

Restaurant of the Month Pilot House

Story by Edward Carboni

A place never makes the moment --- only the people do. When you go to the Pilot House you will instinctively know the difference. There is an air of friendliness and camaraderie that does not occur with such abundance in most other venues on Key Largo. And again there are the people. From Bush to D.J., Amy and Rebecca, Paulie on the inside bar to the new management crew of George Wilson and Jaclyn Kelley, the Pilot House is the place to enjoy a wonderful meal or simply to have a drink and meet friends---be they old or new.

The menu is traditional Keys fare, fresh fish options with a few twists to tempt the palate. Try the Tuna Steak appetizer

and you will be pleasantly surprised to find a hearty sampling of Asian Slaw (Calamari and sea weed salad). Or have a taste of the Mahi (Dolphin) Vallarta. For those who know, the jerk shrimp basket (not on the menu, but you can order it anyway) is the way to go. The wine list is modest but impressive.

At the outside Tiki bar you will discover what the keys are all about---off the water anyway. Good people and vibrant conversation. On the weekends there is the music of Grateful Ted and Jimmy Hawkins shows up from time to time. So if you're new in town or have been around a while, stop by and enjoy a taste of what Keys Largo is all about.



The Pilot House's employees Rebecca, George and Bush raise the Conch Republic Flag that flies outside the waterfront tiki bar. Also picture are child patrons Mia and Bella.



Peter Shinella and "Blues Lagoon"

A BIG THANK YOU

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Thank you to everyone who helped with setting up, selling tickets, making announcements, playing music, making & putting up posters, spreading the word, buying raffle tickets, bidding on items, and otherwise coming out to support the Benefit for Trina!



Jimmy Hawkins with "The J.K. Project"

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Artist of the Month Stacie Krupa

Stacie Krupa has it all. She is as exceptionally beautiful as are her creations. She is a mom, a brilliant businesswoman, a creative genius, she's famous, has a generous soul and is just a plain down to earth nice person.

Last month Krupa was the first to call and offer to donate to the Benefit for Trina. I was intrigued and couldn't wait to meet her. She showed up at the benefit and I spotted her right away. She stands out in a crowd just as her art does. When I went to her studio I didn't want to leave. Although we all probably drive past her studio at mile marker 83 in Islamorada a million times, you have to walk through the gates to discover a magical garden and the glow

that lingers long after you leave. How I could have lived in the Keys so long and not treated myself to this before! It is truly the most intense New York, SOHO style fine art gallery in the Keys. Eye candy at it's best.

What jumps out is the reflection of light from each eclectic creation. From the wall size painting that were in the HGTV house, down to the small "Krupettes". The Key West Symphony has chosen one of Krupa's paintings for the cover of their magazine and she has been contacted by the producer of Saturday Night Live.

For more information contact Stacie Krupa at 305-517-2631 or visit her website StacieKrupa.com.



Artist Stacie Krupa in her studio located in Islamorada at mile marker 83 on the bayside.

RIGHT: Some of Krupa's smaller pieces have lovely been named "Krupettes".



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