

## Board Approves Spa Expansion

Plans to renovate and expand the Ocean Reef Spa started following the 2020 Member Census, which highlighted just how vital the Spa is to the overall Member experience. Spa improvements consistently arise in Member Satisfaction Surveys and have remained a top priority ever since.

Last month, this long-awaited project received approval from the Ocean Reef Board of Directors and construction is set to begin in June.

### Why Expand the Spa?

In response to consistent Member feedback, Club Management conducted a deep-dive review into spa operations.

"We wanted to be sure that if we were going to embark on this project, that this is what the Members truly wanted and that it be done right - checking every box and meeting the needs of our Members," said Alex Tonarelli, ORC President. "We carefully reviewed all Member feedback, brought in an experienced spa consultant, toured a number of leading spa facilities, and used all of that insight to shape a clear and effective expansion plan."

To ensure a comprehensive approach, the Club enlisted Spa Strategy, a nationally-recognized consulting group, to analyze six months of data and validate the Club's findings. The next step was partnering with OZ Architecture, a firm with more than 200 spa projects completed around the world. Together, the team defined the goals of the expansion:

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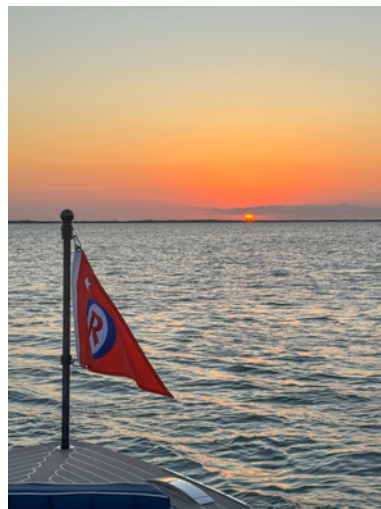
Just one of the images from the spectacular drone show during the Thank You Beach Party on Buccaneer Island. See more on pages 26 and 30.



Navy SEALs returned to the Driving Range this week, wowing Members of all ages. Read more on pages 12 and 13.

## Waving Hello & Goodbye

As we say goodbye to the winter season and welcome summer, one thing's clear - summer at Ocean Reef is already off to an exciting start! This edition of the *Ocean Reef Press* captures just how lively the past few weeks have been, with events like Family Fun Night, the Thank You Beach Party, the Toast to Tradition event recognizing Patron Members, Cars & Coffee, Equity Member Get-Togethers, Kentucky Derby celebrations, a Navy SEALs demonstration,



The Ocean Reef Yacht Club looks ahead to new adventures on and off the water. Photo by Daisy Gonzalez.

and much more. Enjoy photos from these events and more throughout this issue.

## AROUND THE REEF

### Memorial Day Weekend Friday, May 23 to Monday, May 26

This Memorial Day Weekend, there's a lot to look forward to from fishing tournaments and Memorial Day sales, to a Luau Dinner and even a golf tournament.

To see a list of all the events and sales available, see page 25 or visit [oceanreef.com/memorialweekend](https://oceanreef.com/memorialweekend).

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Pretty in pink are the four flamingos Jack Salisbury photographed in Florida Bay.

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## NEWS & HAPPENINGS

### UNIQ. JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

On **Saturday, May 24**, enjoy the Memorial Day Sale in the Fishing Village from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. featuring the UNIQ. Jewelry Trunk Show with ocean-inspired jewelry handmade in Florida. Visit [oceanreef.com/memorialweekend](http://oceanreef.com/memorialweekend) for all sales and events!

### CELEBRATING MOTHER'S DAY AT MEMBERSHIP

Make mom smile with a heartfelt letter and flower to show her your appreciation this Mother's Day. All supplies will be provided **today, May 9** and tomorrow, **May 10**, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Membership Office.

### MARINA FITNESS CENTER RELOCATION

As the Club embarks on The Spa expansion project, the Marina Fitness Center's fitness equipment will be relocated to the Yacht Club Room above the Dockmaster's Office for the duration of the project.

To read more about The Spa's expansion, see pages 1 and 3.

### OCEAN REEF PRESS: SUMMER ISSUES

Summer is here, and while the Ocean Reef Press continues, it is important to note that we will start our summer schedule!

This summer, we will print on the following days: May 30, June 27, July 25, August 22, September 19, October 17, and October 31.

## Gotta Question?

We will be at The Reef throughout the summer. What is the best way for us to know the hours of operation for each of the restaurants?

There are several great resources you can check for the summer dining schedule. The most accessible and up-to-date methods are by visiting [oceanreef.com/Dining](http://oceanreef.com/Dining) or using the Club's mobile app. There is also This Week at The Reef, published every Monday throughout the year. You can pick up a printed copy at various locations around The Reef or visit [oceanreef.com/ThisWeek](http://oceanreef.com/ThisWeek).

Additionally, the Club sends



out a Food & Beverage eblast each Monday to share exciting upcoming dining opportunities, including special holiday dinners, Member Appreciation specials, and more. If you are not receiving eblasts from the Club and would like to, please reach out to [communications@oceanreef.com](mailto:communications@oceanreef.com).

For hours of operation for May 12 to 18, turn to page 33.

### EDITOR'S NOTE:

If you would like to submit a question, email the Ocean Reef Press at [orp@oceanreef.com](mailto:orp@oceanreef.com).



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- 1. Meet Member Demand with a First-Class Experience** – Above all, the goal is to accommodate more Members while elevating the Spa experience to the level expected at Ocean Reef.
- 2. Expand and Enhance Key Spaces** – Including arrival, relaxation, locker rooms, changing areas, and retail, based directly on Member input.
- 3. Offer More Privacy Options** – While the current Spa is primarily coed, the renovation will introduce separate men's and women's locker, changing, and relaxation areas, including dedicated steam and sauna spaces.

## What Are the Plans for Expansion?

The Spa will expand into the parking area next to the Fitness



View from north west.

Pool, creating a 12,000-square-foot, two-story addition, which will integrate with the newly-renovated existing Spa, making a stunning 21,000-square-foot Spa facility.

The parking area will move to the site of the current ORCAT building (once ORCAT relocates to its new home near Wynn's), allowing space for 60 to 65 vehicles.

This expansion will not only modernize the facility but also significantly increase

appointment availability, both for standing and on-demand bookings.

## Where Will Services Be During Construction?

Construction begins in June, once a permit is approved, and is expected to continue through summer 2026. During this time, Spa services will remain fully operational in temporary locations across The Reef:

- **Hair, manicure, and pedicure services** will be

offered at the Sunrise Villa (101 Andros, next to the Marlin Inn/Lagoon) or at the Residence Club Salon.

- **Massage and facial services** will relocate to the Marina Fitness Center, which will temporarily operate as the Marina Spa, or to the Residence Club Salon.
- **Barber services** will remain in the Member Fitness Center building.
- **Fitness equipment** from the Marina Fitness Center will temporarily move to the Yacht Club Room above the Dockmaster's Office.

Members scheduling back-to-back appointments should allow extra travel time as your services may take place in different areas of The Reef.

The Spa is a valued amenity at Ocean Reef, and this renovation ensures it will continue to exceed expectations for years to come. Stay tuned for more updates as the project progresses.



View from south west.

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# Memberabilia

## Russell Post....

An Ocean Reef  
Mover & Shaker



by Joan  
Birsh

*For more than 50 years Russ Post's involvement with Ocean Reef has taken precedence over almost everything else in his life.... In 1974 he became General Manager of the evolving Ocean Reef Club and from 1980 until 1991 he served as the President. In the ensuing years he earned the reputation as Ocean Reef's most successful realtor and as an unstinting supporter of the ORC, not only financially but also with his time and energy.*

**The year was 1974 and Russ was only 25 years old.... "I had energy but no focus."**

Three years before he was just another college graduate and Vietnam vet looking for a job.

His hometown in Indiana was not an option. The choice there was either a factory or a farm and he had no interest in either of them.

Russ decided to move on. He debated between California and Florida and Florida won.

"I had to make a living and I took any job that was available. But every Wednesday I quit painting houses or whatever, dressed in a suit and tie and answered help wanted ads."

On one of those fateful Wednesdays Russ interviewed at Ocean Reef and was offered an entry level job in the Controller's office at the princely wage of \$2.10 an hour. (He did not, as rumor has it, begin as a bell boy. Although he is convinced that he would have made more money if the rumor had been true.)

**Russ came to Ocean Reef when the Club was just leaving the cocoon and**

**becoming a butterfly. Harper Sibley (co-owner with Morris Burke) designed a plan for the transformation of Ocean Reef into what he described as "an extremely exclusive private family club".**

The extent of the proposed changes stunned the Ocean Reef Members and taxed the existing management. It was a perfect storm for a bright, ambitious, and hardworking young man and Russ, who had already been promoted to the Reservations Desk, was positioned to take advantage of it.

Still Russ was surprised when Harper Sibley (whom he scarcely knew) invited him for a drink and announced "I could run this place but I don't have time. My General Manager is drunk by three in the afternoon. You are here morning to night and you make good decisions. Do you think you can handle the job?"

Russ's response was immediate – "I was 25 years old and didn't know my ass from first base, but that didn't stop me. I said 'Mr. Sibley, I'll do it. I'll figure it out and I only hope you are patient.'"

**Of course, Russ did "figure it out" but the challenge required a full-time commitment.**

**For Russell Post it was the beginning of a lifetime involvement with Ocean Reef Club.**

**The day after his conversation with Harper Sibley, Russ woke up with a list of responsibilities that even today he finds difficult to believe.**

"I had 500 employees. I was in charge of managing – the Inn; rentals; restaurants; bars; recreation; marina; roads; security; sewers; water treatment– plus every new project that came along. And there were plenty of them."

Russ was on board for the construction of the Hammock (now Harbor) golf course and the Barracuda (now Card Sound) golf course; the tennis center; Fishing Village with new retail outlets; relocated employee housing; refurbished hotel rooms; Snapper Point development; creation of the



Russell Post with owner Harper Sibley, who promoted him to OR General Manager in 1974.

Art League, the first resident M.D. The list is endless.

**Russell Post suffered through some bad times at Ocean Reef – financial crises, management changes, hurricanes. But mostly he remembers the good times.**

"In the 70s the routine was to have cocktails at the Reef Lounge, dinner at the Ocean Room or in Key Largo, often at Marvin's – a very offbeat and insider restaurant (cash only and no reservation unless recommended by a regular). Marvin cooked with the help of many of his patrons ('I was always assigned to frying the bread'). His wife Dottie, who had a mouth like a longshoreman, did everything else, aided by just one busboy."

"The evenings usually ended with night caps back at the Ocean Reef Lounge. The Club was smaller in those days and the Members all knew each other. There was great comradery, and the Lounge was where we congregated."

**In this period the ORC was also host to some important visitors.**

In 1979 General Alexander Haig, jr., then the White House Chief of Staff under President Nixon (he later became Reagan's Sec. of State) brought the conference of NATO Defense Ministers to ORC. Russ was helpful to the General and their relationship evolved into a friendship. In subsequent years Russ encouraged General Haig to

schedule meetings and vacations at The Reef. (Russ named his son Alex after the General.)

Russell Post also shared some unforgettable meals and late-night after-dinner drinks with Richard Nixon, who came to Ocean Reef as the guest of his confidante Bebe Rebozo. On more than one of Nixon's visits to Ocean Reef, Russ joined the former president and Bebe Rebozo for those ritual after-dinner drinks. "Once we saw the sun rise and were served breakfast by the chef, who came in at 3:30 a.m. to prep for the coming day."

Russ is a great storyteller. One favorite celebrity tale is of Sammy Davis Jr., who one Christmas was alone on his boat, which was docked at the Marina.

There was an Ocean Reef holiday party and Russ invited Sammy to come, assuring him there would be no piano and they were not expecting him to entertain. "Twenty minutes after he arrived, he asked us to bring in a piano and it was 'show time'. An evening none of us lucky to be there will ever forget."

**After the member buyout in 1991 Russell Post decided it was time to become his own boss and he started Russell Post Properties. He specialized in buying, selling and renting properties at Ocean Reef Club, it's a task that he has continued to do in one way or another for the past 30 years.**



# ORC MEMBERS – NEWS, VIEWS & TIDBITS



Russell Post, Ocean Reef president from 1980 to 1991, is shown speaking at a Town Hall Meeting.

Very quickly Russ Post's name became synonymous with Ocean Reef real estate sales. He built a company filled with loyal employees (many of whom he trained and supported when they formed their own organizations).

For four years he served as President of Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's. In 2018 the Club purchased the company from him. He set up an office at ORC Sotheby's and along with his partner **Molly Taylor**, he continues to offer real estate services to Ocean Reef Members.

He will also be a frequent commuter to his other existing offices in Islamorada, Marathon and Key West.

**Over the years Russell Post has managed the sale of OR**

**real estate with intelligence, ingenuity and an unparalleled work ethic.**

Russ has also been a major donor to the Medical Center, the Cultural Center, the Art League, the Chapel and The Academy at Ocean Reef, where his three children received their early education.

At the Club's Annual Meeting the 2025 **Spirit of Ocean Reef** award was presented to Russell Post for his involvement in The Academy at Ocean Reef, where he has served as Chairman of the Board for countless years.

The Club, as well as a significant number of Members, have reason to be grateful that Russell Post "found his focus" at Ocean Reef.

Thank you, Russ.

## Russell Post.... Spirit of Ocean Reef

by Joan Birsh

On April 16 at the 33rd Annual Meeting of Ocean Reef Club, **Russell Post** was the recipient of the 2025 Spirit of Ocean Reef Award.

This prestigious award recognizes "an individual Ocean Reef Member or group, that has had a significant positive impact on our unique way of life that cannot be measured by financial or governance contributions"

In the more than 50 years that Russ has lived and worked at Ocean Reef, he has contributed in many ways to making Ocean Reef a better place for all of us. But it is his consistent involvement in the Academy at Ocean Reef, that was both the focus of the award and the accomplishment that Russ is most proud of.

In presenting the Spirit of Ocean Reef Award

to Russell Post, ORC chairman **Charlie Johnston** commended Russ on helping The Academy provide quality education—not only for children of Members but also for the children of the Club's Associates for whom the Academy has often been an incredible benefit and blessing.

"Russ Post has been Chairman of the Board at The Academy for at least 15 years (probably more)," said Charlie. "He has quietly ensured that all the pupils at the Academy receive an exceptional education in a safe and dynamic atmosphere.

I believe that Russ Post is a hero for the education of Reef children, quietly steering The Academy through down times and back through great times."

Addendum: All three of Russell Post's children attended the Academy. Even now, long after they have become young adults, Russ has continued to be present at every Academy-related event, where grateful parents often thank him for all he has done for their children.

## Mother's DAY WEEKEND

May 9 - May 11

Enjoy family-friendly events on and off property, outdoor activities, shopping, dining and much more this Mother's Day Weekend! Visit [oceanreef.com/MothersDay](https://oceanreef.com/MothersDay) for the full schedule.



### SHOPPING

#### MOM'S DAY OUT IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

Saturday, May 10  
11:00am - 2:00pm • Fishing Village

#### MEMBER FITNESS END-OF-SEASON SALE

Fri., May 9 - Sun., May 11  
Fri 5:30am-7pm • Sat & Sun 6:30am-5pm

#### TENNIS PRO SHOP SALE

Sunday, May 11  
8:30am - 5pm

#### BURGEE SHOP & GIFT SHOP SALE

Fri., May 9 - Sun., May 11  
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#### GOLF SHOP SALE

Sunday, May 11  
7:30am - 5:30pm

#### LEXI JEWELRY TRUNK SHOW

Saturday, May 10  
10am - 3pm • BurgEE Shop

### DINING

#### MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

Sunday, May 11  
7:00am - 12:00pm • Ocean Room  
Reservations not required

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Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332

Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



## 19 Harbor Island Drive

3 BD, 2 BA | \$5,495,000 | 2854

Rick Haney | 305.394.4645

Denise Haney | 305.394.6838



## 36 Thatch Palm Way

4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$5,395,000 | 2808

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105

Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



## 15 Thatch Palm Way

4 BD, 4 BA | \$5,350,000 | 2850

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105

Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



## 3 Spray Road

3 BD, 2 BA | \$5,300,000 | 2782

Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



## 41 South Bridge Lane

3 BD, 2 BA | \$4,350,000 | 2775

Patti Furneaux | 305.321.3156



## 7 Perky Road

Homesite | \$3,995,000 | 2800

Russell Post | 305.451.8199

Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



## 6 South Harbor Drive

3 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,800,000 | 2672

Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



CONTINGENT

## Pumpkin Key Private Island

26-ACRES | BAY FRONT  
PRIVATE ISLAND  
\$75,000,000 | 2670

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## 12 Bayberry Lane

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Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633





### Cay Harbor 5C

2 BD, 2 BA | \$3,550,000 | 2852

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Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



### Fairway Lakes 47

2 BD, 2.5 BA | \$3,500,000 | 2719

Helena Morton | 305.522.2196



### Residence Club 209

1 BD, 2 BA | \$3,150,000 | 2823

Rupert Rodriguez | 786.857.4523



### Creek House PH 3

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,995,000 | 2810

Bill Dickinson | 305.304.8311



CONTINGENT

### Fairway Lakes 24B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,499,000 | 2847

Mary Brady | 201.303.2052

Contingent by:  
Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332  
Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



### Residence Club 105

1 BD, 2 BA | \$2,465,000 | 2793

James Morrison | 305.393.3407



NEWLY PRICED

### Fairway Lakes 3B

2 BD, 2 BA | \$2,450,000 | 2827

Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332  
Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143



### Angelfish Cay 76B

1 BD, 1 BA | \$2,375,000 | 2797

Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185







## A Toast to Tradition

### Recognizing Patron Members

On April 23, the Board of Directors offered a toast of gratitude to the Club's Patron Members. This new tradition was created to recognize an integral piece of Ocean Reef Club's history – Patron Membership. In 1993, when the Acquisition Committee needed to raise \$58 million to purchase the Club, the idea of Patron Membership was born. At the time, there were two tiers of Equity Membership offered, with Patron Members paying a significantly larger sum and receiving Club benefits. It is certain, Ocean Reef Club would not be what it is today had it not been for the support of this group of longtime Members.





# ORCA NEWS

## ORCA Enhances Stormwater Management & Resiliency Planning

The NKLUC and ORCA Vulnerability Assessment Committee (NOVA) are actively investing in the long-term sustainability and resilience of Ocean Reef. In alignment with a 2023 plan developed by expert consulting engineers, NOVA is proactively assessing infrastructure to ensure it remains strong and reliable in the face of changing environmental conditions such as seasonal storms and higher tides.

Key areas of focus include roadways, bridges, stormwater systems, water supply, essential community facilities, and communication and electrical systems. As part of its forward-



looking 20-year strategy, ORCA is prioritizing enhancements to roadway drainage and incorporating advanced stormwater management solutions into new home construction—reinforcing Ocean Reef's commitment to maintaining a safe, vibrant, and future-ready community.

Both ORCA and Monroe County require that new housing projects include a detailed plan to manage stormwater. Specifically, the plan must ensure that all post-construction stormwater is captured and retained on-site. This is achieved by grading the lot in accordance with the approved plan and installing swales, catch basins, and French drains.



For existing homes, homeowners should install swales along the length of their front property adjacent to the roadway to capture runoff from the street. The roadways are intentionally sloped to direct stormwater to both sides, reducing the risk of hazardous driving conditions.

Homeowners with ponding in the streets in front of their properties have several options to address the issue:

1. Installing a swale along the length of the front property adjacent to the roadway.
2. Installing a swale with aggregate at the bottom to promote infiltration into the ground.
3. Installing catch basins or



drainage wells at low points.

4. Installing catch basins or drainage wells with a French drain system, which involves a perforated pipe placed in an aggregate trench.

Details of these four options can be found in the [Contractors Section](#) of the ORCA website at [orcareef.com/contractors/](http://orcareef.com/contractors/).

Additionally, ORCA has increased its budget to install catch basins for roadway flooding, having already installed 11 this year. After heavy rainfall events, ORCA will survey roadways to identify areas with insufficient drainage. This ongoing process is part of a broader long-term effort to safeguard infrastructure from future climate-related risks.

40 Cinnamon Bark Lane



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## 6 Sunrise Cay Drive

Ocean Front | \$29,500,000 | 2743

Russell Post | 305.451.8199  
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



## 48 Card Sound Road

Bayfront Homesite | \$29,500,000 | 2748

Karyn Thiele | 305.394.4185  
Kelsey Thiele | 305.393.3484



## 19 East Snapper Point Drive

Bay Front | \$29,475,000 | 2843

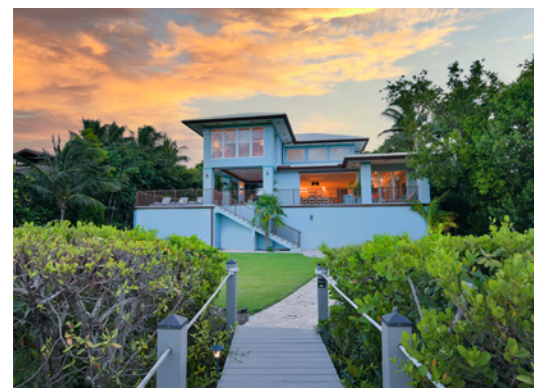
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Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



## 35 Cardinal Lane

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$28,000,000 | 2675

Amy Fernandez | 305.979.9646



## 1 Osprey Lane

4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$25,900,000 | 2256

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Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



NEWLY LISTED

## 22 Channel Cay Road

5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$24,000,000 | 2861

Russell Post | 305.451.8199  
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



## 16 Sunrise Cay Drive

5 BD, 6.5 BA | \$18,000,000 | 2776

Russell Post | 305.451.8199  
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



NEWLY PRICED

## 21 South Bridge Lane

4 BD, 4F/2H BA | \$16,000,000 | 2787

Russell Post | 305.451.8199  
Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



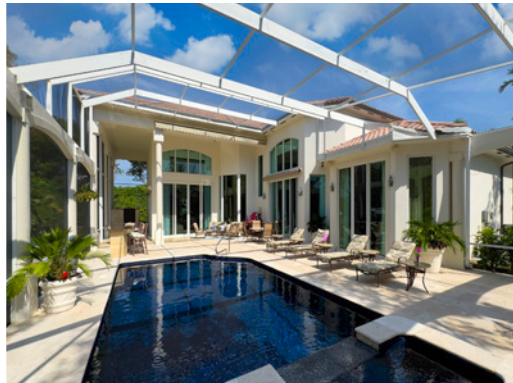


### 204 Andros Road

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$13,585,000 | 2680

Russell Post | 305.451.8199

Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



### 15 Harbor Island Drive

5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,800,000 | 2594

Russell Post | 305.451.8199

Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



### 22 Harbor Island Drive

4 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,750,000 | 2760

Russell Post | 305.451.8199

Molly Taylor | 508.524.4633



### 44 Cardinal Lane

5 BD, 5.5 BA | \$11,250,000 | 2615

Jay Rourke | 786.493.8105

Megan Lyons | 786.201.5265



### 5 Diana Road

4 BD, 4.5 BA | \$9,950,000 | 2780

Cassy Everhart | 305.522.2332

Morgan Smith | 305.321.1143

Rick Romeo | 304.667.7896



### 600 Coral Lane

6 BD, 6.5 BA | \$8,500,000 | 2833

Mary Brady | Agent/Owner

201.303.2052



### 30 Halfway Road

Golf Homesite | \$8,250,000 | 2766

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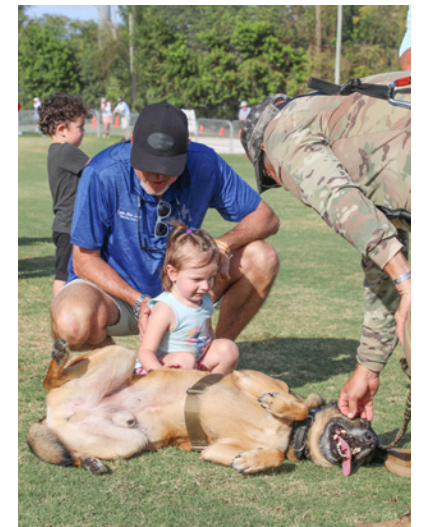
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# Navy SEALs Takeover

Members watched last weekend as Navy SEALs landed on the Driving Range via parachute and helicopter. Saturday's Demo displayed up-close demonstrations of the heroics SEALs encounter on a daily basis. From reenacting combat situations, to elite canine demonstrations and more. For more information, visit [www.SealTeamOceanReef.com](http://www.SealTeamOceanReef.com).



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# A Hero Under Fire:

Jack Jacobs'  
Extraordinary Courage  
in Vietnam



by Mike  
Smith

In the spring of 1968, in the heat of the Vietnam War, First Lieutenant Jack Jacobs led his platoon across a dry rice field in Kien Phong Province. The Brooklyn-born soldier, who originally planned to serve just three years before attending law school, would instead find himself at the center of one of the war's most extraordinary acts of heroism.

As assistant battalion advisor to the 2nd Battalion, 16th Infantry, 9th Infantry Division of the Army of the Republic of Vietnam, Jacobs and his men were advancing to make contact with the enemy when disaster struck. For weeks, intelligence had indicated that Viet Cong forces were increasing their presence in the area. What had been sporadic action months before had intensified, and combat soldiers sensed something significant was coming, even as higher command disagreed with their assessment.

Suddenly and without warning, the lead companies encountered devastating enemy fire from well-entrenched bunkers. Jack instantly realized they were trapped in a killing field. Within seconds, his entire lead company was hit. Ramirez, his number two man, had severe chest wounds with air audibly escaping from the injuries. Jack himself took a head wound and had to continuously wipe blood from his eyes to see while reporting the situation over his radio.

Despite profuse bleeding from his head and face wounds which severely impaired his vision, Captain Jacobs assumed



From left, Mike Smith, Gus Hillenbrand, Pete Shields, Col. Jack Jacobs and Tom Davidson.

command of the allied company, ordered a withdrawal from their exposed position, and established a defensive perimeter.

With adrenaline surging, Jack wrapped Ramirez's chest as best he could and began dragging him to a small copse of trees about 50 yards away, still under intense enemy fire. After temporarily stabilizing Ramirez in this relative shelter, Jack heard the moans of other wounded platoon members.

Despite his injuries and impaired vision, Jacobs repeatedly ran across open rice paddies through heavy fire to evacuate the wounded. He returned fire with his M16 as he moved, found another soldier in a bomb crater, applied a bandage to his own forehead to clear his vision, and after stabilizing the wounded man, dragged him back to safety.

Four more times, Jack ventured out into the killing field, each time eliminating enemy soldiers while rescuing his wounded comrades. Eventually, the blood loss took its toll, and his adrenaline reserves depleted. A medical evacuation helicopter arrived at great risk, loaded Jack and the other casualties, and departed the hot zone. Several wounded soldiers died en route, but Jack and Ramirez survived.

For his extraordinary gallantry, Jacobs was awarded the Medal of Honor, the United States' highest military decoration. His actions had saved the lives of one U.S. advisor and thirteen allied soldiers. In the years following, Jack would undergo multiple

surgeries on his nose and face to repair the damage from his combat injuries.

After the war, Colonel Jacobs continued his remarkable career, serving as a faculty member at the United States Military Academy at West Point, teaching international relations and comparative politics, and later at the National War College in Washington, D.C. He retired from the Army in 1987 as a colonel.

Today, Colonel Jack Jacobs serves as a military analyst for MSNBC and remains active in veterans' affairs. In 2008, he published his memoir, "If Not Now, When?: Duty and Sacrifice In America's Time of Need," which won the 2010 Colby Award for its contribution to the public's understanding of intelligence operations, military history, and international affairs.

Recently, Ocean Reef was honored to welcome this

American hero, as Colonel Jacobs visited alongside a group of Navy SEALs for special demonstrations showcasing the elite military unit's extraordinary capabilities. The SEALs' impressive display of tactical skills captivated those in attendance, but equally memorable was the opportunity to share time with a living Medal of Honor recipient.

This writer was fortunate enough to experience a truly once-in-a-lifetime opportunity—playing a round of golf with Colonel Jacobs himself. Throughout the day on the greens, his humility, sharp wit, and remarkable life perspectives provided insights far beyond the extraordinary heroism documented in his service record. Despite the weight of his historical achievements, Jacobs carries himself with the unassuming demeanor that often characterizes the nation's most decorated heroes.

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# From Anonymous to Inspirational



by Terry Baxter

Philanthropy is part of the ethos of Ocean Reef. Selfless givers, supporters, donors, and founders have created many cherished institutions at Ocean Reef, from the new Chapel, to the Cultural Center, the Medical Center, All Charities, the Ocean Reef Foundation, ORCAT and Grayvik Center. Beyond our gates, our contributions have significantly enhanced lives in our surrounding communities. And our close connection with the Baptist Health network has brought us invaluable life-saving and safety benefits. We all owe a great debt of gratitude to those many



Joyce and Tony Esernia in their Easter Sunday finery.

among us who open their hearts and their pocketbooks. Helping us meet the needs of today and the future makes Ocean Reef the unique treasure that it is.

Many philanthropic donors give anonymously. They are giving to support worthy programs, not to promote themselves. **Mike Berman** has been at the intersection of donors and worthy charities for many years. He sees it all. He appreciates and welcomes anonymous contributions, but

laments the loss of inspiration such generosity might create. So, he initiated a new level of acknowledgment for prolific givers – the Platinum Legacy Trustees, who have invested and bequeathed more than five million dollars to the Medical Center at Ocean Reef. And Mike has urged a recent donor of the largest gift ever received by the Medical Center to shed his anonymity as an inspiration to other Members.

After a lifesaving experience

at the Medical Center and Baptist Hospital, **Tony and Joyce Esernia** chose to make an anonymous transformational gift to those two organizations. Fortunately, they were convinced by friends to let their generosity be publicly acknowledged.

Once Joyce and Tony reluctantly agreed, it was apparent that their generosity had fingerprints everywhere. They had previously endowed chairs in Neurology at Baptist Hospital, helped launch the capital campaign for the expansion of Homestead Hospital, made substantial gifts to the Grayvik Center, All Charities, Israel Emergency Relief Fund..... and just last week, funded combat wounded vets to enjoy "No grief at The Reef" supporting the Yellow Ribbon Fund. Mike was pleased to publicly honor them.

Now, with a feasibility study underway on a much-needed expansion to the Medical Center, the Esernias hope Members might be inspired by their example.

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# The Season's Final Round of 20 Questions



by Felicia M. Koretsky

This is the official last "20 Questions" column of the season! For the past seven months, we've (and by that, I mean I've) been on a relentless quest for answers to—historical head-scratchers, mindless minutia, and oddly specific details to keep inquisitive minds up at night.

After dreaming up 140 questions (and gently pestering departments across The Reef in the name of educational entertainment), it's time for a well-earned Q&A nap.

So if you're going to miss this monthly game show on paper,

now's the time to say so. If you want this series back next season with more questions, send your love, bribes, or strongly worded fan letters of support to the people who make the decisions at [orp@oceanreef.com](mailto:orp@oceanreef.com). Otherwise, this space will likely be filled with a four-color ad for boat shoes. Until next time, stay curious, Reefers!

1. Other than fishing and swimming, what was the popular sport offered to children on Buccaneer Island in the 1950s to keep them entertained?
2. True or False: Parts of the film "Key Largo," starring Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart, were filmed at Ocean Reef Club.
3. True or False: While filming "Bloodline" in the Florida Keys a decade ago, Sissy Spacek rented a condo at Marina Village.
4. Who was Holly Hollenbeck?
5. In the 1950s, how much would you expect to pay for a snapper fillet dinner at Ocean Reef Club (excluding tax and gratuity)?
6. Why were the recent wildfires in South Miami called the 344 Fire? A. It was the State's 344th fire of the year. B. It took 344 firefighters to stop it. C. It started near Southwest 344th Street in Miami-Dade. *(this question is dedicated to ORCA's Fire Chief John Flynn—an avid reader of the Press!)*
7. True or False: Men are allowed to jog shirtless around the Club as long as the temperature is above 80 degrees or higher.
8. What does the term Reef Rats refer to?
9. What are the Airport Nine?
10. Where is the original first hole of ORC's first golf course built in 1955?
11. Smart long denim jeans (as long as they aren't tattered or ripped) can be worn in every restaurant on The Reef, except where?
12. At what age do Members

- and guests have to start abiding by the Club's dress code?
13. This color decal means you can drive your golf cart up to 17 MPH.
14. Where is the "Isle of Carefree Living"?
15. Today, "The Reef," "the Club," and "ORC" are the most common nicknames for Ocean Reef Club. What was its most widely used unofficial name in the 1950s?
16. What was the original name for The Ocean Room?
17. Who founded the Ocean Reef Garden Club?
18. What did the ORC founder, Morris Baker, call these prefabricated hotel cottages to convey an upscale image?
19. In the 1960s and 70s, how much did Anglers Club members pay in dues to join ORC?
20. What's the only way a 17-year-old is permitted to drive a golf cart at ORC after 1 a.m.?

## ANSWERS:

1. Archery
2. False — While small portions were filmed at The Caribbean Club in Key Largo, the majority of the movie was shot at Warner Bros. Studios in Burbank, California.
3. False. Sort of. She rented a condo at ORC, but it was at Pumpkin Cay.
4. The Reef's first Dockmaster
5. \$2.75 (an equivalent dinner today would be \$38)
6. C
7. False — Shirts must always be worn. Sleeveless shirts are permitted for fitness and outdoor exercise only if they are hemmed and reach the shoulders.
8. A nickname for the children of Members, guests, and staff who returned annually during Christmas break in the early days of Ocean Reef.
9. The back nine holes of the Card Sound Golf Club.
10. Hole 14 of today's dolphin course.
11. CH Prime and CH Lounge.
12. Twelve
13. Blue
14. The Ocean Reef Club — the phrase was featured in 1960s promotional materials.
15. The Rock (still used, but not as widely)
16. The Madeira Dining Room, opened with the Reef Lounge, in 1960.
17. Alice Baker (Morris Baker's wife)
18. Yachts — a creative blend of "yacht" and "hotel." These were later moved and repurposed as associate housing.
19. \$350
20. If accompanied by an adult aged 21 or older



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# Proposed for Membership

## Through May 15, 2025

The following individuals are being considered for Ocean Reef Club Membership. Direct communication concerning these nominations to Vice President of Membership, Islande Dillon, at 305-367-5921 or [idillon@oceanreef.com](mailto:idillon@oceanreef.com).

### Equity Membership

**Nancy & Dan Trodden** are new Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Trodden are acquiring 54 Lakeside Lane Unit B, from James Eagan and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Trodden are residents

of Weston, Massachusetts. They belong to Green Pond Yacht Club. Their sponsors are Carol Schafer & Thomas Yates, Christy Sheehan, Angela & Doug Martin, and Wally Hayward on behalf of the Board of Directors.

**Elizabeth & Kevin Fagan** are new Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan are acquiring 31 Anchor Drive Unit B, from Mike Geary and the equity from the resale list. Mr. and Mrs. Fagan are residents of Summit, New Jersey. They belong to Canoe Brook Country Club and Baltusrol Golf Club. Their sponsors are Elizabeth and Don Conklin, Betsy and Bruce Wesson, Darryl Copeland, and Wally Hayward on behalf of the Board of Directors.

**Danielle & Brian Willison**

are Legacy Members applying for Equity Membership. Mr. and Mrs. Willison are acquiring 13 Lakeside Lane Unit A, and the equity from Lawrence Willison. Mr. and Mrs. Willison are residents of Pennington, New Jersey. They belong to The Union League Club of Philadelphia. Their sponsors are Steven Smith, Mary Willison Leighow, Jeanette Ragucci, and Henry Salas on behalf of the Membership Committee.

### Bi-County Equity Membership

**Jennifer Davidson** is a Sr. Legacy Member applying for Equity Bi-County Waitlist. Ms. Davidson is a resident of Coral Gables, Florida. Her sponsors are Jennifer Dagit, Leslie and Mike Minsch, Anne Taylor, and Wally Hayward on behalf of the Board of Directors.



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## ALL CHARITIES



**Above:** Ocean Reef Club Members showcased their culinary talents during the second annual **Iron Chef All Charities** at the ORC Cooking School, competing in teams to create standout dishes judged on taste, creativity, and presentation—all in support of 2025 All Charities Weekend. Stephanie Karl organized the group, but it was Ken Karl's team who cooked up the win—and the bragging rights! Thanks to Ocean Reef Club and Ocean Reef Club Sotheby's International Realty for donating!

**Right:** A taste of Thailand with a Card Sound view! Meg and Pat Shields were the winning bidders of this All Charities experience, **A Thai-inspired Cocktail Party**, gathering 24 friends for a stunning sunset soiree featuring Thai bites by Vanna Chang, tropical cocktails, and plenty of island-inspired fun at the Drinkwaters' home. Thanks to Charlotte and James Drinkwater, Cindy and Todd Doolan, and Amy and Bill Salisbury for generously donating this fun auction item. Pictured here left to right are Meg Shields, Cindy Doolan, Charlotte Drinkwater, Amy Salisbury and Marilyn Clark-Karlovac.



## ORC Census Final Prize Winners!

A big round of applause for Ocean Reef Club Members! Your participation in the 2025

Membership Census was astounding, and your responses are sure to shape the future of your Club. THANK YOU on behalf of your Board of Directors and Management Team!

The Census is now closed and we look forward to sharing the

results with you later this year.

Here are the final winners from the prize drawing:

- **Aaron Simon-** 3 day/2 night stay at The Inn
- **Patricia Gaul-** 3 day/2 night stay at The Inn
- **Guthrie Allen-** Dinner for 2 at Gianni
- **Tracy Monk-** Dinner for 2 at Gianni
- **Fay Witz-** Lunch for 2 at Palm Court
- **Rebecca Magno-** Lunch or Dinner at the Grill Room
- **Stephen Amato-Heape-** Lunch or Dinner at the Grill Room
- **Thomas Bartelmo-** 2 Coffee Coupons & Census Mug
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### Grand Prize Winners

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- **Mallory Howard-** Jump the line ONE TIME at the Raw Bar for 2
- **Carolyn Johnson-** Buccaneer Island Cabana Rental for one week
- **Lisa Brady-** (2) Event Passes for Vintage Weekend 2025
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The Foundation's annual Community Grants program is made possible by proceeds

from All Charities Weekend and funds scores of worthy non-profit organizations in the interest areas of Education, Youth, Health & Family Services and Community each spring. The program has awarded more than \$20.8 million since the Foundation's All Charities effort to consolidate fundraising in the Ocean Reef community began in 2008.

To view the full list of 2025 Community Grant recipients, visit [oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org/grant-recipients](https://oceanreefcommunityfoundation.org/grant-recipients).



ORCF Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims and Vice Chair & All Charities Chair Michael Berman personify the Foundation's annual cycle of local philanthropy, from All Charities Weekend fundraising to application vetting, proceeds distribution and follow up reporting.



(L-R) ORCF Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims, representatives of Arc of South Florida and Board & Grants Committee Member Diane Hill (far right). Arc of South Florida received an Impact Fund grant of \$118,800 for a critical renovation of their Florida City school facility.



ORC Members including ORCF Board Member Teresa Holmes, Jay Holmes and Nelson Sims (center) enjoy the celebration and visiting with representatives from TML Homestead and the Three Virtues organization (on either side).



(L-R) ORCF Vice Chair & All Charities Chair Michael Berman, Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims, representatives of Star of the Sea (SOS) and Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Vice Chair Steve Woodsum (far right). SOS is a long-time non-profit partner and received a grant of \$36,000 for the Upper Keys Hunger Relief program, which includes the St. Justin Food Pantry.



(L-R) ORCF Chairman Emeritus Alan Goldstein, Executive Director Yuri Mikolay, Executive Vice President & Grants Committee Chair Janie Sims, Gift of Adoption board and ORC member Greg Stemler, and ORCF President & COO Richard Weinstein.

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# A Mother's Work



by Rev. Dr.  
Dan Meyer,  
Chaplain-In-Residence

## Never Done

Hungry at the end of the day, a 15-year-old found his mother in bed and was suddenly seized with great concern: "Gosh, Mom, are you sick or something?" "Well, as a matter of fact," the woman replied weakly, "I'm not feeling too well." "Gee, I'm sorry Mom," the boy responded with a furrowed brow. "Don't you worry a *bit* about dinner. I'm getting pretty big now, and I'll be happy to carry you down to the stove!"

Mothers don't get much of a break, do they? Between provisioning her soldiers, handling firefights, keeping sand out of the barracks, and continually arranging troop transport, most mothers must feel something like weary warriors. Speaking of one such woman, the Book of Proverbs says, "...her lamp does not go out at night" (Prov 31:18). Or, as a more familiar maxim puts it: "A man's work is from sun to sun, but a mother's work is never done!"

When you get right down to it, moms are on the front lines of a battle with work and worry that challenges more than just mothers today. Our weekly schedules and portable devices betray our fear that unless we take charge of

every little detail, schedule some meaningful activity into every little space, stay available to all the people who may need to reach us, we'll fall behind.

Even those of us who are not hyper-programmed often live with an inner voice that reminds us that our kids, job, grades, garden, or golf game, would somehow turn out much better if we just worked longer or tried harder or practiced more.

## Work is Good

Don't get me wrong, here. Work is a wonderful thing. Work is one of the ways we imitate the creativity of God, the Master Workman. Whether it is in mothering or managing a portfolio, our work is part of how we make ourselves available to God as instruments He can use to advance His purposes.

The Bible teaches: "*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed*" of his or her work (2 Tim 2:15). As we undertake this calling, however, it is helpful to retain a sense of balance about what we can control and what we cannot. Without this clarity, even the best work—parenting, for example—eventually becomes a gauntlet of weariness and worry.

## Wanted: A Savior

There are moments when many of us feel like the salvation of our children, business, nation, or other significant cause is all up to us. If God just created the world and then went on permanent holiday—as the 18th century Deists and some today have

believed—then there would be little reason NOT to lose ourselves in frenzied labor over the course of human life and history.

The Bible, however, describes reality differently than that. Genesis 2 reads: "*Thus the heavens and the earth were completed in all their vast array. By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing, so on the seventh day he rested.*"

I find it helpful to read that text closely. The Bible says that in creating the world, God completed... not all that he wanted to do... not all that he was going to do... God simply "finished the work he had been doing," and then took a break. The God we meet in Genesis is like a master painter, so filled with the grand vision of what He is going to create, that when he has sketched in the barest outline of his ultimate masterpiece, the sheer promise of it all drives him back from the canvas for a moment simply to admire his work.

## He's Not Done Yet

But make no mistake about it, the Master paints on. God would no sooner leave the final fate of our

children—or any of the other precious concerns we agonize over—entirely in our hands alone, than Michelangelo would have left the completion of the Sistine Chapel ceiling to the Church Building Committee.

Without a doubt, we have a meaningful role to play in the life of our family members, community, and nation, but we need to keep reminding ourselves that we are bristles in the brush that God holds in His sure hand. And all those amazing coincidences of life, those apparent tragedies, those surprising twists of fate you have experienced are but the colors of his perfect palette. There is no corner of the canvas of your life, or the life of your loved ones, for which God does not have a glorious plan. One day, the Master will take His servants to a place where we will weep tears of joy at the genius of His redemptive work.

So, moms, thank you for doing your best. But give your biggest worries about your children's and grandchildren's ultimate welfare to God. He'll be up all night anyway, waiting for them to come home.

## CHAPEL & FELLOWSHIP NEWS

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### FRIDAY, MAY 9

**AA Meeting**  
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 10

**Catholic Mass**  
Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 11

**Community Worship Service**  
Chapel Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 12

**Al-Anon Meeting**  
Chapel Fellowship Hall, 9 a.m.

**AA Meeting**  
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 16

**AA Meeting**  
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 17

**Catholic Mass**  
Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 18

**Community Worship Service**  
Chapel Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 19

**AA Meeting**  
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 23

**AA Meeting**  
Chapel Board Room, 8 a.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 24

**Catholic Mass**  
Chapel Sanctuary, 4 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 25

**Community Worship Service**  
Chapel Sanctuary, 10 a.m.

### MONDAY, MAY 26

**AA Meeting**  
Chapel Board Room, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 30

**AA Meeting**  
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May 13, 15, 20, 22

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May 15

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# NEWS FROM THE MEDICAL CENTER

## Establishing Healthy Sleep Patterns

Having a hard time falling asleep, experiencing frequent sleep disturbances and suffering daytime sleepiness are the most telling signs of poor sleep habits. This overall lack of consistency in sleep quantity or quality can be a telling sign of poor sleep habits when not related to a medical condition.

Decide on a bedtime and wake-up time that are most conducive to your schedule and stick to them daily. Following a consistent sleep schedule helps train your brain to naturally feel tired at bedtime and reset your circadian rhythm.

Establishing a daily bedtime routine in advance of your sleep schedule helps create habits that signal your brain it's time to sleep. This can include turning off electronics such as your

computer and cell phone, reading a book, meditation or listening to soothing sounds that promote sleep. If you find your mind is preoccupied with something you don't want to forget, write it down, so it's not a recurrent thought to keep you awake. Alcohol, caffeine and sugar can also cause sleep disruption, so be thoughtful on the timing of consumption.

There are many medications and/or medical conditions that can cause sleeping problems, so it's important to address these concerns to your primary care physician. Getting adequate sleep is essential to supporting healthy brain function and physical health.

Visiting physician Raul Valor, M.D., is a pulmonary sleep specialist who sees patients at the Medical Center. His next clinic days are **Fridays, June 6 and 20.**

Visit us on the web at [www.mcor.org](http://www.mcor.org) to schedule an appointment or call 305-367-6702.



Healthy sleep patterns are important in establishing a healthy bedtime routine. Photo credit: Adoraroma from Dreamstime.



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### EVERGLADES ALLIGATOR FARM TOUR

9:00am • Meet at Nature Center  
Registration: 305-367-6516

### HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

3:00 – 6:00pm • Inn Lobby

### RAW BAR LOBSTER BAKE

5:00 – 9:00pm • Raw Bar  
Reservations: 305-367-5818

### DOLPHIN FISHING TOURNAMENT ANGLERS' MEETING

5:30pm • Burgee Bar  
Details & Entry: 305-367-5874

### TEENS ONLY! BEACH BONFIRE

8:00pm • Buccaneer Island

## SATURDAY, MAY 24

### DOLPHIN FISHING TOURNAMENT

8:00am Lines In • 3:00pm Lines Out  
3:30 – 4:30pm Weigh-in • RCK Seawall 5:30pm  
Details & Entry: 305-367-5874

### GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOUR

10:00am • Meet at Pool Desk  
Reservations: 305-367-6516

### MEMORIAL DAY SALE IN THE FISHING VILLAGE

10:00am – 5:00pm • Fishing Village

### FAMILY FUN NIGHT

5:00 – 9:00pm • Town Hall Parking Lot

### DIVE-IN MOVIE

8:00pm • Buccaneer Island

### TEENS ONLY! AFTER HOURS

10:00pm – 12:00am • Reef Rec Room

### REEF REC ROOM

May 23 – 26 • 4:00 – 10:00pm

### NATURE CENTER

May 23 – 25 • 2:00 – 5:00pm

### REEF CLUB KIDS

Friday, May 23  
6:00 – 10:00pm  
Sat., May 24 & Sun., May 25  
9:00am – 1:00pm & 6:00 – 10:00pm  
Monday, May 26  
9:00am – 1:00pm

## SUNDAY, MAY 25

### BEGINNERS SAILING CLINIC

9:30am • Buccaneer Island

### GUIDED ECO-KAYAK TOUR

10:00am • Meet at Pool Desk  
Reservations: 305-367-6516

### KID'S FISHING TOURNAMENT

11:00am • Burgee Bar Seawall

### GUIDED STANDUP PADDLEBOARD TOUR

1:00pm • Meet at Pool Desk  
Reservations: 305-367-6516

### MEMORIAL DAY LUAU DINNER

6:00pm & 8:00pm seatings  
Palm Court  
Reservations: 305-367-5931

### KICK OFF TO SUMMER BEACH BASH

7:00 – 10:00pm • Buccaneer Island

### LIVE MUSIC

9:00pm – 1:00am • Burgee Bar

## MONDAY, MAY 26

### MEMORIAL DAY GOLF TOURNAMENT

8am Tee Times • Hammock Course

## MAY 24 – MAY 26

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# Thank You Beach Party Celebrates a Memorable Season

From the Southern rock meets country soul of Zac Brown cover band 20Ride, to the 80's Swedish sensation tunes and the soulful rhythms of Motown, generations of Members put their toes in the sand and danced the night away on Buccaneer Island in celebration of a fantastic season at The Reef.





## AT THE CULTURAL CENTER



### The Met: Live in HD Salome

**By Richard Strauss**  
**Saturday, May 17 at 1 p.m.**  
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Music Director Yannick Nézet-Séguin conducts his first Met performances of Strauss's white-hot one-act tragedy, which receives its first new production at the company in 20 years. Claus Guth, one of Europe's leading opera directors, gives

the biblical story—already filtered through the beautiful and strange imagination of Oscar Wilde's play—a psychologically perceptive, Victorian-era setting rich in symbolism and subtle shades of darkness and light. Headlining the new staging is soprano Elza van den Heever as the abused and unhinged heroine, who demands the head of Jochanaan, sung by celebrated baritone Peter Mattei. Tenor Gerhard Siegel is Salome's lecherous stepfather, King Herod, with mezzo-soprano Michelle DeYoung as his wife, Herodias, and tenor Piotr Buszewski as Narraboth. Live. Runtime 3hrs. 15min.

## Library Corner



by Susan  
Bohan

For those of us who are always looking for the next best Mystery/Thriller, these are the newest at the Library in the Cultural Center:

**"Still See You Everywhere" by Lisa Gardner** – In this Frankie Elkin novel, our heroine for the forgotten meets her toughest challenge, but may not survive the deadly deceptions.

**"An Insignificant Case: A Thriller" by Phillip Margolin** – A third-rate lawyer by day and burglar by night gets involved in a legal battle way over his head.

**"The Waiting" by Michael Connelly** – Renee Ballard and Harry Bosch once again tackle a complex cold case with dexterous twists including their newest volunteer, Harry's daughter Maddie.

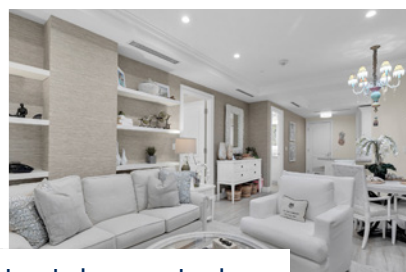
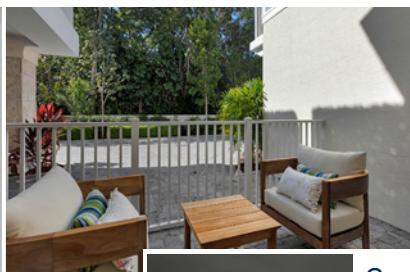
**"Granite Harbor" by Peter Nichols** – Set in a small town in Maine, secrets from the past and present unravel their serenity as a serial killer threatens the children of the town.

**"Eagle Rock: An Ashe Cayne Novel" by Ian K. Smith** – Ashe Cayne is a fascinating character who sets a fast pace with his wit while investigating good vs. evil with twists and turns of political intrigue.

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## Jean Claude Adonis

### Associate of the Quarter

By Susan Bohan

Being a member of the Bellstand Team for 25 years, Jean Claude Adonis has seen a lot. Just a few examples include: seeing 100 people arriving or departing the Inn at the exact same time; driving a Member to Homestead Hospital after work because she thought she had broken her hand and did



Associate of the Quarter Jean Claude Adonis, from Bellstand.

not want to take an ambulance (then driving her back after

midnight!); and over the years, supporting every department at The Reef, especially during Covid restrictions.

Nominated Associate of the Quarter earlier this year by Alex Ponce, Transportation Manager, it is easy to understand why he won the quarterly award.

"His attitude is consistent and he is willing to take on any challenge to improve the Member experience 100 percent of the time," according to Alex.

Jean responded to these kind thoughts. "I love helping people and remain here because of the Members. They treat me like family. It is a blessing and

when I have a chance to do something, I do not hesitate. I will retire here," he said with his big open smile.

Watching Jean at the Bellstand says it all about his attitude as he comments, "We are the first person someone sees as they approach the Lobby. It's important to make them happy."

So, whether you are stopping by for morning coffee or dog treats, meeting friends at the Reef Lounge or having dinner in the Ocean Room, Jean will always make you feel welcome. We look forward to his next 25 years!

## Did Someone Say Spirits Bar?

Yes! New this season, the Spirits Bar opened last November in the Fishing Village and has since become the place to go for delicious craft cocktail experiences. Located adjacent to Port O' Call, its doors open to overlook the beautiful Port O' Call Patio and Marina.

While both Port O' Call and the Spirits Bar are managed by Wyatt Hosmer, think of them as sister stores. The Spirits Bar features a full bar with vast inventory - some spirits aren't even available anywhere else on The Reef. The Spirits Bar team has also developed a wide-ranging list of Classics, Specials, Riffs, and Dessert Cocktails. A



few of the Special choices include **"Call the Doctor"** (Lunazul Blanco Tequila, Del Maguey "Vida" Mezcal, Velvet Falernum Liqueur, Lime Juice, Peychaud Bitters, Agave Syrup, Pineapple Leaf, Mint); **"Disgruntled German Tourist"** (Smith & Cross Rum, Aperol Liqueur, Lime Juice, Orgeat Syrup, Orange

Curacao); or **"Cloud Nine"** (Van Gogh Vanilla Vodka, Pineapple Juice, Chambord Liqueur, Pineapple Leaf, Dehydrated Pineapple Slice). For dessert try **"RumChata Martini"** (Patron XO Tequila, RumChata Liqueur, Dorda Chocolate Liqueur, Dorda Salted Caramel Liqueur). Whatever you're feeling,

Bartender Mike Stringent is ready to make it happen!

Port O' Call continues to serve high-end wines by the glass, along with a vast display of wines and spirits for retail (all of which can be sampled at the Spirits Bar).

Both locations offer light bite menus with cheese, charcuterie and more available.

You may have also noticed the "Featured Bottle of the Week" in previous editions of the Ocean Reef Press, and while Port O' Call is the place to buy the bottle, if you'd like to try it in a cocktail, you can do so at the Spirits Bar. View this week's featured bottle on page 16.

The Spirits Bar is open this summer on Fridays and Saturdays 4 to 10 p.m. See the full list of hand-crafted cocktails at [oceanreef.com/Spiritsbarmenu](https://oceanreef.com/Spiritsbarmenu).

## HAPPENING ON THE PORT O'CALL PATIO

### WINE TASTING

Friday, May 23, 5-7 p.m.

Port O' Call is happy to host Jim Binns, Owner and Winemaker for Andremlly Wines, for a wine tasting. Andremlly focuses on Rhone Valley varietals (Syrah, Grenache, Mourvedre) from California's Central Coast. Jim previously made his wine impact as Assistant Winemaker for Sine Qua Non for more than a decade and produced some of the most highly sought-after wines from California. Now on his own, Jim focuses on Organic and Biodynamic farming to bring a true sense of place for the wines he makes, employing much of what he learned from his tenure at SQN. Come kick off your Memorial Day Weekend and taste some of these incredible wines! Complimentary tastes – glass pour specials and bottles available for purchase.

### ORC EXCLUSIVES BOURBON TASTING

Saturday, May 24, 6-9 p.m.

If you missed the first one you are in luck, ORC Director of Beverage & Wine Operations Sean Carroll will host a second bourbon tasting with eight ORC bourbons to sample for purchase, along with a tasting of the now legendary Everton's Rum.

Throughout his 14-year career, Sean has sourced a total of 43 barrels for the Club, so you won't want to miss out on this unique opportunity to learn more about the range of exclusive bourbons currently available.





## Cars & Coffee



Susan and Bob Falk.



The color of this McLaren was brilliant in the Saturday sun.



Jerry Herson.



Barnie Steele.



George and Jennifer Kachmarik.

## Look Up in the Sky!

It's a Bird! It's a Plane!  
It's a DRONE!



by Jody  
Steele

Even if you were not at The Reef during the Thank You Beach Party, you most likely heard about the amazing drone show that captivated Members that Wednesday night. All eyes were on the sky and it truly was an "out of this world" experience. During the show, everyone gazed up and wondered out loud...how did they do this? The questions continued for days as Ocean Reef Members could not stop talking about this spectacular event.



### What is a Drone Show?

A drone light show is a collection of UAV (Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) operating in a planned sequence to display 3D images, animations, and lighting. The drones are controlled by a computer program that gives specific commands and communicates to the drones via a radio signal. The ground control engineers monitor each drone that is fully charged and then readied carefully for its flight.

### Who Did this Show?

Ocean Reef Club selected

Luna Light Drone Shows out of Sunrise, Florida to deliver this aerial entertainment for the Thank You Beach Party. Their designers worked with the Ocean Reef Member Events Team to create a meaningful show that was unique to our Club.

### Some Notable Facts & Figures:

- Each show had 300 drones.
- The show lasted 12 minutes.
- The drones have very bright LED lights.
- The drones can fly up to 400 feet above ground level.



- Drones cannot fly in the rain or in windy conditions.

### Safety First!

All FAA guidelines and other agency requirements were followed for the proper use of air space. Obtaining permits and planning was in the works for months.

Drone light shows are not only a wondrous sight in the sky, but also eco-friendly. Plus they create another fabulous memory for Members certainly none of us will forget!



# Have You Signed Up?

## Summer Camps Begin June 2

By Stephanie Chavez, Ocean Reef Press

Summer Camps are almost here! Kicking off **Monday, June 2**, camp fun for Members of all ages (really!) will continue through August 15. Whether your interests lie in arts and crafts, outdoor activities, or you want to learn a new skill, Ocean Reef's unique Summer Camp program offers just that.

Each and every year, families eagerly wait, refreshing their inbox for the eblast to come in and tell them, "CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN." This year, we checked in with the first family to sign up for summer 2025 to see what it is about Ocean Reef's camp program that made them so



Lawson McClure, pictured with father Kyle, shows off one of many mahi he caught at The Reef – an experience that inspired him to be the first Reef Experience Camp signup!

eager to partake. What we found is that this year is actually the family's first time joining in on the camp fun!

While having heard great things about the Club's Summer Camps already, it's really the **McClures'** past fishing experiences at The Reef that inclined them to sign their kids up for camp. Gracie McClure shared that her 10-year-old son, Lawson, who is "very passionate

about fishing," caught three sailfish and 30 mahi while at The Reef over spring break. This fun experience inspired Lawson to sign up for Reef Discovery Camp, where he most looks forward to snorkeling.

Six-year-old Vivienne is signed up for Reef Club Kids Camp, where she is excited to get creative with art and crafts, have fun with activities on Buccaneer Island, and more.



Snorkeling is one of the activities Lawson is looking forward to most. Join him during Reef Discovery Camp June 16-20, June 30-July 4, July 14-18 or July 28-August 1.

As Gracie puts it, "Any chance we have to get down to Ocean Reef is wonderful."

### Registration Still Open!

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## WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

## 09 FRIDAY

**Member Fitness Center****End-of-Season Sale**

5:30am-7pm • Member Fitness Center

**Pickleball Open Play**

8:30am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**MLO Jewelry Spa Trunk Show**

9am-2pm • The Spa

**Burgee Shop Sale**

9am-5pm • Burgee Shop

**Gift Shop Sale**

9am-5pm • Gift Shop

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**

10am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Silver Fit Class**

11am • Member Fitness Center

**Duplicate Bridge**

1pm • Card &amp; Games Room

**Shell Art Workshop Class**

3-4:30pm • The Spa

**Cocktails**5-8pm • The Point  
(Members Only)**Live DJ at Burgee Bar**

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

## 10 SATURDAY

**Member Fitness Center****End-of-Season Sale**

6:30am-5pm • Member Fitness Center

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

8am • Member Fitness Center

**Zoe's Empire Spa Trunk Show**

9am-3pm • The Spa

**Burgee Shop Sale**

9am-5pm • Burgee Shop

**Gift Shop Sale**

9am-5pm • Gift Shop

**Guided Eco Kayak Tour**

10am • Meet at Pool Desk

**Lexi Jewelry Trunk Show**

10am-3pm • Burgee Shop

**Mom's Day Out in the Fishing Village**

11am-2pm • Fishing Village

**Cocktails**6:30-8pm • The Point  
(Members Only)**Live DJ at Burgee Bar**

9pm-1am • Burgee Bar

## 11 SUNDAY

**Member Fitness Center****End-of-Season Sale**

6:30am-5pm • Member Fitness Center

**Danish & Coffee**7-10am • The Point  
(Members Only)**Mother's Day Breakfast**

7am-12pm • Ocean Room

**Tennis Pro Shop Sale**

8am-5:30pm • Tennis Pro Shop

**Burgee Shop Sale**

9am-5pm • Burgee Shop

**Gift Shop Sale**

9am-5pm • Gift Shop

**Community Worship Service**

10am • Chapel Sanctuary

**Mother's Day Brunch**

10am &amp; 12:30pm • Carysfort Ballroom

**Guided Standup Paddleboard Tour**

1pm • Buccaneer Island

**Cocktails**5-8pm • The Point  
(Members Only)

## 12 MONDAY

**Sweat Fitness Class**

8am • Member Fitness Center

**AI-Anon Meeting**

9am • Chapel Fellowship Hall

**TRX Outdoor Class**

9am • Member Fitness Center

**Barrelettes Class**

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**

10-11am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**FIT Camp**

12pm • Member Fitness Center

**Men's Night Tennis League**

5:30-7:30pm • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**AA Meeting**

7:30pm • Chapel Board Room

## 13 TUESDAY

**Pickleball Open Play**

8:30-10am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Strength Cycle Class**

9am • Member Fitness Center

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**

9-10am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Vinyasa Yoga Class**

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**

10-11am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Reformer Pilates Class**

11am • Member Fitness Center

**Dancing Through the Decades Class**

11am • Member Fitness Center

## 14 WEDNESDAY

**Master Swim Class**

8am • Member Fitness Pool

**TRX Outdoor Class**

9am • Member Fitness Center

**Silver Fit Class**

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Mat Pilates with Spine****Corrector Class**

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Golf Clinic with Dave Vihlen**

10-11am • Driving Range

**Pickleball Clinic****(Intermediate-Advanced)**

11am-12pm • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Aqua Cardio Class**

11am • Member Fitness Pool

**FIT Camp Class**

12pm • Member Fitness Center

**Duplicate Bridge**

1pm • Card &amp; Games Room

## 15 THURSDAY

**Sweat Class**

8am • Member Fitness Center

**Pickleball Open Play**

8:30-10am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Strength Cycle Class**

9am • Member Fitness Center

**Cardio Tennis Clinic**

9-10am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Vinyasa Yoga Class**

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Silver Fit Class**

10am • Member Fitness Center

**Gameio Tennis Clinic**

10-11am • Tennis &amp; Games Center

**Raw Bar Lobster Bake**

5-9pm • Raw Bar

**Karaoke at Burgee Bar**

9pm-12am • Burgee Bar

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& STAGE**General Admission \$12, Donors \$10****Children (under 12) \$6****Movie Hotline: 305-367-6306****"Bob Trevino Likes It" (PG-13)****Friday, May 9****• 4:30pm****Wednesday, May 14****• 4:30pm****Runtime:** 1 hr. 41 min.**Director:** Tracie Laymon**Stars:** Barbie Ferreira, John Leguizamo, French Stewart**Premise:** When lonely 20-something Lily Trevino accidentally befriends a stranger online who shares the same name as her own self-centered father, encouragement and support from this new Bob Trevino could change her life.**"The Friend" (R)****Friday, May 16****• 4:30pm****Wednesday, May 21****• 4:30pm****Runtime:** 1 hr. 59 min.**Director:** Scott McGehee & David Siegel**Stars:** Bill Murray, Naomi Watts, Cloé Xhaoulaire**Premise:** When a solitary writer adopts and bonds with a Great Dane that belonged to a late friend, she begins to come to terms with her past and her own creative inner life.**The Met Live in HD:****Richard Strauss—Salome****Saturday, May 17 • 1pm • \$25 at the door****Runtime:** 3hrs. 15mins – No Intermission**Cultural Center Museum****Daily 9am-4pm****Open During Movies****Library Hours****Mon. & Thurs. • 10am-12pm**



## SPOT ON SHOPPING

### Joan the Shopper Ode to Mother's Day....

Since I haven't made much progress in establishing a "Joan the Shopper Day", I am going to unofficially adopt Mother's Day as my holiday. Hey, I'm a mother. I have two wonderful sons (one is visiting me this weekend, while his wife, the mother of their children, is visiting her mother in North Florida.).... I'm very fond of receiving gifts, but I have told my son to hold off and come with me on Saturday (5/10) for some serious shopping at Ocean Reef's interesting and diverse stores. I'm sure he will find one perfect thing (maybe even a bargain) for me. And I'll probably find an additional two or three things to remind me of my special day.... You don't have to be a mother to enjoy this opportune shopping spree. In the Fishing Village (11 am to 2 pm) there will be giveaways and mimosas. And there will, of course, be special treats and bargains at many of our favorite FV stores, as well as at venues all around The Reef. Both the **Burgee Shop** in the Fishing Village and the **Gift Shop** (next to the Inn) are giving 25% off on a \$100



purchase on ladies' apparel only. The **Member Fitness Center** is offering up to 50% off select items and the **Golf Shop** has a whopping 25% discount on all ladies' apparel and shoes.... The photograph that appears here (in case you are wondering) is definitely not me. It's Ann Maria Reeves Jarvis, a social activist during the Civil War era. Her daughter Anna Jarvis came up with the idea of a day to honor her mother and all the other moms, who make sacrifices for their kids.... On May 9, 1914, Woodrow Wilson made Mother Day's official.

by Joan Birsh

## OCEAN REEF STORE HOURS

MONDAY, MAY 12 - SUNDAY, MAY 18

### Member Fitness Center

Mon. - Fri. 5:30am-7pm  
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### The Spa Boutique

Tues. - Sat. 10am-5pm

### The Burgee Shop

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### Port O'Call Wine & Spirits

In the Fishing Village  
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Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm  
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## WINING & DINING

MONDAY, MAY 12 – SUNDAY, MAY 18

### Palm Court

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Food Mon.-Thurs. 11:30am-4pm  
Fri.- Sun. 11:30am-5pm

### Everton's Rum Bar

Fri. & Sat. 2-8pm

### Islander & Sushi Bar\*

Mon. -Thurs. & Sun. 6-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 6-10pm

### The Ocean Room

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Buffet Sat 7-11am • Sun. 7am-12pm

### Gianni Ristorante\*

Mon. - Thurs. & Sun. 6-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 6-10pm

### Raw Bar

Lunch Daily 11am-4pm • Dinner Daily 4-9pm  
Thursday Lobster Bake 5-9pm

### Port O' Call Wine & Spirits

Tues. - Thurs. & Sun. 11am-6pm  
Fri. & Sat. 11am-9pm

### Spirits Bar

Fri. & Sat. 4-10pm

### Reef Treats

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Mon. - Thurs. & Sun. 7am-9pm • Fri. & Sat. 7am-10pm

### Fitness Café

Mon. - Fri. 7am-3pm • Sat. & Sun. 7am-2pm

### Reef Eats

Dinner Mon.-Thurs. & Sun. 5-10pm  
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### Burgee Bar

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Cocktails Mon. - Thurs. & Sun. 5pm-12am  
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# Summer at The Dive Shop Starts Now!

by Lisa Bailey-Cassidy, The Dive Shop Co-owner

Please consider summer 2025 for Dive Shop eco activities that are great for the whole family and are incredibly productive for our Carysfort Reef and Keys environment. The Dive Shop offerings are for divers and snorkelers alike. They include underwater reef fish counts for Reef Environmental Education Foundation (REEF), a great and easy way to help and learn at the same time. Join our Reef Renewal USA coral restoration program to discover hands-on the process from coral propagation to coral outplant and maintenance. Sign up to help on our trips for our to the RRUSA nursery. To better prepare, consider taking our PADI/Reef Renewal USA coral restoration certification course.



Jesus Gudino, General Manager and co-owner of The Dive Shop at The Reef.

Also, we will be offering specialized eco trips and two dive and snorkel eco summer camps for children and adults! This year adults can join your child campers for a full week of fun while learning and participating in all main conservation programs offered such as coral restoration, coral reef cleanups and fish counts with our highly educated crew and conservation representatives. For more information on how

to get involved contact The Dive Shop at The Reef at 305-367-3051 or email us at [info@thediveshoporc.com](mailto:info@thediveshoporc.com).

## Meet the Man Behind the Mask (Fins & Regulators)

Who is helping to create all the opportunities and education for Ocean Reef Members and families to discover this underwater world?

The forever smile greeting you at the helm of the Dive Shop office is General Manager and co-owner Jesus Gudino. He is always ready to offer guidance to our underwater and sometimes above the water offerings. Jesus has served 20+ years behind that helm under 3 different owners and now is a co-owner, himself. His dedication and loyalty were never so obvious as in 2024 when he had quadruple bypass surgery right before Thanksgiving. He was back at his helm to greet Christmas customers. Special thanks go to our amazing crew for jumping right in to help the

shop and me survive the 4 weeks he was out!

Growing up in Mexico City, Jesus anxiously anticipated the annual trips to the beach with his family that initially drew him to the ocean and its exciting mysteries. As a 16 year old, he moved to Cancun where he learned more about what the ocean has to offer. Herein lies the origin of his serious passion and a willingness 'To Protect What You Love' (Jacques Cousteau). Leaving Mexico thirty-one years ago, he moved to Minnesota where he first learned to scuba dive taking his first underwater breath in the cold lakes there.

He then moved to the Florida Keys and has embraced all elements of it since. His children have/are going through Ocean Studies Charter School where his lovely wife Martha is Science Lead.

"Living in the Florida Keys, everything is related to the environment – from diving and snorkeling, fishing and recreational boating to the things our next generations are learning at our local schools. The community, on whole has the same common goal, and it is to protect our ocean, our marine sanctuary, our heritage," stated Jesus.

He believes this work through NMSF and other hardworking non-profit organizations such as Reef Renewal USA (the Dive Shop's newest partner in saving the coral reefs of Carysfort); REEF; MarineLab; Mote and more are critical. And, The Dive Shop programs have been created to be an ORC force to help.



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# Academy Students Learn About Coral

by Academy Students Rhys Patterson, Grade 8, and August Patterson, Grade 6

On April 22, Earth Day, 4th-through 8th-grade Academy students received a hands-on lesson about coral fragmentation from Ken Nedimeyer, the Director of Reef Renewal.

Mr. Nedimeyer has lived in Key Largo for over 50 years and has four daughters. He has a degree in Marine Biology and recounted that in the 1970s, the Florida Keys coral reef was an "underwater paradise." Not so much the case today.



Grades 6-8 with Reef Renewal staff at the site of The Academy's planned nature center.

Ken and his daughter, who was 13 years old at the time, started the country's first ocean-based coral farm. His daughter was inspired to do it as a 4H project during her homeschooling. Ken said, "You don't need to be a rocket scientist or an adult" to learn how to grow coral. This

shows that even children can make a huge difference in saving our reefs.

During Mr. Nedimeyer and his team's visit, we learned how to plug small porcelain disks into a coral-growing grid. Next, students actually sawed coral using a bandsaw with a diamond-dusted blade. Luckily, Ken demonstrated that while the bandsaw may be able to cut through hard coral, it is not able to penetrate human skin! Last but not least, students learned how to glue coral onto the

aforementioned growing trays. The baby boulder coral will be planted at Carysfort Reef within a year.

Leidy Piloto Gimeno, a 5th-grade student, had this to say about the experience, "It was interesting when they explained how they grow coral and the machines, which couldn't cut you, but were able to cut coral."

Another student, Josh Lyons, a 7th-grade student, said, "I worry about the wellbeing of coral, but with more programs like this, we can get coral back to full health."



Siena Wright, 7th grade, and Vanessa Medina, 6th grade, fragment coral with Ken Nedimyer and Ashley Elliott from Reef Renewal.



Grade 4 and 5 students prepare to glue fragments of boulder coral onto growing tray pods.



Trays of coral ready for transportation to Reef Renewal's "coral farm" in Destin, where they will grow until ready for planting at Carysfort Reef.

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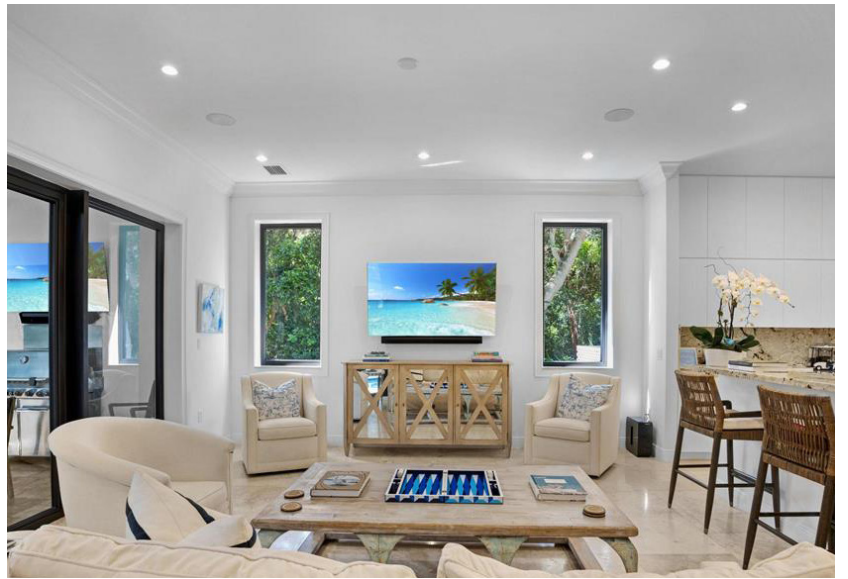
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# Derby Hat Creation

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For more information, visit [oceanreef.com/EquityGetTogether](https://oceanreef.com/EquityGetTogether).



Karen Glorvigen, Jim and Pat Engel, Elizabeth and Yasin Khan and Charles DeLuca.



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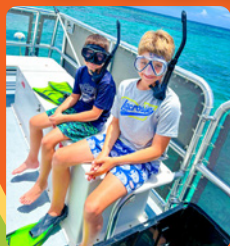


Gail Yoh.



"Uncle Ralph" and Martha Marrinson.

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## Full Steam Ahead for Next Season



"Art League"  
by Deborah  
Goodwin  
Geller

We are coming off an epic season at the Art League. We had so many wonderful shows, classes, workshops, pop-ups, receptions, speakers and an increase in membership! I'm biased about our very special Book Club event where we had the author of "Finding Dorothy" come to speak about the history of "The Wizard of Oz" and the inspiration for her book. I was so thrilled to have over 80 people come out.

But we don't rest on our laurels here. When the summer season comes, we switch gears from all the live activities in the Art League to planning for the next season and working to outdo ourselves.

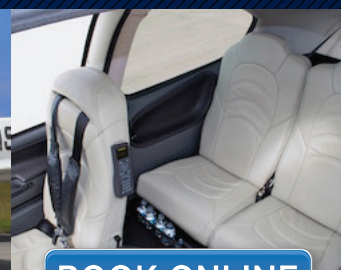
We are already into full swing to secure dates and programs with our best instructors, to bring back favorite classes, and to be on a talent search for new offerings. We always want to grow and expand our offerings and experiences while keeping the tried and true ones you love so well. As for me, I'll be doing a lot of reading in preparation for our next Book Club choices. I had quite a few recommendations, so I'll be checking them out and our picks will be in the new catalogue. I'll give you a heads up well in advance as I decide, but one of the books will be "The Rent Collector," by Cameron Wright.

This is also the time of year to take a good look at our building and infrastructure to ensure we are keeping our building in top shape and making improvements where necessary. So in that vein, we are installing some new air conditioners as well as some more user-friendly and attractive blinds in some rooms.

We wish all our members and Ocean Reef friends a wonderful summer season!

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# Public Art at Ocean Reef Icons



by Mary Bloom, Bonefish Bonnies

An icon can be a person or thing that can be seen as a symbol of a particular era, culture, belief or place. Ocean Reef public art includes three sculptures that we can consider symbols of our community and its location in the Upper Keys. The *Peering Panther*, *Lady Angler* and *Sandhill Cranes in Repose*. All three are the work of sculptor Gregory Johnson who has not only shared his talent by creating works of art but also by sharing his passion and knowledge with sculpture students as a visiting instructor here at the Art League for 15 years.

Gregory is a master of both traditional and contemporary sculpture. Born and raised in Chicago, he began his early training at the Art Institute of Chicago. After studying sculpture, painting and art history for six years and spending a summer touring art museums through an International Studies Program, he graduated from Illinois State University with



The Peering Panther.

a Masters of Science in Art. In 1981 he moved to the Southeast, where his sculpture can be found in many public art collections in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. Other works can be found in museums, and corporate and private collections throughout the United States, Europe, Costa Rica and the Middle East.

His *Peering Panther*, found near the Water Garden, was sculpted in 2011 and was donated by The Garden Group at Ocean Reef and Ike and Carol Belk. Slow down as you approach the Water Garden on Anchor Drive and you'll see this magnificent symbol of the Florida wilderness. To truly appreciate the power of this piece, turn left off Gate House Road behind the Water Garden in your golf cart and stop on the path to get up close and personal.

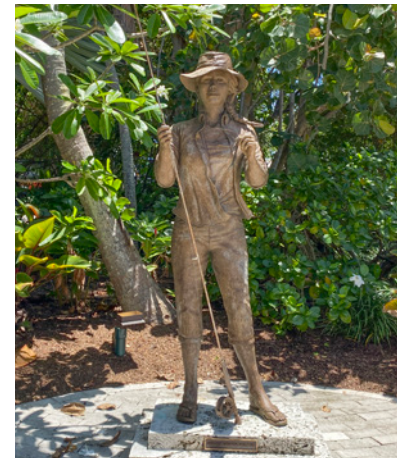
The *Sandhill Cranes in Repose* welcome you to the Art League building. The work was sculpted in 2010 and donated by Irwin



Sandhill Cranes in Repose.

and Carol Belk. You can almost imagine the sound of their loud, rattling bugle calls.

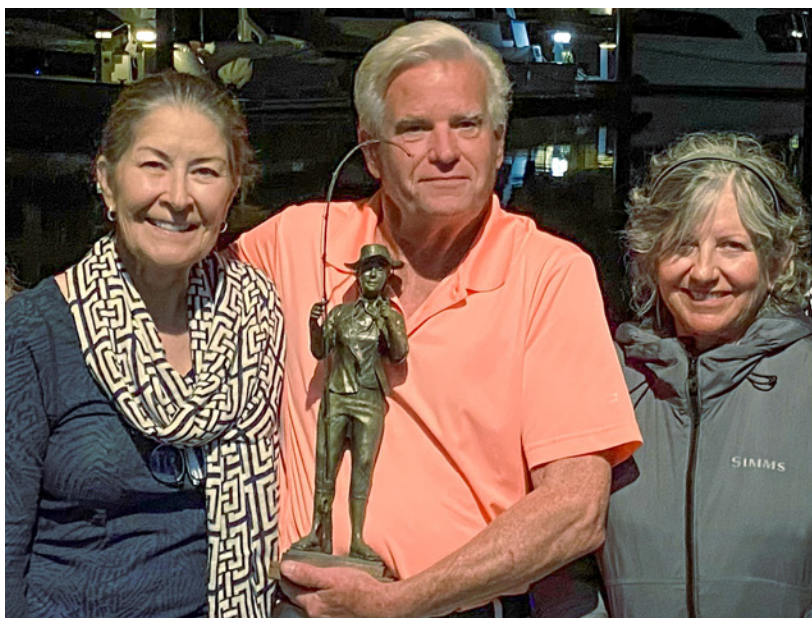
The *Lady Angler* bronze as she is known, was dedicated by the Bonefish Bonnies and Friends in 2018. Invited by ORCA to sponsor a bronze statue for the community, then President **Mona Brewer** who was encouraged by the support of anonymous donors, led the Bonnies to raise the money necessary to commission the statue. The plaque reads, Honoring Women Anglers In the Spirit of



Lady Angler.

Pioneering Keys Fishing Guide "Bonefish Bonnie" Smith. There is a bench on the small plaza where she stands that is perfect for a brief stop to contemplate that perfect cast.

Three years later the Bonnies were offered the opportunity to purchase a smaller statue of the Lady Angler known as "Spirit of Bonefish Bonnie" and to spend a delightful evening with Gregory Johnson. Ten Bonnies now have the statue in their private collections.



Past Bonefish Bonnies Presidents Mary Bloom and Mona Brewer at an evening with Gregory Johnson.

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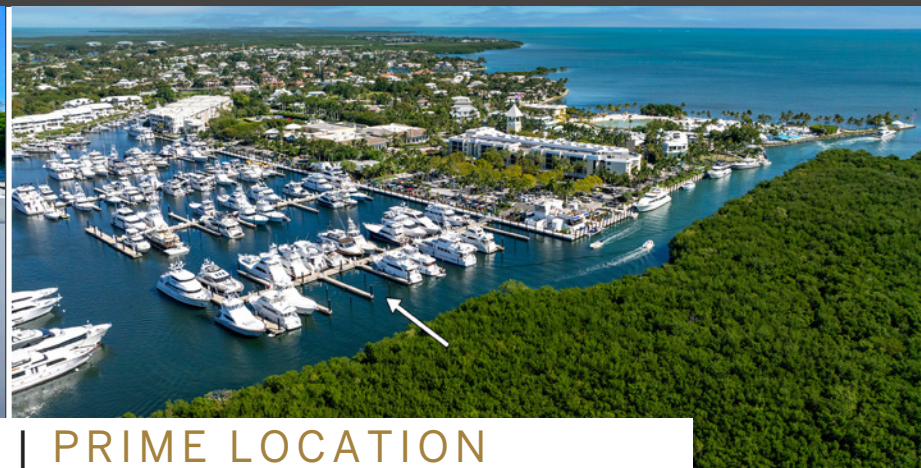


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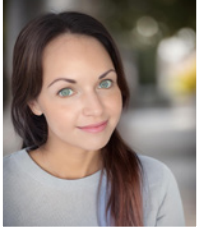
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"Spa Notes"  
by Jillian  
Barron, The  
Spa Director

It is already starting to feel like summer, and that means that everyone needs to be even more diligent about proper sun care! Anyone who knows me, or reads these articles, knows I am sunscreen obsessed, and am always looking for the best of the best in the SPF world. Colorescience is a brand that I used back in my dermatology working days, and they have since expanded even more, and have some amazing sun care products that will fit in so well with everyone's Ocean

Reef lifestyle. Colorescience is a leading skincare brand renowned for its commitment to combining advanced sun protection with cosmetic elegance. Specializing in mineral-based formulations, the company offers products that not only shield the skin from harmful UV rays but also enhance your appearance and health. They also have tinted sunscreens that are easily adaptable to your skin tone, and they work to give you a great, healthy glow, protection, and light coverage.

I am very passionate about teaching people the difference between chemical and physical sunscreens, so the fact that these are all mineral sunscreens that don't have harsh chemicals makes me so happy and provides great protection from harmful UV rays! The main ingredients in these sunscreens are zinc oxide and titanium dioxide, which are favored for their ability to sit on the skin's surface, reflecting UV rays without being absorbed. This approach not only provides immediate protection but also reduces the risk of irritation,

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My personal favorites are the Colorescience Flex Tinted sunscreen or the Glow Sunscreen. Both have a tint to them, and the Flex I use every single day under my makeup, and the Glow

I use when I do not want to wear makeup. Beyond sun protection, Colorescience emphasizes the importance of overall skin health. The brand's products are formulated with ingredients that not only protect but also nourish the skin. Antioxidants, hydrating agents, and soothing compounds are integrated into various formulations to address concerns like dryness, redness, and signs of aging.

Stop by The Spa to check out our new Colorescience line!

## UPCOMING SPA EVENTS

All trunk shows are from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

- **Friday, May 9**
  - MLO Jewelry Trunk Show at The Spa
  - Zoe's Empire Trunk Show at the Spa Boutique in the Fishing Village
- **Saturday, May 10** – Zoe's Empire Trunk Show at The Spa
- **Thursday, May 22** – Finicky Filly Trunk Show at The Spa
- **Friday, May 23** – Finicky Filly Trunk Show at The Spa

## OUT & ABOUT



Nick Platner wanted to share the efforts of some of Ocean Reef's youngest Members who have taken much pride in the community and were more than happy to do their part, contributing to one of the best places in the world. Aurora and Calvin Platner, eight-year-old daughter and six-year-old son of Nick Platner, went looking for loose trash on The Reef to celebrate Earth Day. Pictured is what they found with their eagle eyes around their neighborhood in the Hammock area.



Two fun pictures that show the spirit and tradition of ORC...

A father-daughter walk through the Marina with Barry Mellor and daughter McKenzie. Barry Mellor getting his golf cart driving license and Reed Mellor passing his test for his driving permit with the wonderful officer from Ocean Reef Public Safety. A rite of passage at ORC! -Mary Ellen Smith



# Chef Betania's Kitchen

## Pesto Potato Salad

**Serves Six to Eight**

**Pesto Yield: One Cup**



by Betania Salles,  
Carysfort  
Kitchen Chef  
de Cuisine

You still can find beautiful spring veggies at Wynn's, so take advantage and try this amazing Potato Salad. You can also substitute the beans for asparagus if you like; it would taste amazing as well.

### Ingredients for Pesto:

- 2 1/2 – 3 cups basil leaves (preferably small leaves)
- 1 garlic clove, smashed and roughly chopped
- 3 tbsp. pine nuts
- 1/2 cup olive oil, divided, plus more as needed



- 6 tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese
- 2 tbsp. grated pecorino cheese
- pinch of fine sea salt

### Pesto Directions:

- Before you begin: Freeze the bowl and blade of your food processor (or blender) for 30 minutes. Refrigerate the olive oil for 30 minutes. This will prevent the basil from oxidizing.
- Add the garlic, pine nuts and 2 tbsp. of oil to the food processor. Pulse a few times until minced. Scrape down the sides of the bowl.
- Add the basil leaves and another 2 tbsp. of oil. Pulse until finely chopped. Add the cheeses.

- With the machine running, slowly stream in the rest of the olive oil and blend until creamy. Scrape the pesto into a bowl.
- Taste, and adjust seasoning with salt, if needed. Stir in more olive oil to loosen the texture, if needed. It shouldn't be too thick.

### Ingredients for Salad:

- 2 tbsp. pine nuts
- 3 lbs. baby or fingerling potatoes, halved
- coarse sea salt (like Maldon)
- 8 oz. haricot verts, trimmed
- 8 oz. sugar snap peas, trimmed
- 2 tbsp. pecorino or Parmigiano Reggiano, freshly grated
- 1 cup fresh basil leaves

### Salad Directions:

- In a small skillet, toast the pine nuts over medium heat until golden brown, three to four minutes. Transfer to a plate to cool.
- In a medium saucepan, cover the potatoes with cold water and place over high heat.

- Season generously with salt. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to a simmer and cook until potatoes are tender, about 20 minutes. Drain and cool.
- Meanwhile, bring a large pot of heavily salted water to boil. Season with 1 tbsp. of salt per quart of water. Prepare a large bowl with ice water. Add the green beans to the boiling water and blanch for two minutes or until bright green and crunchy.
- Using a slotted spoon, transfer the beans to the ice water to stop them from cooking further. Add the snap peas to the pot and blanch for one minute, or until bright green and crunchy. Transfer to the ice water to cool. Drain the beans and peas.
- In a large salad bowl, toss the potatoes, green beans, and sugar snap peas with 3/4 cup of the pesto and season with a pinch of salt. Garnish with the pine nuts and cheese, and basil leaves. Place the remaining pesto on top of the salad.

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## OFF THE REEF AT THE DERBY



**Top Left:** Patty and Bob Ethington at The Oaks, the Derby's Friday event.

**Top Right:** The Ethington family's annual Kentucky Derby tradition.

**Bottom Left:** A playful horse at the Kentucky Derby mistook Veronica Broton's hat for a midday snack!

**Bottom Right:** Martha and Larry Johnston viewing the winner's trophy at the 151st Kentucky Derby.

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**19 Halfway Rd.** | Golf Course  
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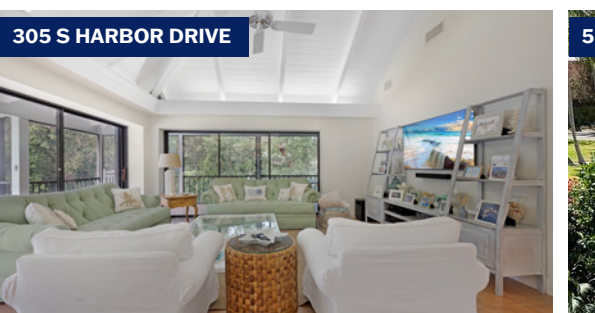
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# SPORTS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

## Tennis & Games Center Summer Camp Lineup



by Hannah  
Fleckenstein,  
Head Tennis  
Professional

As summer approaches, the Ocean Reef Tennis & Games Center is once again the hub for racquet sports excitement, offering a full slate of adult and youth tennis and pickleball camps. Whether you're a seasoned competitor or a curious beginner, this summer's programs offer something for everyone in a vibrant, inclusive atmosphere.

### Camps for Adults

Start your summer off right with the popular **Moms Only Tennis Camp**, running June 23–27, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This week-long program is tailored for moms looking to recharge, reconnect, and refine their skills in a supportive environment with expert instruction and plenty of fun.

For those drawn to the fast-growing sport of pickleball, the **Adult Pickleball Camp** will



The End-of-Season Round Robin was a great way to end the season at the Tennis & Games Center!

be offered June 30–July 4 and again July 21–25. Each session runs Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., and includes skill development, match play, and strategy tailored to various levels.

Rounding out the adult offerings is the **Adult Tennis Camp**, scheduled for July 7–11, also from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. This intensive program caters to all levels, blending technique, tactics, and camaraderie for a fulfilling week of tennis.

### Camps for Kids

Younger players can kick off their summer with the **QuickStart Tennis Camp** for ages 5–10, running June 23–27, June 30–July 4, July 14–18, and July 21–25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. With age-appropriate equipment and engaging activities, this camp emphasizes

fundamentals, coordination, and fun.

**Kids Pickleball Camp**, for ages 5–10, offered July 7–11 and July 14–18, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Young players will enjoy skill-building drills, fun match play, and social interaction, guided by Ocean Reef's professional instructors.

For older youth, the **Tween Tennis Camp** (ages 8–12) runs July 7–11 and July 21–25, from

1:30–4:30 p.m., focusing on skill development, games, and mini-tournaments.

Competitive juniors can elevate their training at the **Tournament Tough Tennis Camp** (ages 8–17), offered June 30–July 4 and July 14–18, from 1:30–4:30 p.m., featuring high-intensity drills, match simulations, and advanced coaching.

The **Tween Pickleball Camp**, designed for players 8–12, will be held June 23–27, from 1:30–4:30 p.m., offering a welcoming environment to build skills, make friends, and grow a love for the game.

### TENNIS PRO SHOP MOTHER'S DAY SALE

Sunday, May 11

8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This Mother's Day, you can take mom out shopping and enjoy 25% off ladies' apparel and shoes at the Tennis Pro Shop!

### TENNIS & PICKLEBALL RESULTS

#### MEN'S NIGHT

Monday, April 28

1st Place: David Jackson

2nd Place: Richard Weinstein & Randy Furshman

3rd Place: Victor Benoit

#### US OPEN PICKLEBALL MEDAL RESULTS

April 26-May 3

- Nikki Voltz/Tony Repicky Silver Medal  
45-49 Open Skill Mixed Doubles
- Nikki Voltz/Donna Hedgepath Bronze Medal  
45-49 Open Skill Women's Doubles
- Chuck Hartz/Bob Switzer Silver Medal  
4.0 Skill/75+ Age Men's Doubles
- Chuck Hartz/Pat Key Silver Medal  
4.0 Skill/75+ Age Mixed Doubles
- Kerry Shannon/Craig Dewling Gold Medal  
3.5 Skill/55+ Age Mixed Doubles
- Bart & Sue Shulman Silver Medal  
3.5 Skill/60+ Age Mixed Doubles
- Kerry Shannon/Elaine Didario Silver Medal  
3.5 Skill/55+ Age Women's Doubles
- Rob & Bonny Gothier Silver Medal  
3.0 Skill/55+ Age Mixed Doubles

### TENNIS & GAMES CENTER SUMMER SCHEDULE

- **Pickleball Open Play**  
Monday-Saturday: 8:30-10 a.m.
- **Cardio Tennis Clinic**  
Daily: 9-10 a.m.  
Saturday & Sunday: 8-9 a.m.
- **Gameio Tennis Clinic**  
Daily: 10-11 a.m.
- **Pickleball Clinic**  
Intermediate-Advanced:  
Wednesday: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Beginner: Sunday: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Junior Tennis Clinic**  
Saturday: 11 a.m.-12 p.m.
- **Men's B Night Tennis League**  
Mondays: 5:30-7 p.m.



# Croquet

## Players of the Week



**Heather Campbell & Carol Blackburn**

These ladies were nominated for their fabulous work with the ORC Croquet community and for making it a wonderful season!



Get in on the action this summer! Featuring social gatherings, dolphin fishing and awards for top anglers.

**Register for any of the tournaments listed here:**

**Memorial Day Weekend**  
May 23 & 24

**Father's Day Weekend**  
June 13 & 14

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# Love at First Strike

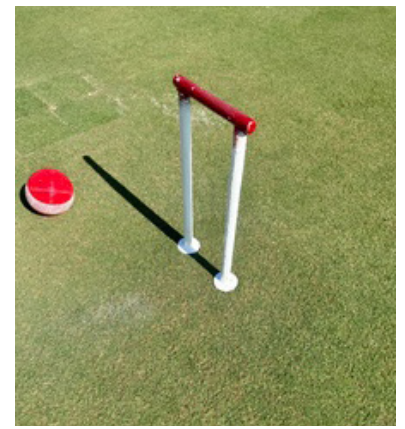


by Carol Blackburn,  
Croquet  
Committee  
Chair

With the season complete, we can take a break and touch up on some basic facts on the play of the game!

Now, with what we know from the previous edition, we're ready to play. It's our turn, that makes us the striker!

See the layout for the standard croquet court:



It is important to note that there are north, south, east, and west boundaries in croquet. This is helpful to know especially as it will always be the case regardless of the orientation of the court.

## Rule 2.2 Boundaries

**2.2.1-** The boundaries are known as the north, south, east and west boundaries, regardless of the geographical orientation of the court (see diagram).

The boundaries are to be clearly marked; the inner edge of the marking defines the

actual boundary. Now you know your orientation, no matter where you're standing!

## Summer Maintenance Schedule

Every summer, our courts must go through a major maintenance time, where it is necessary to close them for a

month at a time.

The Croquet courts will be closed:

- June 2 - June 29
- July 28 - August 27

Arrangements will be made for special events in between and holidays that fall in this time frame.

## OCEAN REEF YACHT CLUB

# It Was All Good!

With Commodore **Chip Hillyer** at the helm and **Jane Martin** delightfully on board, the Ocean Reef Yacht Club finished the season with a fabulous cruise to Palm Beach. Amazing activities filled the days and nights where all in attendance enjoyed exquisite dining, beautiful architecture, wonderful activities, and great

boating along with outstanding Yacht Club socializing.

The ORYC cruise kicked off with cocktails and dinner at The Ben Hotel near the marina after arriving by land or sea. The next day was a real Palm Beach experience as the adventurous and perfectly dressed group traveled to the Polo Club to view the "International Match". This "Sip & Stomp" event included Clubhouse seating and a sumptuous lunch. Following this marvelous day, the group traveled for a tour of the

Rybovich Boat Yard, builders of sportfishing boats since 1919. Later that evening, members celebrated another exciting day with cocktails and dinner at The Beach Club. The following afternoon, many attended a luncheon at the exquisite Mar-a-Lago. The finale event was an evening at The Sailfish Club, the oldest club in Palm Beach.

From beginning with a riverboat cruise on the Rhine River to a final cruise to Palm Beach and an array of "It's All Good!" activities in between,

Commodore Chip Hillyer's calendar was packed with on-the-water fun and new destinations. It was a grand season!

The ORYC is looking forward to another fantastic journey ahead with Commodore **Craig Wierda** and **Emilie Wierda** steering the ORYC. Next season's theme is "From Sea to Shining Sea" and it all kicks off in Bay Harbor and Mackinac Island in Northern Michigan in September.



Cindy Antolino, Delia Guarch and Jane Martin at the Polo Club for lunch and the International Match.



ORYC members enjoyed visiting the Michael Rybovich & Sons Boatyard during their annual end-of-season cruise.



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## RECENT CATCH



Spectacular black grouper caught and released on April 27 off ORC. Angler James Mackey landed and successfully released this 34-pounder which ate a goggleye. Captain Joe Robillard on "Right Here" with an assist from first mate Cal Jenkins. The fish's weight puts it in between the IGFA 20lb line-class world records for men and women! Photo credits to Calvin Jenkins.



After an hour and 45-minute fight, Griffin Elk caught a 447 lb Pumpkin Swordfish on Saturday, April 26 - on the 41 ft Valhalla, Done Deal- approximately 25 miles off of Ocean Reef, with his father, Scott Elk, Captain of the vessel and Captain James Mullen. The swordfish was brought back to the scales at MarineMax and weighed, and we were notified he broke the record for the ORC year to date. Pictured from left to right: Captain James Mullen, Griffin and Scott Elk.



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## ROD &amp; GUN CLUB

# Rod & Gun Celebrates a Successful Season, Quietly



by Christine Patton,  
Rod & Gun Club

Ocean Reef is a world of clubs: sporting clubs, golf and tennis and croquet, art clubs, reading clubs, questor groups and garden clubs — some have clubhouses, some have initiation fees, some have waiting lists and membership requirements. The Rod and Gun Club is a unique group — its members are active participants in fishing and hunting, and they are happy to share their common

interests, but don't need meetings or membership qualifications. The club has grown quietly over the years, with no clubhouse or annual meeting, but instead, their members have worked together to build an ever-improving shooting range, a world-class off-shore fishing fleet, and some of the most dedicated flats fishermen in the Keys.

Board President **Carmen Sferrazza** is focused on improving the value of membership, which to him means helping every member to enjoy the best in shooting and fishing with other like-minded enthusiasts. This year **Bud Copeland** and **Ignacio Borbolla**, Range co-chairs, have added wobble traps and handgun ranges. Next year will see added amenities at the Range — shade-protection on the handgun range, and an added berm to separate fields. Members have responded in droves, with almost 400 shooters blasting 1200 rounds

at the Range, or 30,000 clays broken! Next year, one of the top sporting clays instructors, Anthony Matarese Jr, will be available for lessons.

The club has brought gun specialists for a Gun Show at the Range, to demonstrate the best wares in both new arms and embellishment old weapons, and the show will be repeated next year, larger than ever. Outside our own range, this year the R&G introduced sporting clays trips to Markham Park, which were immediate hits. Next year will see more of these, but also a golf and sporting clays trip to one of the large sporting clays facilities, such as the South Florida Shooting Club, with a competition, golf, and clays. Organized by **Had Fuller**, Quail hunting trips to the Lightsey's Family Ranch were very popular and quickly filled up. Next year will see more of these, as well as possibly a dove hunting trip to Estancia las Palmas in Argentina.

In fishing, the Rod and Gun Club's **Ken Reda** runs fishing contests every month that are designed to highlight the fish in our local waters. Anyone can win with a good-sized grouper, wahoo, dolphin or snapper. Bigger quarry means bigger tournaments, where Rod and Gun members vie for Reef Cup glory. More sociable relations are cultivated at overnight fishing trips to the Everglades at Flamingo Lodge and next year, hopefully farther afield at Casa Vieja Lodge in Guatemala.

Some fishermen don't have to go far afield or band up in numbers to find the ideal fishing experience. Long-time Rod and Gun Club member **Russ Fisher** reports a spectacular year of going out just with his guide and chasing the elusive bonefish. This year, Russ caught 100 bonefish! He reports that the fishing is getting better every year, and the bones are not just more numerous, but also larger, and we all know that bigger is better...



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## COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

# Community Foundation Grant Boosts Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary



by Fiona Woods,  
Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary

April 24, 2025: The Ocean Reef Community Foundation awards Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 13-04 more than \$6,000 of funding towards boating safety initiatives.

We would like to thank the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and its donors for supporting our efforts to improve local boating safety and emergency preparedness. Other than dues from volunteer members, our Flotilla relies on community and individual support, and we are grateful for this significant contribution.

The grant enables us to continue to provide free boating safety classes and materials, to install a new Communications Facility supporting emergency networks, and to equip Surface Facilities (Flotilla vessels) with operational equipment.

The Ocean Reef Flotilla is



Michael Berman, Yurianna Mikolay, Janie Sims and Richard Weinstein present Flotilla Commander, Matt Pilon (center) a generous grant from the Ocean Reef Community Foundation.

expanding its ranks, with 15 new members since January, and we continue to recruit, train and enroll additional volunteers. Our unit is training new and tenured members in practical Coast Guard certifications to increase the variety, frequency and amplitude of our boating safety initiatives.

By November we anticipate having three Coast Guard certified member-owned vessels as Surface Facilities available for patrols. We are training boat crews and Coxswains for these at-sea operations. Close ties with the Coast Guard at Station Islamorada allows us to understand how best to provide relevant logistical support.

We have increased the number of public education instructors and classes, and class attendance locally and outside our gate is growing. New this year is a guest presenter program focusing on topics of maritime interest for the

entire Ocean Reef community.

We are training additional Vessel Examiners to augment the number of private boats inspected locally as well as initiating safety checks at rental boat fleets within Ocean Reef and the Upper Keys.

A new radio communications facility at Ocean Reef is being planned, to relay and enhance

emergency communications within our area of responsibility.

The Ocean Reef Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla was founded in 1972 and has actively served our community and neighbors for more than 50 years. We are proud of our long-serving members who have sustained the Flotilla for decades, and of our newly enrolled volunteers who bring energy and commitment to the U.S. Coast Guard. We are enthusiastic about our ability to develop substantive initiatives that will improve boating safety in one of the world's great waterways surrounding Ocean Reef. With their generous donation, the Ocean Reef Community Foundation is supporting this vital mission.

For information on any of our programs or joining the Ocean Reef Auxiliary please contact Flotilla Commander, **Matt Pilon** at [cgauxiliary1304@gmail.com](mailto:cgauxiliary1304@gmail.com).



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# An Interview With Steve Levin

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Member of the Season



"Fitness Focus"  
by Luis  
Bracamonte,  
Director of  
Fitness &  
Wellness

**Steve Levin** is our Member of the Season for Swimming. He regularly attends the ORC Swim Club sessions with Coach Jon Olsen and participates in numerous gym classes, such as "Sweat" and "Cycle Strength." Steve is thoughtful and cheerful, making him an MFC favorite among Members and associates. We asked Steve to tell us about his love for swimming and fitness.



Steve Levin, Swimming Member of the Season.

**Tell us about your fitness history. What sports did you play growing up, and when did you start swimming?**

My heroes as a kid were Johnny Weissmuller swimming faster than crocs as "Tarzan", Lloyd Bridges in "Sea Hunt", Jacques Cousteau, and Mark Spitz—a bit of a water theme there. Lucky for me, the town pool was less

than a block away. There, I could feel my talent and challenge my friends who were great at baseball and hoops. The end of summer pool celebration was the release of hundreds of goldfish we dove to catch and take home for the winter. When I got to high school, I joined the swim team and swam freestyle distance and butterfly. The workouts were grueling, and there was a sense of camaraderie as everyone went through the toughness together. As a competitive swimmer, you learn to exercise alone. You're on a team, but it's all you when you're in the water. In college and law school, I became a runner, doing 6-8 miles a day, and kept that up for decades until my knees dictated that I head back to the pool. I attribute my success as a runner to endurance gained in my younger years in the pool.

**What is your current fitness routine?**

I love the fitness opportunities at ORC. I swim in the ORC Swim program, coached by 4-time gold medalist Jon Olsen, twice a week. The workouts include stroke drills, HIIT interval training, and endurance swims. Jon powers the workouts by blasting Phish and The Grateful Dead. I enjoy the core group of swimmers, **Susanne Kramer** and **Bill Salisbury**. We push each other to swim better each time. I combine the "Sweat" class with "Cycle Strength" when I don't swim. Both classes have a positive impact on my swimming and overall fitness.

**Tell us more about the role that swimming plays in your life, health, and fitness, and any swimming events you have participated in or are considering participating in.**

Swimming plays many roles in my life. It provides a place to exercise without joint trauma, peaceful meditation, a place to solve problems quietly, or respite from them. I enjoy meeting fellow swimmers at the Fitness Pool and getting their life swimming stories. I've met brand new swimmers to D1 College athletes, and it's enjoyable to find their connection to swimming.

Swimming provides a path back to youth and vitality, which I've loved since childhood. And it connects to the earth, marine life, and the ocean. I've been a scuba diver for over 50 years, and keeping fit in the water is essential for safe diving.

**What message do you have for fellow Members considering swimming as a fitness activity?**

If you're looking for an exercise that will strengthen your cardiovascular health with minimal trauma and much joy, get in the pool. Do not be intimidated about showing up to be coached by Jon Olsen; even if you've never swum, he will help get you comfortable in the water.

**Anything else that you would like to add:**

Yes, definitely! Watching the sport of swimming is incredibly exciting. The last Olympics were spellbinding, called by the great Rowdy Gaines and our own **Mike Tirico**. If you haven't yet watched competitive swimming, I recommend you take 3 minutes and watch on YouTube the greatest swimming relay of all time: the 2008 Beijing Olympics 4 x 100 Men's Freestyle Relay. The French team, anchored by Alain "The Horse" Bernard, famously said: "The Americans? We will smash them." Michael Phelps led off for us. I leave it to you to watch the Great Race. I get chills thinking about it.

If you'd like more information on our swimming program at the Member Fitness Center, or any of our class or training offerings, contact the MFC Front Desk at 305-367-5820.

## MEMBER FITNESS CENTER SUMMER HOURS

Starting **Monday, May 26**, the Member Fitness Center will be changing its hours of operation for the summer. See below.

- **Monday-Friday:** 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
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View this week's hours of operation on page 33.



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## Golfing Over the Summer



"From the Gold Tees"  
by Ben Claus,  
Director of  
Golf

### Ladies' South Florida Interclub

All participants during the South Florida Ladies Interclub event brought their A-Game to Ocean Reef Club. There were six teams during the contest that were 10 Under-Par or better, great playing ladies! During the round all 80 participants competed in a 1 Best Ball of the Foursome, Net tournament. Once all scores were turned in there was a three-way tie for second place. All three teams that turned in the score of 59 played some fantastic golf.

The tie was broken by scorecard playoff, the winner of the scorecard playoff, and team

taking home the 2nd Place Prize is the foursome of **Judy Williams**, Cheryl Rothman, **Leslie Minsch**, and Eileen Alvo! The 1st Place team from the tournament was able to turn in a score of 57, thanks to an impressive back-nine (27). Congratulations to the team of **Barbara Pearson**, Ayten Ault, Viera Kovac, and Eloise Carroll for their phenomenal golf, and for winning 1st Place.

### Off Season Reminders

With many of our golfing members traveling north or west for the summer, we want to thank you for your continued support of the Golf Team. We hope this season was filled with many birdies, eagles, and potentially a hole-in-one! The Golf Shop is committed to bring more enjoyment and memories in 2025-26 as we look to prepare for another packed calendar of events!

If you ever have any questions in relation to Golf, please feel free to give us a call at 305-367-5912!

As we head into the off season,

we wanted to remind everybody of the booking restrictions of the member tee sheet during the summer!

- All members can book tee times 30 days in advance
- All unescorted guests can book tee times 48 hours in advance

With the off season, comes more importance to care for the golf course! Please remember to pick up your tees after teeing off, fill your divots, rake your foot prints in the bunker, and fix your pitch marks on the putting green! Always ensure you're leaving the course in better shape than you found it.

### Follow Us on Instagram

The Golf Shop is on Instagram! Feel free to follow us [@ORC\\_Golf](#). From there, you will find updates on tournament results, golf shop news, and much more. Follow us to keep up-to-date with all things Ocean Reef golf even over the summer!

### Golf Shop Hours of Operation

Starting **Monday, May 16**, the Golf Shop will be changing its hours of operation for the summer to the following:

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### IN MEMORY OF LINDA WESTERVELT & BERNICE KLEYSEN

In 1976, the golf group now known as The Niners was formed by ladies who wished to have a small group which promoted golf and camaraderie... Luncheons and meetings were held in the first Niners' clubhouse - Morris Baker's converted residence on Country Club Road. In 1984, the Niners voted to separate from the LGA and become its own unique group. Prior to this, around 1984, Ocean Reef Club renovated a small unused building and gave it to the Niners. We assume that Russell Post was instrumental in this effort, as his mother was one of the original members. Quoting Marjorie Gere, one of the early leaders of the Niners, "Our type of group is difficult to start. But

will continue year after year. We are all warm friends, we try to play good golf and we enjoy the simple organization that holds us together."



These orchids were planted as a physical reminder of Bernice Kleysen who was a Niner since 2006 and Linda Westervelt who was a Niner since 2014. Both of these ladies embodied the essence of the Niners with their sweet spirits and friendliness and laughter. They will be missed not only by their peers and other Niners, but by the golf staff who had the pleasure of knowing and working alongside them.

### GOLF SCOREBOARD

#### LADIES' SOUTH FLORIDA INTERCLUB

Thursday, April 24

**1st Place:** Barbara Pearson, Ayten Ault, Viera Kovac, Eloise Carroll

**2nd Place:** Judy Williams, Cheryl Rothman, Leslie Minsch, Eileen Alvo

**3rd Place:** Debbie Kramer, Staci Berry, Gabriela Gutierrez, Claudia Zedan

**4th Place:** Maria Wardwell, Liz Pappas, Josie Sussmane, Dale Sanders

**5th Place:** Mercedes Avino, Monica Correll, Marylou Krause, Dede Sloto

**6th Place:** Tricia Hew Chen, Sue Solesbury, Willie Siert, Brenda Sport

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## Summer Golf Course Maintenance

The regular summer course maintenance began **Monday, May 5**, and the Golf Course Maintenance Team will be working hard to prepare the courses to be in the best possible condition come season. Throughout the summer months, each course will close twice for summer maintenance to help produce these immaculate

conditions we enjoy all season. As of **October 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**  
May 5 – June 15  
July 28 – September 7
- **Hammock Course Closed**  
June 16 – July 27  
September 8 – October 19
- **All Facilities Open**  
October 19

## Summer at the Card & Games Room



by Gregg Van Dyke,  
Bridge Director

Hi Card and Gamers,

As you may know, I am sad to say my time is ending here at ORC. It has been a great 12-year run. Considering how we started, we can look at how far we have

come. That is due to your support and participation, as well as my guidance. There will be guest stars coming in for the meantime.

I plan to continue to run duplicate games as long as we have attendance.

### BRIDGE TIP:

#### Disposition of a Mis-Bid

A player may not change their mind after bidding. Since we use bidding boxes, it has become proper to allow a bid to be corrected if it was a mechanical error. If you pulled a bidding card from the box that you did not intend to pull, you may replace it as long as your partner has not taken action.

### BRIDGE RESULTS

#### MONDAY, APRIL 28

**1st Place:** Martha Kavanaugh - Pat Richwagon  
**2nd Place:** Pam Harding - Jay Beatty

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

##### North-South

**1st Place:** Rosemary Jones - Joanne Wills  
**2nd Place:** Mary Zwirn - Mel Zwirn

##### East-West

**1st Place:** Beverly Platner - Brian Platner  
**2nd Place:** Pat Henry - Rosalie Svete

#### FRIDAY, MAY 2

**1st Place:** Pat Henry - Rosalie Svete  
**2nd Place:** Gail Yoh - Deborah Nutt



## CARD SOUND MODEL YACHT CLUB

# Model Yachting Season Wraps Up on the Pond



by Windsor D. Coffin,  
CSMYC  
Commodore

It is amazing how quickly the winter season flies by. April 27 marked the final racing Sunday of the Card Sound Model Yacht Club season. There have been times in the past when we have had to cancel the final scheduled Sunday of April, but not this season. We had more than enough sailors and their EC12 model yachts to race one last time this season on the Pond and our end-of-season luncheon.

Conditions on the Pond were perfect for racing. Easterly breezes and high tide near the start of racing meant that we were able to race seven times before having lunch. Winning the day was 2025 Season Champion **Joe Robillard**, who won five of the seven races. Exceptional way to finish the season for an exceptional sailor. In second place for the day was yours truly, **Windsor Coffin**. While I would have loved to have taken a few more of those wins



Joe Robillard, excited for one more day of racing to end the season. Photo by Erin Coffin.

from Joe, I did win the two races that he did not win, including the opening race of the day. So, I am content with going into the off-season with the results. Finally, in third place for the day was **Phil Jenkins**, who continues to improve and will undoubtedly be in the mix for race wins next season.

In reflecting on the season, there is quite a bit to be excited about for next season. While I expect that the top three sailors over the course of the season, Joe Robillard, myself, and **Al Mast**, will continue to trade race wins, I am confident that we will have some company. Beyond the previously mentioned Phil Jenkins, **Jim Seale**, after a run of bad luck with boat problems early in the season, showed that when his boat is working properly that he can knock any one or all of the

top three down a few places. **Erin Coffin** always shows that she can be up in the top three as well. We saw more of Jim's brother **Bill Seale** this season, and hope to see more of him next season. Also, we hope to see more of **Ralph Marrinson** and **Charlie DeLuca** racing next season, too. But the fact is, there are quite a few other EC12s and their sailors at Ocean Reef who we only see from time to time, so we hope to see more of them as well. I would love to get back to the heyday of the CSMYC when so many sailors showed up that the fleet would

need to be split in two. I can tell you that there were a few days this season that we were close!

In closing, I would be remiss if I did not, once again, thank our race management team. Without them, racing would be a bit more difficult. Thanks to **Alzbetka Robillard**, **Jill Jenkins**, Erin Coffin, and **Lynne Mast**. Thanks as well to all the spectators who come to watch our racing like **Biff** and Mary Robillard, and **Bill Seale, Sr.** Some of whom, like **Bill** and **Sally Reynolds**, fill in with race management and end-of-day buoy retrieval.

So, with this season in the books, we look forward to an amazing summer and a return to the waters of the Pond late in the fall. From all of us at the CSMYC, we wish you all a happy and healthy summer. In the meantime, if you have an interest in sailing with the Card Sound Model Yacht Club and would like more information about our East Coast 12 Meter model yachts and our club, please contact me, Windsor Coffin, at [csmyc12@gmail.com](mailto:csmyc12@gmail.com). Racing on the Pond returns in December.

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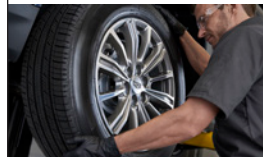

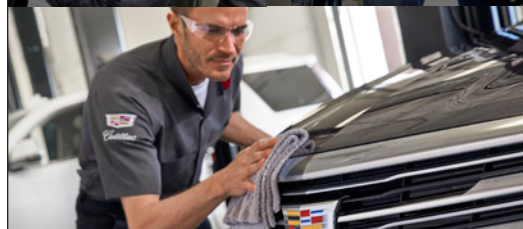


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