

Conch Characters / Around Town



Sunset docking at Snooks Bayside.



Key Largo Wood Rats entertain at the Key Largo Moose.



Ray Jaworski plays at Lorelei and the Islamorada Brewery, among many others.



Marilee Free on the Carolina Moon.



A friendly sea lion at the Dolphin Research Center. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Harry French is back in the Keys. Catch him at Lorelei every Tuesday night.



Spotted at the American Legion.



The perfect place to while away the day - Snooks!



The Sharp Keys at the American Legion - awesome!



The Florida Keys Brewery party bus. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Conch Captain Spotlight on Captain Lorelee Carpenter

On the Good Ship with Captain Lolly

by Marilee Free

at Playa Largo to book excursions at Caribbean Watersports. You may also dine at the restaurants, have a libation at the open-air bar, or enjoy a relaxing spa treatment.

Growing up on a small lake in Chicago, Lolly began sailing at 6 years of age. Her parents enjoyed vacationing in Islamorada, where she fell in love with the Keys and the pristine waters surrounding the islands. The Keys inspired Lolly's dream of being a boat captain, a scuba dive instructor and marine



biologist. She attended Eckerd College in St. Petersburg, Florida, and by the time she was 21, she had accom-

plished all those dreams. Starting her career in the dive industry in 1988, she worked as a captain and instructor for local dive shops for 20+ years. Highlights include; running the 'SunCruz I' gambling boat, sailing her 43' Hunter in the Bahamas, and delivering dive boats to a friend's shop in the Exumas. She earned her coveted 500-Ton Captain's License, but she's happiest at the helm of the 'Carolina Moon,' mingling with passengers, taking photos and sharing her knowledge of sailing and marine life.



When Lolly's not making memories on the high seas, you can

What a spectacular way to kick off 2020! With January's wind in my hair, I set sail with 8 fun-loving vacationers from Michigan, Indiana, and Wisconsin, plus Captain Lolly and Captain Ginny. We enjoyed a 2-hour Bayside sunset cruise aboard the 'Carolina Moon,' a 38-foot catamaran, that holds up to 24 people. It departs from the Caribbean Watersports' docks at Playa Largo, MM 97, Key Largo.

With 30+ years of marine experience, Captain Lolly does an amazing job raising the sails and the spirits of her passengers. She and the crew make sailing seem effortless; on the "good ship," even a windy day feels smooth. Your cares will be whisked away as you sight-see around the mangrove islands. Watch for a great white heron or pelican to fly overhead; you could encounter manatees or dolphin passing by as the sun sets on another day in paradise. Lolly has had the honor of hosting at sea vow renewals, marriage proposals, bachelor and bachelorette parties, memorials and celebrations of life, and

other milestone events. Every trip is uniquely crafted and fun for all ages.

Captain Lolly and Caribbean Watersport's knowledgeable staff of captains, guides and mates are available for daily 2-hour sunset sails, eco-tours, parasailing, reef and bay snorkeling, bayside island adventure

tours, kayaking, stand-up paddleboards, sailing on Hobie Cats. They also host corporate events and specialty day trips.

Playa Largo is a five-star, desired destination beach resort that opened September 2016, an elegant transformation of the former America Outdoors Campground. Captain Lolly has been making cherished memories and taking incredible pictures of passengers sailing on the 'Carolina Moon' since May 2017. You don't have to be a guest

