

Around Town



Refreshing Key Lime Colada at the Big Chill.



The VFW is closed. The American Legion is open at 2 Seagate Blvd., Key Largo.



Key Largo Conch House. Stop by for the Shrimp & Grits!



Another beautiful Bayside sunset.



The Copper Tones rocked at Bayside Grille in July.



It's always a fun & colorful time at the Big Chill!

SHARK!

Submitted by Siufer Lynn Sparrow & Rainbow Reef Dive Center



Hey everyone! We have gotten a lot of calls with concerns about the "shark" incident that happened at John Pennecamp recently in Key Largo. We want to let everyone know that this was, in fact, NOT a shark but a barracuda that was just feeding in the area.

We were concerned about the bad rep this would bring to our beautiful sharks and called NBC 6 South Florida news to fix the headlines.

They not only were interested, but came all the way down here to Rainbow Reef and interviewed our amazing John Buckley, who spoke beautiful and truthfully on behalf of sharks.

We need to keep in mind that scary news like this will only get more sharks killed. Shark incidents are extremely rare. Only 5-10 people a year die from a shark bite due to blood loss, yet the world kills 100 MILLION sharks a year. One million humans die from mosquitoes and about 50 from dog bites... even vending machines kill more people than sharks do!

Their numbers have dropped by 90 percent! Our divers consider themselves extremely lucky when they actually do get to see a live shark in the water. Did you also know that 75 percent of our oxygen comes from the oceans, which sharks keep healthy and in balance? Without them there would be no us.

Tips to avoid shark bites when you are in the ocean:

1. Do NOT swim in murky waters. This affects shark visibility, making them have to come closer.
2. Avoid splashing on the surface, they will think you are a wounded animal or a bird.
3. If you are in the water with a shark, maintain eye contact at all times. They are very sensitive to eye contact. Swimming towards them will also deter them if they swim towards you.
4. Remember that you are NOT in a swimming pool, this is their habitat and you are a guest.
5. When spear fishing, take your catch immediately out of the water, do NOT carry it with you.
6. Avoid swimming in areas where there is a carcass of any kind, specially manatees, dolphins and whales.
7. Avoid swimming into baitballs - large schools of fish.
8. If a shark gets too close or bumps you, odds are he is just trying to figure out what you are. Push its head away in another direction and calmly exit the water while keeping an eye on it.
9. REMEMBER THAT SHARKS ARE MUCH MORE SCARED OF YOU THAN YOU ARE OF THEM. They know you are dangerous and you can see it in their eyes as they twitch their nictitating membrane (eyelid) just like dogs do when you go to pet them. They are trying to protect themselves from being hurt in their eyes or nose.
10. Stay educated about sharks, they need our help! #savesharks #rainbowreef #channel6news #chanel6

Bartender of the Month: Tiffany Sagan, Shipwreck's



Shipwreck's Restaurant is well known as Key Largo's "hidden treasure" and our August Bartender of the Month, Tiffany Sagan, has got to be the "booty!" Not only is she charming, smart and amazing, but she is "bootyful" too!

Tiffany has been on board the Shipwreck's crew almost since she moved to the Keys 10 years ago from Palm Beach County. She came to Key Largo for a 2-week vacation, went home and packed her gear, and moved here. She came highly recommended for Bartender of the Month because everyone loves her. Shipwreck's is a locals' hangout because the prices are reasonable and the food is fantastic. You can't beat the view of the Atlantic Ocean too.

Happy hour is from 4 to 6 every day and you can get a frozen draft mug of Bud or Bud Light for \$1. Get 25% off all drinks and check out the special happy hour menu.

Tiffany recommends the Friday (all you can eat) Fish Fry from 5 to 9. Get there early, as it gets busy.

The Coconut Telegraph recommends the Saturday Prime Rib - it has to be the best on the island. There is live music usually Wednesday thru Sunday, featuring Luke Sommer Glenn, The Castaways, Cody James, Bassman Bill Wissinger and Caribbean Slim... all Keys favorites.

When Tiffany is not at work she enjoys the water in her kayak, or during the cold season she is out with her bully net, shrimping. Do stop in at Shipwreck's and tell her the Coconut Telegraph sent you! Hours are 11 am to 9:30 pm everyday. 45 Garden Cove Drive. 305-453-3153

Miscellaneous Mosquito Fact #98



Having an O blood type makes you twice as likely to attract mosquitoes than people with A blood type. B blood types fall in the middle of the spectrum.

IT'S SO BIG!
Hurry up! Let's get it in the box.

Let me help you unhook it.
Let me hold it for you

CRACKED CONCH BONUS cartoon by Rodney Nelson.

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