

Keys Sailors Do Well in Major Regatta

The Tradewinds Midwinter Open Catamaran National Championships were hosted by Founders Park Watersports at Founders Park in Islamorada over Martin Luther King Weekend. Nearly sixty high-speed, high-tech multihulls sped around the triangular courses on the Bayside of the Islands.

The weather was very cooperative despite some nasty forecasts. While the days were cool there was good 15 mph winds on Saturday and winds close to 10 on Sunday. As usual, it was perfect Florida Keys sailing.

There were seven different classes of boats participating. In the Hobie Wave Class (the second largest fleet involved) local Key Largo sailor, Leah

White, took the victory with the best score after seven races. Husband, Dave White, took third place, only a point behind the second place finisher from Ruskin, Florida. Leah continues her winning ways having just won the Wave Nationals in early December.

In the Open Handicap Class, Kelly Davis of Key Largo sailed a Hobie 17 and won that class. This was a good showing for the Florida Keys sailors.

Sponsoring the regatta was Catamaran Sailor Magazine, OnLineMarineStore.com, SailingSeminars.com, Calvert Sails and Zhik Sailing Apparel.

The event is held annually over the Martin Luther King Holiday in January each year. Attached Picture is of Kelly Davis



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Dr. and Mrs. Lansden with their sons David, Michael, and Tommy following the renewal of their wedding vows.

Dr. True and Mrs. Lisa Lansden reaffirmed their wedding vows at sunset on the beach in January. The ceremony was held at the home of Mrs. Bonnie Riehl in Key Largo and was performed by the Reverend Bonnie Frost of Coral Isles United Church of Christ. Dr. and Mrs. Lansden were celebrating their sixth wedding anniversary. They have resided in the Keys for five years and are the parents to five sons, Ken, Tommy, David, Tyler and Michael. They are the grandparents to one grandson, Perry. Dr. Lansden practices at The Florida Keys Center for Plastic Surgery and is currently Chief of Surgery at Mariner's Hospital. Lisa is the Practice Manager of their medical clinic's three locations and has recently enjoyed representing the Keys as the very first Mrs. Florida Keys America.

Bartender of the Month Richard "Dicko" Cooper

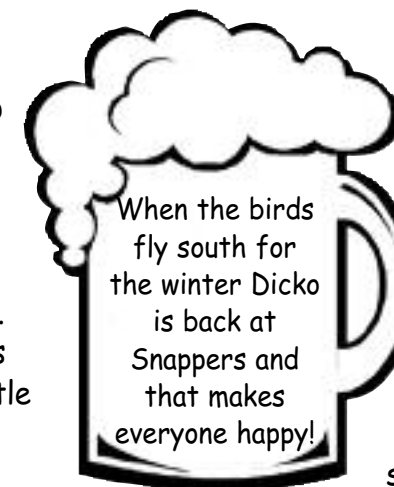


The Coconut Telegraph welcomes Snapper's very own Dicko to the Bartender of the Month Hall of Fame. Dicko stopped in Snapper's one night about 15 years ago and bet the owner, Howard, on a sports trivia question. He won. Howard coughed up a case of beer, they became friends and soon after he hired him. The rest is history.

Thursday nights at Snappers is Turtle Club. Everyone in town shows up for discounts on drinks, the Sun 103 live radio show, mouth-watering dinner specials, and great entertainment. It's a little chilly on the ocean but Howard has the outdoor heaters going and its standing room only cozy. Dicko is as quick to make a drink as he is with a sports quip. He really keeps them coming. Dicko's co-worker and former

Bartender of the Month, Kirk, tells us, "Dicko is a walking, talking sports encyclopedia". He is amazing!

For the last few years Dicko has been spending the summer months in his



hometown Horseheads, New York, to spend time with his family. I only know of 2 people living in Key Largo from Horseheads, Dicko is one and I am the other one. When the birds fly south for the winter Dicko is back at

Snappers and that makes everyone happy, especially his co-worker Michelle who tells us, "I'm glad he's back because when he is here the Turtle Club rules that are posted on the wall say "Don't encourage Dicko instead of Michelle". I say get there early and encourage both of them!

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