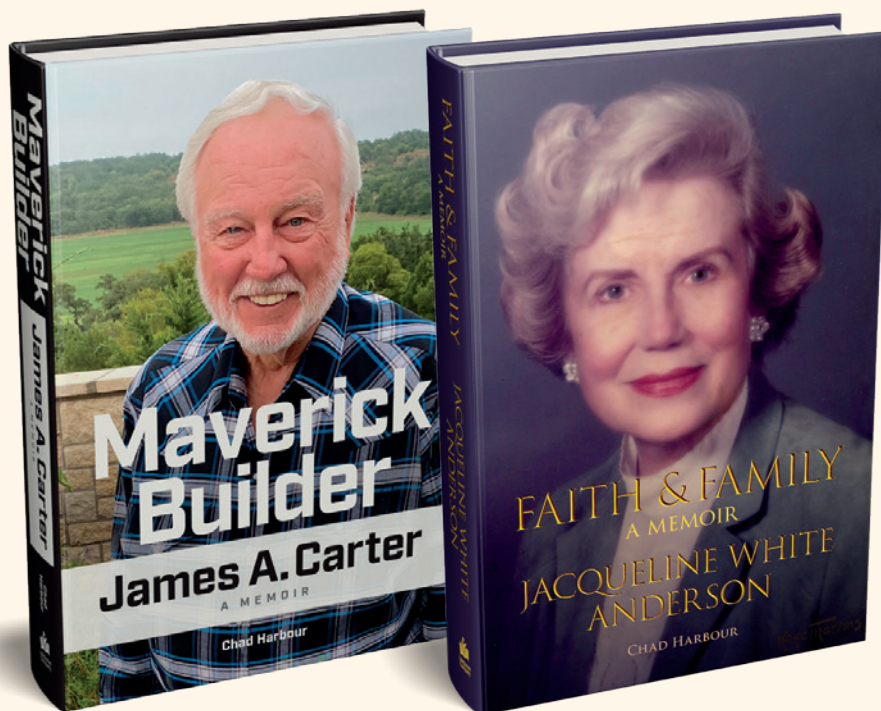
Following the awards ceremony, we welcomed hearing individual reflections from our eighth-grade graduates, each of whom graciously gave thanks to their parents and to each of their teachers for the influence they had on their experience at The Academy. The students' words of wisdom, collectively, to the

rest of the student body, "Don't procrastinate with your school work" and, "trust your teachers to facilitate and support your success."

The mornings concluded with each student, toddler through seventh grade, being called upon to receive a special Certificate of Achievement. Eighth graders were called up to receive their well-earned graduation diplomas.

Congratulations to all of our Academy students on a job well done!

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Golf Tournament Supports Scholarship Fund



by Nicole Navarro,
Executive Director
Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce

The Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce proudly hosted its 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday, May 15, bringing together Chamber members, sponsors, volunteers and community supporters for a memorable day on the course in support of an important cause – the Chamber Scholarship Fund.

The tournament opened with meaningful remarks from Ocean Reef Community Association President Juan Perez, who recognized the day coincided with Peace Officers Memorial Day. This is a day dedicated to honoring law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. Juan’s message served as a reminder that beyond the competition and festivities, the day provided an opportunity to pause and recognize the service and sacrifice of those who protect our communities.

The tournament proved to be a tremendous success and was once again filled with friendly



Steve Newman, David Ross, Jeff Chanin and Elkin Scheit representing the Closet Factory.



Ricky Fortis, representing ProTech e2.



Chris Noyes, representing First Horizon.



Raymond Robinson (right) and team from Robinson Law P.A.

competition, camaraderie and generosity. We extend our sincere gratitude to every player and sponsor whose support helped make this event possible. Your participation continues to strengthen the Chamber’s investment in the future of our community.

A special thank you goes out to our incredible volunteers, whose time and enthusiasm helped keep the day running smoothly. Additionally, our talented photographer, Kaycee Hodges, captured so many memorable moments throughout the tournament. We are also grateful to the outstanding Golf Department and Catering staff for their hard work, professionalism and dedication in creating such an exceptional experience for all who attended.

Congratulations to this year's tournament winners. BrightView Landscape claimed first place team honors, while Craig Offut took home the award for closest to the hole. James Simpson of the Monroe County Sheriff's Office earned the longest drive title.

While competition on the course brought excitement, the true purpose of the day reached far beyond scorecards and trophies.

The real winners of this tournament are the students who will benefit from this year's Chamber Scholarship Awards. Because of the generosity and willingness of so many who participated, the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce will once again have the opportunity to support local students as they pursue their educational goals and future aspirations.

On behalf of the Ocean Reef Chamber of Commerce, thank you for making the 14th Annual Golf Tournament such a meaningful success. We are already looking forward to seeing everyone back on the course next year.



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THE DIVE SHOP AT THE REEF

Successful Scuba Camp

By Jesus Gudino, The Dive Shop Co-owner

The Dive Shop at the Reef kicked off the summer season with an impactful first week of Scuba Camp.

Eight young campers became the newest Junior Open Water Divers at Ocean Reef, immersing themselves in scuba theory and practical

skills. These campers earned certifications valid worldwide and good for life, marking the beginning of a lifetime of underwater exploration.

Beyond basic diving skills, the program emphasizes environmental stewardship. Campers learned fish identification and coral restoration techniques, which they immediately put into practice. Working alongside the Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF), they conducted fish counts at Carysfort Reef and performed

essential maintenance at the Reef Renewal/Dive Shop coral nursery. They even had the opportunity to make some new friends among our resident turtles.

For those looking to get involved in upcoming programs, space is still available for our Eco Camp scheduled for **Monday,**

July 20 through Friday, July 24, for ages 10 to 16.

You can also join Reef Renewal USA on our monthly coral restoration complimentary trip on **Wednesday, July 8.**

For more information or to register, please contact us at 305-367-3051 or email info@thediveshoporc.com.



The Dive Shop Scuba Camp staff and participants included (front row from left to right): Mackenzie Whittlesey, Ellen Malone, Charlotte Brown, Cecilia Baslow, Colette O'Connor, Cali Myers, Grace Roberts, Lexi Oka, Claire O'Connor, Charles O'Connor, (back row) Jesseca Dale, Cap. Bob Eskew and Scott Thompson.



Scuba Camp students hit the open water as instructors look on.



Lexi Oka and her fellow Scuba Camp participants take a dip in the pool.

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FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND AT THE REEF



Above: Aaron and Britini Parns with Levi.
Left: Juan and Javier Campo.

Chef Betania's Kitchen

Mexican Rice & Beans with Fish in Papillote (Serves 6)



by Betania Salles, Carysfort Kitchen Executive Chef



This recipe offers a beautiful combination of comfort food (rice and beans), with a fancy restaurant touch (fish in papillote). I had fun pairing these two, not only because it made perfect sense to me, but also because they absolutely taste amazing together.

The recipe is not complicated, but will challenge your cooking skills a little. Don't be scared, it will be delicious!

Ingredients for Rice and Beans:

- 3 tbsp Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 1 medium Yellow Onion, small diced
- 1 medium Poblano Pepper, small diced
- 1 tbsp Garlic, minced
- 1 1/2 cup Jasmine Rice
- 3 tsp Paprika
- 1 1/2 tsp Ground Cumin
- 1 1/2 tsp Oregano
- 3 tbsp Tomato Paste
- 3 cup Vegetable Broth
- 12 oz Pinto Beans, cooked and drained
- 1 tbsp Salt
- 1/2 tbsp Black Pepper, freshly ground
- For Garnish: Cilantro Leaves and Lime

Method:

1. In a medium pot, heat olive oil over medium-high heat.
2. Add the onions and poblano, and sauté until translucent.
3. Add the garlic, and cook until slightly toasted. Then add the rice, salt, pepper, cumin, paprika, oregano and tomato paste.
4. Stir all of this together to coat each grain with the oil and seasonings.

5. Add the vegetable broth and pinto beans. Bring to a boil on high heat.
6. Reduce to a simmer, cover and simmer until tender or about 15 to 20 minutes.
7. Remove from heat and fluff with a fork before serving.

Ingredients for Fish:

- 6 Yellowtail filets (5 to 6 ounces each)
- 1 1/2 cup Roma Tomatoes, small diced
- 1/3 cup Parsley, chopped
- 1/4 cup Basil, chopped
- 1 tbsp Garlic, minced
- 6 tsps. Extra Virgin Olive Oil
- 3 tsps. Lemon Juice
- 6 tsps. Dry White Wine
- Salt and Black Pepper to taste

Method:

1. Pre-heat the oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. In a small mixing bowl, combine tomato, parsley, basil and garlic. Mix well.
3. Place each fish filet in a piece of parchment paper big enough to make an envelope. Season fish with salt and pepper.
4. Spoon about 1/4 cup of the tomato mix on top of each filet then add 1 tsp of olive oil, 1/2 tsp of lemon juice and 1 tsp of wine on each filet, as well.
5. Fold the paper and close the sides, just like an envelope. Make sure the paper is totally closed so the fish are steamed.
6. Place "envelopes" on a baking tray. Bake in the oven for 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and let it rest for five minutes before opening. If the filets are bigger, you might need to cook for 20-25 minutes.



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ART LEAGUE

Planning an Inspiring New Season



by Deborah Goodwin Geller

We are excited to share a sneak peek of the upcoming season, which will feature an exceptional lineup of visiting artists and instructors.

We are thrilled to welcome renowned needlepoint instructors Heather McNally and Lita O'Hara, who will offer engaging workshops for both new and experienced stitchers.

Members can also look forward to painting workshops led by artists Steve and Bobbie Puttrich, as well as Eli Cedrone,



Needlepoint workshops will be a part of the Art League's upcoming season.

whose instruction is sure to inspire artists of all skill levels. These special guest instructors are just a few of the exciting additions planned for the season.

In addition to these inspiring workshops, Members can look forward to exhibitions, special events, art excursions and more. Stay tuned for the release of our full program as we prepare for another season of creativity, learning and artistic discovery.

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Capping off what was “one of the best years of their lives,” ORC Equity Members and intensely loyal Indiana University grads and supporters Kathy and Steve Henke accompanied the Hoosiers undefeated 2026 NCAA National Championship football team to Washington, D.C., when the team was honored by President Donald Trump at the White House on May 11. “The team represented IU in such a dignified way, and after 50+ years of limited wins, this was a magical day for us and all IU fans,” Steve said. “The 25-26 season is a memory our IU friends at Ocean Reef, and across the country, will treasure for the rest of their lives.” – Annie Miles



Just off a dinner cruise of the Seine River during a two-week trip to Paris, Equity Members Fred and Jessica Olefson and their family broke out the Ocean Reef burgee for a photo with the Eiffel Tower. The group included Nora Holihan, Jason Olefson, Jessica and Fred, Jenna Olefson, Jeff Olefson, Brian Schwartz, Julien Bourgeois and Julia Olefson.



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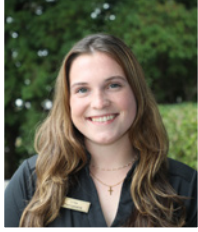
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ORC Immediate Past Chairman Charlie Johnston had the Grand Prix of Monte Carlo on his bucket list, so we formed a support team to realize his dream. The team included: (back row) Christy and Tim Sheehan, Doug Martin, Cindy Antolino, (front row) Johnston, Angela Martin, Elise Quintana, Ralph Antolino, Alice Paisley, trip coordinator, and Pat Baxter. A week on the French Riviera was a Grand experience for all. – Terry Baxter

Summer Hair Essentials:

Protect Your Hair Against Harsh Conditions



“Spa Notes”
by Lindy Nelson, Spa Coordinator

As the summer heat sets in, now is the time to focus on properly hydrating and protecting our hair. Environmental stressors such as humidity, UV exposure and more time spent around saltwater or chlorine can further damage and dry out our hair. As you have fun in the sun this summer, incorporate these products and practices to make sure your hair does not suffer from stressors.

Thirst-Quenching Hydration

The first step toward healthier hair is replenishing lost moisture. Excessive sun exposure can strip



Focus on hydration to protect your hair in the summer.

hair of its moisture, causing it to become dry and dull. Besides using a hydrating shampoo and conditioner, a hydration treatment or mask will help restore your hair beyond the surface.

Oribe’s Gold Lust Transformative Masque will help restore moisture, shine and elasticity to your hair. With ingredients like plant collagen and Oribe’s signature blend of Watermelon, Lychee and Edelweiss flower, this masque will deeply hydrate and repair the hair follicle from the inside out. Incorporate it into your hair wash

routine once or twice a week to restore your dry or dull hair.

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Damage Repair

Dryness leads to breakage, which causes frizzy, untamable hair. A gentle repair shampoo and conditioner is a great addition to your hair routine this summer if your hair is feeling brittle. The Kerasilk Repairing shampoo and conditioner will gently repair your hair, while breaking through chemical build up and pollutants.

If your hair is suffering, consider taking a break from hot styling tools. The heat from a flat iron can create further damage. Incorporate Oribe’s Hair Alchemy Heatless Styling Balm onto damp hair to create a styled

look without the heat. This balm will strengthen your hair and leave you with a smooth, air-dried style.

If you are using hot tools, protect your ends using a strong heat protectant. After you wash your hair, incorporate the Oribe Supershine Moisturizing Cream to calm any split ends and give your hair an added hydration boost. This will protect your hair during heat styling up to 450 degrees.

Beyond products, ditch split ends and lighten up your hair with a cut this summer. A professional trim will encourage hair growth and remove damaged ends before they travel further up the hair shaft.

While we all enjoy summer fun in the sun, we can also protect our hair with a few habits and products. Monitoring your hair’s needs will allow your hair to stay healthy and feel its best no matter the time of year. To book a hair appointment or pick up the hair products mentioned above, stop by the Sunrise Villa Salon or call the Spa at 305-367-6506.

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Say Cheese!

Three New Photo Ops Around The Reef

If you're looking to capture a few fun family memories this summer, be sure to check out three photo-worthy locations around The Reef.

In the Fishing Village, the new jumbo Burgee Adirondack chair offers a fun backdrop for family photos and group shots. At the Inn, a new installation marks America's upcoming 250th anniversary and reflects the theme, "Honoring Our Past, Sailing Into Our Future Together as One Nation." And over at Buccaneer Island, the annual sandcastle is once again taking shape, continuing a favorite Fourth of July tradition.

As you explore The Reef, snap a photo and tag @ [ORC Members](#) for a chance to be featured on the Club's Members-only Instagram.



250th installation at the Inn.



Reef Club Kids Campers pose on the new chair in the Fishing Village.

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Memorial Day Flag Tourney Creates Visual Tribute



“From the Gold Tees”
by Ben Claus,
Director of
Golf

The Golf Professional Staff was delighted by the outstanding participation in our newly formatted Memorial Day Tournament, held on the Hammock Course last month. A total of 45 participants competed by playing their own ball throughout all 18 holes, navigating the course's distinctive undulating surfaces and tight corridors.

As part of this year's unique format, each participant received a personalized American flag, displaying their name and target score. Upon reaching their target score during the round, players were instructed to place their flag at the location where that milestone was achieved.

Following play, the course was adorned with patriotic flags from the 40 participants who narrowly exceeded their target score, creating a memorable and visually striking tribute to the holiday.

Congratulations to this year's winners: **Maria Enriquez, David Quiros, Bob Brainard, David Strupp III, and Glenn Kaplan.**

Ireland Couples Trip

In early June, 14 Ocean Reef Club Members, accompanied by Director of Golf Ben Claus and Assistant Professional Tim Watson, embarked on an unforgettable excursion to the West Coast of Ireland. The group enjoyed six rounds at some of the country's most celebrated venues.



Following play, the course was adorned with patriotic flags from the 40 participants who narrowly exceeded their target score, creating a memorable and visually striking tribute to the holiday.



Ocean Reef's Ireland group included: (back row, left to right) Bart Shuldman, Maria Enriquez, Carlos Enriquez, Susan Shuldman, Joe Hertzman, Kelly Hertzman, Paul Lanzon, Tim Dwyer, Jolaine Dwyer, Hilary Rolih, Anne Rolih, Pat Shouvin, Margaret Shouvin and (front row, left to right) Molly Lanzon, Ben Claus and Tim Watson.

The itinerary featured world-renowned courses, including: Golf Course at Adare Manor, future host of the 2027 Ryder Cup; as well as Tralee Golf Club, Waterville Golf Links, Dooks Golf Club, Old Head Golf Links and Ballyunion Golf Club.

Despite experiencing gale-force winds and traditional Irish downpours, the group embraced every challenge and opportunity the trip presented. At times, Members enjoyed the rare privilege of having the course entirely to themselves due to the conditions. Participants created lasting memories while playing some of the finest links courses in

the world. The journey proved to be a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience for everyone involved.

Driving Range Best Practices

We are grateful for the overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding our temporary Practice Facility while construction of the Academy of Golf continues. We sincerely appreciate the cooperation and support of our membership as we work to enhance the facilities and elevate the overall practice experience.

Due to the reduced length of the temporary driving range, we kindly ask all Members and guests to refrain from using

clubs that carry the ball more than 220 yards. Adhering to this guideline helps ensure the safety of neighboring properties and provides a secure environment by minimizing the risk of golf balls traveling over the protective netting.

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation as we invest in the future of our golf facilities.

Team Henig Wins Father's Day Tourney

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Ocean Reef's annual Father's Day Tournament on the Dolphin Course. It was truly wonderful to see the course filled with generations of families coming together, sharing laughs and enjoying some lighthearted competition on the front nine.

While the Dolphin Course always likes to throw a few fun challenges our way, the team scramble format is all about camaraderie, encouragement and just enjoying each other's company. That said, we did have a few fantastic moments that deserve a special shout-out.

Congratulations to **Britton, Pollard, Penn and Camille Henig**, who seemed to find the bottom of the cup with ease. Team Henig put together a round of 27 (-9), to take the crown.

Right on their heels was the father-son duo of **Manuel and Sebastian Perez**, who played seamless golf to finish two shots behind our leaders with a score of 29 (-7). Earning the bronze medal was **David and David Fernandez**, who set a fantastic pace for the rest of the field and held the clubhouse lead for most of the day at 31 (-5).

Lastly, our fourth-place team was hotly contested with a three-way tie following play. After imputing the scorecard playoff tiebreaker, **Blair and Locke Brown** rose to the top, with a score of 34 (-2).



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Former ORC Pro Competes at PGA Championship



by Annie Miles

Ocean Reef residents had a special interest in this year's PGA Championship at Aronimink Golf Club outside Philadelphia as former ORC professional Zach Haynes qualified for the 2026 event back in mid-May.

Zach's journey began by winning the Kentucky PGA Professional Championship, one of 41 sections across the country that produced participants in the next qualifier at Bandon Dunes Golf Resort in Oregon on April 26-29. Needing a top-20 finish to advance and compete for the Wanamaker Trophy, Haynes



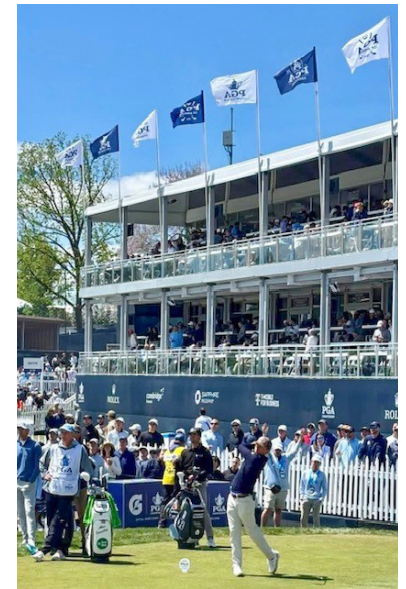
ORC Members Kathy and Frank Tropea (far right) celebrate Zach Haynes' first PGA Championship appearance with Haynes, his best friend and caddy, Hunter Richardson, Maddie Murray and their families.

placed fourth with rounds of 74, 71, 71 and 70.

Zach attributes a big part of achieving this career goal to the enthusiastic support he received from everyone, including many friends at Ocean Reef. He noted that the calls, texts and emails made the experience even more special.

"Playing in a major was something I had dreamed of growing up," he said. "After the last putt dropped at Brandon Dunes, my dream had come true."

He said playing in front of thousands at the PGA was surreal. "When the tournament began on Thursday, first tee nerves were there, but I settled in well after that. Playing directly behind Scottie Scheffler, Justin Rose and Matt Fitzpatrick made for a stadium-like atmosphere on every hole.



Zach Haynes warms up for the 2026 PGA Championship.

Fortunately, the ORC Bag Room Open had prepared me well."

The 30-year-old said he can't wait to try and qualify again. He is currently a teaching professional at the Club at Olde Stone in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

OUT & ABOUT



Charles DeLuca captured this photo of the SpaceX Falcon9 rocket after it launched from Cape Canaveral to deliver Starlink satellites into orbit. DeLuca said the Sunrise Cay Bridge provides a great vantage point, but this photo was taken from a kayak in the lagoon. He uses the Next Spaceflight app to follow the date and time of rocket launches all around the world.

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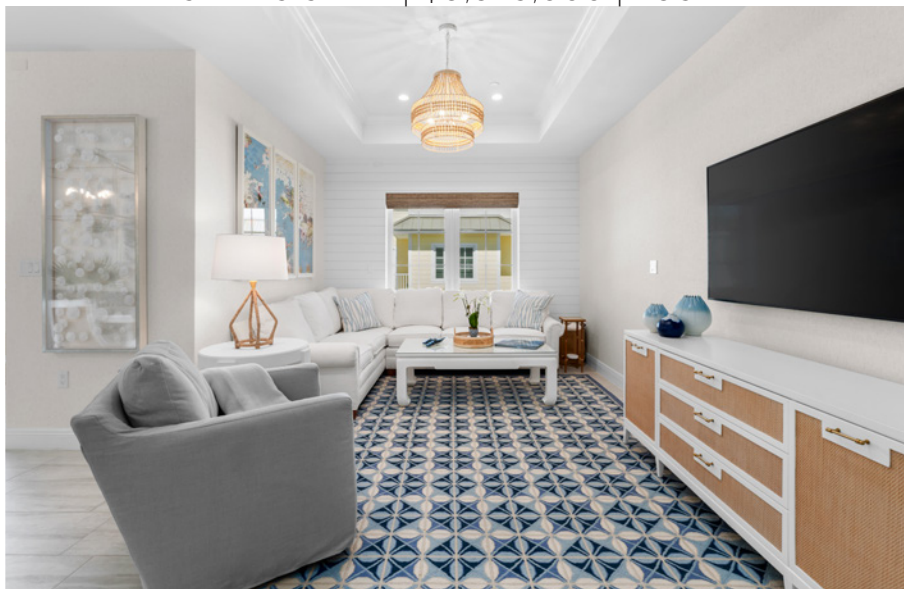
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SWING TIP

Pivot, Pivot, Pivot



by Justin Seybuck, First Assistant Golf Professional

The pivot refers to the rotational movement of the body around the spine throughout the golf swing.

Often times, the pivot is the first thing to assess in a player that is struggling with poor contact or controlling the club face. A good pivot in the first

half of the swing can set the table for the club to swing on plane into the ball.

Here are a few examples and explanations of pivots I see on a day-to-day basis.

To get a good baseline for your pivot, place the club across the top of your shoulders with the grip pointed at the target. From this point, the goal is to turn the grip behind the golf ball on the ground while keeping a stable lower body.

Key Checkpoints

- The chest is now on top of the right leg.
- The left shoulder has moved down and across.
- The back is pointing at the target.



GOLF



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MEMORIAL DAY TOURNAMENT

Monday, May 25

1st Place (tie): Maria Enriquez, David Quiros, Bob Brainard, David Strupp III and Glenn Kaplan

FATHER'S DAY TOURNAMENT

Sunday, June 21

1st Place: Team Henig

2nd Place: Team Perez

3rd Place: Team Fernandez

4th Place: Team Brown

5th Place (tie): Team Hernandez and Team Adams

7th Place (tie): Team Kligman, Team C. Hernandez and Team Ecuyer

10th Place: Team Teijelo

11th Place (tie): Team Bulfin 38, Team Piani, Team Wagner and Team Idoux

SUMMER GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE

Regular summer course maintenance began Monday, May 4, and the Golf Course Maintenance Team is working hard to prepare the courses to be in the best possible condition for the season. Throughout the summer months, each course will close twice for summer maintenance to help produce the immaculate conditions we enjoy all season. As of **Monday, Oct. 19**, the normal summer maintenance, which comprises core aeration of the greens, tees and fairways, will be complete with all courses and green spaces reopened for season.

Please see below for the course closure schedule:

Dolphin Course Closed

Monday, July 27 – Sunday, Sept. 6

Hammock Course Closed

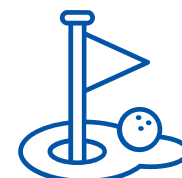
Monday, June 15 – Sunday, July 26
Monday, Sept. 7 – Sunday, Oct. 19

Croquet Courts Closed

Monday, June 1 – Thursday, July 2
Tuesday, Sept. 8 – Monday, Oct. 19

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Monday, Oct. 19



ROD & GUN CLUB



Jack Salisbury claimed a gift certificate to MarineMax Ocean Reef Club thanks to this 26.5 pound black grouper he caught in May. For July, the Rod & Gun Fish of the Month contest includes snapper and dolphin. Weigh in the biggest catch and win a gift certificate. For more details, visit rodandgunclub.org.

SUMMER FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Get in on the action this summer! Featuring social gatherings, dolphin fishing and awards for the top anglers. Register for any of the tournaments listed here:

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Yellowtail Fishing at Ocean Reef



by Tori Fraga,
Charter Desk
Manager

Yellowtail fishing out of Ocean Reef Club offers anglers one of the most exciting and rewarding experiences found in the Florida Keys. The clear waters of the reef line provide the perfect environment for targeting yellowtail snapper, a prized game fish known for its speed, beautiful colors and excellent table quality.

A typical yellowtail trip begins by heading offshore to the reef edge, where our captains look for the right current, depth and structure. Once the boat is positioned, anglers use a combination of chum to bring fish up from

the reef and light tackle to create an exciting challenge. Watching a school of yellowtail rise through the clear blue water before making the first cast is a memorable part of the experience.

Yellowtail snapper are known for their cautious feeding habits, making presentation and technique important. Light spinning gear, small hooks and carefully selected baits allow anglers to feel every bite and enjoy the fight. These fish may not be the largest species in the Keys, but their speed and strength make them a favorite among experienced anglers and families alike.

Beyond the fishing itself, a yellowtail trip from Ocean Reef Club is about enjoying the beauty of the Florida Keys. The calm seas, abundant marine life and incredible offshore scenery create an unforgettable day on the water.

For availability and booking inquiries or if you have any questions, please contact the Ocean Reef Charter Desk at 305-367-2227.



Joey Mannino (right) and his son, Walker, show off a yellow jack they caught in addition to their limit on yellowtail snapper last week aboard the Reef Relief.

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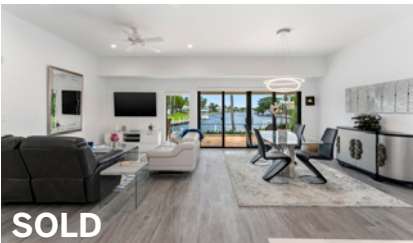
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Get Wet and Stay Dry



by Randy Woods, Flotilla Commander USCG Auxiliary Ocean Reef

A recreational boat in the Florida Keys is not just transportation, it's a destination and a portable party. Whether your idea of fun is fishing, diving, snorkeling, cruising or just hanging out on a sandbar with friends and family, a boat is the platform for all of it.

The best boating bashes include a sober skipper and responsible behavior by crew and guests.

Nearly one third of all Florida boating deaths in 2025 involved alcohol or drugs as a contributing factor. During the same year Monroe County – the Keys – had the highest number of boating accidents in Florida.

It is illegal to drink and operate a boat in all 50 states.

The captain of every vessel is responsible for his boat, and every passenger and crew member aboard. His or her behavior and actions, should not compromise the safe operation of the vessel. Florida's Boating Under the Influence (BUI) laws are largely the same

as Driving Under the Influence (DUI): the legal blood alcohol limit is 0.08%. Penalties include significant fines, jail time and possibly a felony conviction.

Here are some key points to keep in mind:

- Boating under the influence applies to both drugs and alcohol.
- Alcohol can increase fatigue and impair a boater's judgment, balance, vision and reaction time.
- Sun, wind, noise, vibration and motion – common conditions in the boating environment – intensify the effects of alcohol and drugs.
- Alcohol use is dangerous for operators and passengers alike. Intoxicated passengers can easily slip, fall overboard or suffer other life-threatening incidents.
- Alcohol use by passengers presents a danger even when the operator is sober.
- If you boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you are endangering your life and the lives of others.
- No matter what term is used, if a person is feeling high, buzzed, stoned, drunk or wasted, he or she is impaired and should not be out on the water.
- It is crucial that all operators and passengers wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved life jacket.
- Operators should utilize an engine cut-off switch, which kills the engine if the

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Angler entries remain available for the 35th Annual Dolphin Rodeo at U.S. Coast Guard Station Islamorada. Proceeds benefit active-duty service members and veterans. The captain's meeting is Friday, July 10 and the contest is **Saturday, July 11**. For sponsorship, details or to register contact: USCGDolphinRodeo@gmail.com or call 305-215-0400. Junior anglers are welcome.



operator is removed from the helm.

The National Association of State Boating Law Administrators (NASBLA) initiated Operation Dry Water in 2009 as a national year-round campaign to raise awareness about the dangers of boating under the influence. The primary partner of Operation Dry Water is the U.S. Coast Guard.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife

Conservation Commission (FWC), Station Islamorada and all Coast Guard facilities within the Keys will support Heightened Awareness and Enforcement Weekend from **Friday, July 3** through **Sunday, July 5**.

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Racecations Are One of the Best Vacation Experiences



“Fitness Focus”
by Luis Bracamonte,
Director of Fitness & Wellness

When most people think of vacations, they picture relaxation. A beach chair. A good book. Some sightseeing and leisure.

Those experiences are great. But there is another type of travel that delivers something more lasting: the racecation.

This is a vacation built around a sporting event such as a running race, a hike, a swim, a triathlon or a HYROX. The destination becomes part of the

adventure, and the event gives the trip a unique purpose.

In recent years, racecations have been increasingly popular among active adults. In 2026, the London Marathon attracted 1.3 million applicants, with a quarter of them from outside the United Kingdom. The Boston marathon this year had over 30,000 finishers representing 130 countries. The recent Hyrox event in New York hosted a record-breaking 50,000 athletes from more than 30 countries over eight days.

Racecations are projected to see a massive increase in 2027 as more people look to add athletic challenges to their travel experiences.

Research consistently shows that meaningful experiences often share several characteristics: challenge, novelty, accomplishment and emotional connection. Racecations combine all four.

Years later, most participants remember the finish line, the scenery, the conversations

and the sense of achievement far more vividly than they remember a hotel room or a restaurant meal.

Many vacations revolve around indulgence. There is nothing wrong with that, but it is not uncommon to return home feeling less energized than when you left.

Racecations create a different experience. Participants spend more time outdoors, remain physically active, sleep better and maintain healthy routines while still enjoying local food, culture and celebrations.

You return home not only refreshed, but often inspired to continue pursuing new goals.

One of the most rewarding aspects of racecations is the opportunity to share them with others. Training with friends, traveling with family members, supporting one another during the event and celebrating afterward create powerful bonds.

The race might only last a few hours, but the shared experience can become a lifelong memory.

Perhaps the greatest benefit of a racecation is what it teaches us about ourselves. Every meaningful challenge asks a simple question, “What am I capable of?”

The answer is often more than we expect.

The preparation develops discipline. The event builds confidence. The experience reminds us that growth does not stop at a particular age.

Racecations are about curiosity, adventure, resilience and lifelong learning.

At Ocean Reef Club, we are fortunate to be surrounded by members who embrace active,

purposeful living. Whether you are a seasoned athlete or someone considering your first organized event, there is a racecation waiting for you.

You don’t have to be fast. You don’t have to win. You simply have to be willing to challenge yourself and explore somewhere new. Somewhere, in a place that you have never been, there is a finish line waiting for you.

Whether you are a beginner or a seasoned athlete, enlisting a fitness coach leads to better results. To learn more about booking personal training at the club or online, contact us at 305-367-5820.

Events at MFC:

Oxefit Vertical Jump Challenge, **Saturday, July 4** from 9-11 a.m. Measure your vertical jump using the Oxefit XP1. The top scores will receive prizes.

LifeBreath with Luis Bracamonte, **Saturday, July 4** at 11 a.m. Breathwork class to relieve stress, improve breathing mechanics, improve clarity and reenergize.

Fitness Retail:

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History was made in the HYROX world at Pier 76 in New York City just a few weeks ago, and each of us were fortunate enough to compete in the Solo Open division.

For us, HYROX is about much more than a finish time or a personal accomplishment. It's an opportunity to test both body and mind, discover what we are truly capable of, and do it alongside a community that supports and encourages every step of the way.

From the moment we entered the athlete area and receive the race briefing, we could feel the energy. Athletes of all ages, backgrounds and professions gathered with a common purpose: to give their best effort. The encouragement was constant, whether it came from

fellow competitors, volunteers, spectators or family members cheering from the sidelines.

Just before the race began, the announcer left us with a powerful message, "50,000 athletes will cross this finish line over the next 10 days. Right here, right now, you get to choose what type of athlete you want to be."

That sentiment captures what makes HYROX so special. While we race for ourselves, we also compete to set an example for our children, inspire others to challenge themselves and honor the bodies we've been given.

Whether you're a seasoned athlete or simply looking for a new challenge, HYROX offers an experience unlike any other. We hope to see you at the next race. – Austin & Emma Glass

MEMBER NEWS



Beth Noyes kicked off her 60th birthday celebration on May 28 with a private sweat class hosted by Member Fitness Center trainer Jovante "JoJo" Hayes.

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Summer Staff Spotlight: Meet Kendyll Samora



by Hannah Fleckenstein,
Director of Racquet Sports

Each summer, the Tennis & Games Center welcomes talented and enthusiastic seasonal staff members who bring energy, passion and fresh perspectives to our programs. This year, we are excited to introduce Kendyll Samora, who joins us from Holland, Michigan.

Kendyll recently completed her freshman year at Ferris State University, where she is pursuing a degree in professional tennis management along with a minor in automotive management. Her

unique combination of interests reflects both her passion for racquet sports and her strong background in the automotive industry. During high school, Kendyll participated in two automotive programs through Career Line Tech Center, an experience that inspired her to continue her automotive studies in college. She has already earned ASE certifications in brakes, electricity, engine performance and manual transmissions.

At Ferris State, Kendyll is developing a well-rounded understanding of the racquet sports industry. In addition to learning how to coach and teach players of all ages through clinics, camps and private lessons, she is gaining valuable insight into the operational side of the business. Her studies provide firsthand exposure to the many responsibilities involved in managing a successful racquet sports program, from overseeing retail operations and coordinating



Kendyll Samora

events to organizing camps and supporting a thriving team environment.

Although she has only been in the professional tennis management program for one year, Kendyll has already achieved several notable certifications, including a Level Two certification with Love Serving Autism as well as racquet gripping and restringing certifications. She is currently working toward her Level One certifications in Tennis, Pickleball and Padel.

Kendyll's favorite part of coaching is working with junior players. She especially enjoys teaching children ages 5 to 15 and helping them build confidence while having fun on the court. This past spring, she served as a coach for the junior varsity tennis team at Big Rapids (Michigan) High School, further strengthening her experience with youth development.

This summer, Kendyll will serve as the lead Racquets Professional for our Kids Tennis and Pickleball Camps. Her enthusiasm, positive attitude and commitment to creating memorable experiences for young players make her a wonderful addition to our summer team.

If you see Kendyll around the Tennis & Games Center this summer, be sure to stop by and say hello. She is looking forward to meeting Members and helping make this summer a fun and rewarding one for our junior players.



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Welcoming Sam Gibson to the Tennis & Games Center

With nearly seven years of experience across multiple areas of Ocean Reef Club operations, Sam Gibson is bringing a familiar face, extensive Member knowledge and a strong hospitality background to her new role as Tennis & Games Center Supervisor and Buyer.

Many Members already know Sam from her previous role as Member Events Manager, where she played a key part



Sam Gibson

in coordinating and executing a wide range of Club events and experiences. Prior to that, she worked throughout several Member-facing areas, including Membership, Dining Reservations and Concierge. She has built relationships across the community while developing a deep understanding of the Club's culture and service standards.

Now joining the Tennis & Games Center team, Sam brings a unique blend of organizational

experience, member service expertise and event coordination skills that naturally align with the fast-paced environment of racquet sports programming. From tournaments and clinics to daily operations and special events, her background gives her a strong understanding of what helps create a positive Member experience, both on and off the courts.

Known for her upbeat personality, attention to detail

and willingness to jump in wherever needed, Sam has already become a valuable addition to the Tennis & Games Center staff. Her familiarity with Members and long-standing relationships throughout the Club allow her to seamlessly connect with players, families and guests while supporting continued growth of the department's programming and events.

As the Tennis & Games Center continues to expand its offerings across tennis, pickleball, padel, croquet and more, Sam's experience and energy will play an important role in delivering the welcoming and high-level experience Members have come to expect.

Whether coordinating events, assisting Members around the facility or keeping the daily operation running smoothly, Sam is excited to begin this next chapter at The Reef. The Tennis & Games Center team is excited to have her on board. Stop by the Pro Shop to say hi to Sam.

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TENNIS TIP

Unit Turn Preparation is Key

By Kendyll Samora, Racquet Sports Intern

When hitting a neutral groundstroke, arriving late to the ball is often the result of a delayed unit turn. By initiating your turn earlier, you improve your preparation phase and create more time to establish

proper spacing, load efficiently and achieve optimal contact point positioning.

Early preparation also allows you to better assess the incoming ball and make more effective shot selections based on court position, ball characteristics and tactical intent. In addition, being prepared earlier improves your recovery after the shot, helping you regain balance and positioning more efficiently for the next ball.

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The Tennis & Games Center conducts approximately 6,350 hours of lessons every year.

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- Canasta Open Play is scheduled for Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at

12:30 p.m.

- Duplicate Bridge will take place Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 1 p.m.
- Tuesdays and Thursdays will offer Mah Jongg Open Play at 12:30 p.m.
- The Card & Game Room is open daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For assistance setting up games, please contact Molly Lechelt at mlechelt@oceanreef.com or 305-367-6583.

Sudoku answers from page 39.

5	3	7	6	8	2	9	1	4
4	1	9	3	5	7	2	6	8
8	6	2	1	4	9	7	3	5
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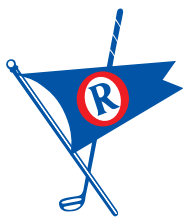
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