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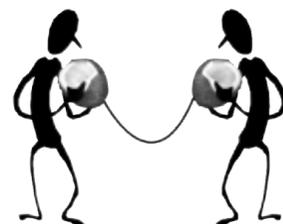
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## Entertainer of the Month Grateful Ted



By Rachel R. Peine/ Photo by Rich Peine

It's Wednesday night at Sharkey's on the canal, and Ted has a lot to be grateful for. He's connected to his two passions - music and the water. A guy at the next table calls out, "Know You Rider!" The three other guys yell, "Yeah!!!" Ted has a big grin as he starts playing. "Know you rider, gonna miss me when I'm gone..." Lots of people are singing along, including us. It's one of our favorites.

Then he does "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald", a Gordon Lightfoot song about a shipwreck on Lake Superior. When I asked Ted who his favorite songwriters are, he didn't mention Lightfoot. So I asked him why he did that song so often. "Because it's a maritime disaster song." (You'd think I could have figured that out, wouldn't you?) He grew up near the ocean in New Jersey, loves to sail, and has worked on lobster boats, longline boats and sailboats. He wouldn't be happy without the music or the water.

Ted picked up the guitar when he was 17, after a start playing harmonica and singing in a band. He loves percussion

and has a collection of hand drums. He counts Bob Dylan and The Band among his major influences, and his favorite bands are The Dead, The Band, and Little Feat.

Ted started his musical career in Key Largo a zillion years ago, and someone tagged him "Grateful Ted" after hearing his repertoire. His favorite Dead song changes from time to time, but right now it's "Looks Like Rain". According to Steve Harris, bartender at the Marriott, "It's always a pleasure to host Ted on Mondays. He plays some of the island songs that visitors expect to hear, but he also plays less-known tracks, and folk songs that are so old nobody knows who wrote them, reminding us how big the world of music really is. And Ted stands in front of us without the aid of an imaginary band, picking baselines that give the rhythms character and back up the songs' narratives."

You can hear Ted at the Marriott on Monday night, Sharkey's on Wednesday and Saturday nights, the Pilot House on Friday night, and the Island Grille on Sunday from 2 to 6.

## Men's Guide to Dating in the Keys

All women in the Keys want one thing and one thing only...Dental Insurance.

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If her nick name is Crackhead Cathy, Cocaine Jane or Pill Popping Patty it will be an interesting evening.

How do you know when a girl from the Keys has an orgasm? She drops her beer.

How do you get a full set of teeth? Leave the bar with 5 girls.

Call her a whore and that

she'll be, but remember when you're horny - she ain't free.

Bring 2 brown paper bags, one for her head and one for yours in case hers breaks.

Run if a girl you never met walks up and asks you " Did I leave my teeth at your house last night?"

Does she smell like she just cleaned a mess of fish?

Does she have a high tolerance for alcohol and expensive taste?

You pick up the most beautiful girl in the bar and when you get her home you

discover she has an extra package.....

She yells out "Hey Beertender, bring me a bar!" Go to Tropical Optical and get an eye examination.



*Editors note: This was requested by Michelle at the Fish House*

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