

Open Cat National Championships



Dave White of Key Largo dominated the Hobie Wave Class, one of the largest classes in the regat

Hundreds of catamaran sailors from all over the North America and Europe converged on Islamorada and the Florida Keys for the NAMSA (North American Multihull Sailing Assn) North Americans & Tradewinds Midwinter Open Catamaran National Championships on January 19-20. The event was hosted by Founders Park Watersports with the boats launching off the beach at Founders Park.

The winds were awesome for catamaran sailing on Saturday, with steady winds of around 20 mph with a 2-foot chop. These lightweight, powerful boats were flat flying around the course marks. Some were able to complete the 5-mile triangular course in less than 30 minutes. Four races were sailed on Saturday.

Wind increased tremendously on Sunday, however. The Race Committee was reading winds of 30 mph and gusty. Not many of the sailors objected when officials called off racing for the day and began the awards party.

Two Keys sailors fared well in the event - Dave White of Key Largo totally dominated the Hobie Wave Class with three first place finishes and a second place. White sails with the Upper Keys Sailing Club's Wave Fleet, where they sail every Thursday and Sunday. So, he gets a lot of practice..., and it showed.

Dennis Green had lots of problems - ripping two mainsails. But, because of the carnage suffered by the rest of the fleet, he still managed to slip into 3rd place. Green operates the Beach and Sailing Concession at the Islander Resort in Islamorada.

South Florida sailors, Michael Siau and Sierra Manno from Miami, took second place in the Hobie 16 Class, the largest class of the 70-boat regatta. Miamian Mike Powers won 3rd place in the Hobie Wave Class - his first time ever to sail this design.

Sponsoring the event was OnLineMarineStore.com, Founders Park Watersports, Catamaran Sailor Magazine, SailingSeminars.com, Calvert Sails and Zhik Sailing Gear.

Next year the event will be scheduled for the Martin Luther King Weekend in January 2009. For information contact Mary Wells 305-451-3287 or mary@catsailor.com

Events in the Keys

...Continued from page 18

Show and Quilt Sale. Lunch, gourmet coffee and tea are available. 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. \$6. San Pedro Catholic Church fellowship hall, MM 89 bayside, Tavernier. Please call Mary Ellen at 305-451-3777 for more information.

FESTIVALS & BENEFITS:

Saturday, February 2 - Sunday, February 3 - Florida Keys Art Guild Outdoor Art Festival. Lorelei Restaurant Field, MM 81 Overseas Hwy., Islamorada. 664-3571.

Sunday, February 3 - "Terry Cassidy's Pickin' Party." Music, food, drinks and raffles to benefit Habitat for Humanity. Noon to 6 p.m. Habitat Grounds, MM 30.5 Big Pine Key. 872-4456.

Thursday, February 7 - Sunday, February 10 - Friends of Fort Taylor present Civil War Days 2008. Living history demonstrations, battle reenactments, Duval St. parade, candle light tour of Fort Taylor. Ft. Zachary Taylor State Park, entrance at Southard & Thomas Streets, Key West. 292-6850.

Saturday, February 9 -10th - 14th Annual Pigeon Key Art Festival. Juried outdoor art show. Free parking and shuttle service, kid's corner, free tee-shirt drawings, art raffle. \$7 adults/\$3 students/children free. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Marathon Community Park, MM 58.5 Overseas Hwy. Marathon. 289-9555.

Monday, February 11 - The Key West Players present 3rd Annual Masquerade Ball fun, food and frivolity. \$150. 7 p.m. Home & garden of Stephen Selka. 744 Windsor Lane. Key West. www.waterfrontplayhouse.com.

Thursday, February 14 - Sunday, February 17 - Big Pine Key Rotary is hosting the first Annual Monroe County Communities Carnival 11 a.m. - 11 p.m. Battle of the bands with continual music, art, and more. Advance sale discount ride tickets available. For more info contact

Linda Akers 256 452-1811, or e-mail lakersbusinessmedia@yahoo.com.

Saturday, February 16 - Sunday, February 17 - Florida Keys Art Guild Outdoor Art Festival. Waldorf Plaza, MM 100 Overseas Hwy., Key Largo. 664-3571.

Monday, February 18 - Gordon Ross performance benefiting Habitat for Humanity. \$50/\$35. 8 p.m. Casa Marina Resort, 1500 Reynolds Ave. Key West. 872-4456 reservations/684-1308 info.

Friday, February 22 - Sculpture Key West presents Artist's Sail. 5-7 p.m. View the sculpture exhibit by sea with participating artists aboard the Liberty Clipper. For reservations call 292-0332. Sculpturekeywest.com.

Sunday, February 24 - April 19 - Sculpture Key West. Exhibition Two of this contemporary outdoor sculpture exhibit opens. Free entry to the park during reception 3-6 p.m. Fort Zachary Taylor State Park, Entrance at Thomas and Southard Streets. 295-3800. sculpturekeywest.com.

Saturday, February 23 - Sunday, February 24 - Key West Art Center presents 43rd Annual Old Island Days Art Festival. A juried fine-art show with exhibitors from across USA and Canada. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Whitehead and Caroline Streets, Key West. 294-1243. keywestartcenter.com.

Saturday, February 23 - Sunday, February 24 - Upper Keys Rotary Nautical Flea Market / Purple Isles Art Guild Big Tent Gallery. Founders Park, MM 87, bayside, Plantation Key. 853-1685.

Thursday, February 28 - "An Evening of Noel Coward." Words by David Garrard Lowe. Music by Bobby Nesbitt. Champagne reception. A benefit for the Friends of the Key West Library. \$100. Available only through the Tropic. 8 p.m. Tropic Cinema, 416 Eaton St., Key West. tropicCinema.com.

Business in the Keys

ONE, TWO, THREE, & FOUR Color Printing
...WITH FULL DESIGN CAPABILITIES.

The PRINT SHOP
Friendly Full Service Printing

82905 Overseas Highway Islamorada, Florida 33036
(305) 664-8094
Fax: (305) 664-9249
Email: printme@terranova.net

- Creative Design Team
- Logo Designs
- Bus Card/Letterhead/Env
- Custom Photo Bus Cards
- Rack Cards & Post Cards
- Ads & Posters
- Flyers & Brochures
- All Invitations
- Newsletters
- Restaurant Menus
- BW & Color Copies
- Business Forms
- Rate Sheets
- Resumes
- Booklets
- Labels & Stamps
- Laminating
- Fax Service
- Paper
- Much More...

M.D. Custom Cycles, Inc.
Certified Harley Davidson Technician

Harley Davidson Rentals

(305) 451-3606

102670 Overseas Hwy. • Bayside Key Largo, FL 33037 • email: mdcycles@bellsouth.net

Gas or Diesel Fuel
All Makes & Models
Inboards, Stern Drives, Outboards
Running Gear

Injection Specialist
Repowering
Mechanical
Electrical

DOCKSIDE SERVICES
Complete Marine Repair & Sales
Travelift Facilities

P.O. Box 1183
Tavernier, FL 33070

LOUIS A. ABRAMO
(305) 852-4689

Edith & John Pearce
Fine Upholstery & Woodwork
Boat & Home

Pillows, Cushions
Custom Sheets
Slip Covers
Alterations
Window Treatments

Kitchens
Doors, Floors
Antique Refurbish
Crown Molding
anything with Wood

305-451-9603
Cell: (J) 305-304-6417 Cell: (E) 305-304-6072

Clear View Window Cleaning

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR
PRESSURE WASHING AVAILABLE

Page Prunty
305-304-8386

Licensed 29240 & Insured

"When just showing up isn't enough"

OASIS ELECTRIC SOLUTIONS

Residential & Commercial
Electrical Contractor

BRIAN HIETER
Cell: 305.522.4314
Tel: 305.451.2800
Fax: 305.451.2888

Ocean Reef to Marathon
Insured & Licensed ER 19013717

GRAPHIC DESIGN
PRE-PRESS SPECIALIST
Brochures • Rack Cards
Camera Ready Art • Logos

SUE BEAL
305.451.4601
FAX: 305.451.3165
beal_s@bellsouth.net

ISLAND INFORMATION SERVICES
219 SECOND STREET • KEY LARGO, FLORIDA 33037

REMEDY'S HEALTH FOOD & SUPPLEMENTS
"Quality is a Natural Ingredient"

100670 Overseas Hwy. Key Largo, FL 33037
(305) 451-2160
www.remedyskeylargo.com

WANTED DEAD OR ALIVE
CARS • TRUCK • VANS

Guy's Towing
305-852-5447

WET BOAT SLIPS FOR SALE

MM 112.5 4.5 MLT
\$140,000 / 40' slip
Limited # at this price

Call Suzan **305-345-4830**
suzanwiese@bellsouth.net
Owner/Broker

Victoria's Secret clothing, lingerie, swimsuits, shoes, handbags and jewelry at savings up to 70% off retail prices.

Valley of the Divas
www.valleyofthedivas.com

Currently located at MM 103.5 Bayside in the U-HAUL storage facility, front row.
New Store coming first quarter 2008.
Pink Plaza • MM 103 • Key Largo, FL

RENEE WIND
305.712.0122
valleyofthedivas@yahoo.com

ISLAND HOME MORTGAGE SERVICES, INC.

Renee Wind
93911 OVERSEAS HWY
TAVERNIER, FL 33070

305-712-0122
305-407-9534 fax

Mortgage Broker

ALL BRAND APPLIANCES

JEFF SHIELDS
SERVICE TECH
30 YEARS EXPERIENCE

(305) 240-5153

Upper Keys Web Design

Quality Web design at affordable rates
www.upperkeys.net

P.O. Box 2448
Key Largo, FL 33037
info@upperkeys.net
(305) 453-4281

Web design
Web site renovations
E-commerce
Maintenance

Visit the Conch Republic
Coconut Telegraph's
NEW website

www.coconuttelegraphonline.com

Read past issues and find other
Key's Resources

Advertise your business here!

8,000 issues of The Coconut Telegraph are distributed at over 100 locations from Homestead to Key West.

Would you like to place an advertisement in the Coconut Telegraph?
Call Denise Malefyt at 305-304-2837.