

Contagious wins 57th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament

The 57th Annual Islamorada Sailfish Tournament kicked off at the Whale Harbor seafood buffet all with social distancing and covid restrictions in place. The sailfish action started on Friday December 4th and continued over the next two days, concluding Sunday. Over the three days of fishing 90 sailfish were released out of 103 called in hookups with over \$90,000 paid to the winners.

The first cold front of the season greeted 98 anglers fishing on 21 boats. Juan Vilorio aboard the Hellreyzer would release the first sailfish of the three day tournament while Cloud Nine was fighting a double header. At the end of day one 32 sailfish were released and the Cloud Nine was in the lead with 5 fish.

Day two started early for Tackle Center as captain Charlie Scoble called in a triple header of sailfish at 8:42 AM followed by Last Dance calling in a double. Eleven other sails were released before Donny Lange released the third fish of the

Tackle Center triple header at 10:12AM. As the day ended, Tackle Center lead day 2 with a total of 8 releases followed by the Contagious with 6 and the Cloud Nine with 5.

The final day of fishing was calm and cloudy. The bite started out slow but Contagious picked at the sails all day. In the end Contagious took home the top honors with 11 releases.

Contagious angler and Keys Gentle Dentist Travis Bennett released 5 of those fish, winning the Bill Hirni highpoint angler award.

Debbie David of Hollywood FL, fishing aboard the Relentless with Captain Paul Ross, released 3 sailfish winning the Top Lady Angler award.

Second and Third Place Junior Angler awards went to Laurel David with 2 releases and Christopher David with 1 release, both fishing aboard the Relentless.

The Islamorada Sailfish Tournament is the first leg of the Florida Keys Gold Cup Sailfish Championship.



Captain Brian Cone aboard his charter boat *Contagious* led anglers Mark Mitchell and Kenneth Padgett both from Charleston, NC, Travis Bennett and Andy Cone from Tavernier, FL and Greg Tolpin from Key Largo, FL to the winner's circle with a total of 11 sailfish releases.



Junior angler 10-year-old Andy Cone took first place in the junior division with 3 releases.



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Second place winning team: *Tackle Center*, captain Charlie Scoble, with anglers Donny and Brad Lange along with Jeffery Dickman and Fritz Zeher all from Tavernier FL.

<With Captain Justin Baker at the helm, *Yellow Tale* anglers Clarke and Phil Harlow, Patrick Nutt, Nick Caito, Ken Stiles and Eric Turnoff all from Ft. Lauderdale along with Islamorada's Jimi Fickling "the worm" were awarded third place trophies.

Dieting One Week:

Man	Woman
Stopped putting cream in his coffee	Went to the gym for an hour daily
	Cut out carbs
	Gave up wine
	Had the Flu
WEIGHT CHANGE: -10 lbs.	WEIGHT CHANGE: +1 lb.

Guys, just to let you know I had the Russian Covid19 vaccination yesterday and can tell you there are absolutely no negative sideffski efectovskv secundariosvki Kto MoxeT 3to npoHHTaTb 06oxaio BnaAHMMpa flyTHHa!

From Boner to Corona

Pfizer

With you all the way

I hate it when I'm singing a song and the artist gets the words wrong.

EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO BE STUPID. IT'S JUST THAT SOME PEOPLE ABUSE THE PRIVILEGE.

I'm afraid if I start working out, I'll be too sexy.

TO PROVE YOU'RE A HUMAN, CLICK ON ALL THE PHOTOS THAT SHOW PLACES YOU WOULD RUN FOR SHELTER DURING A ROBOT UPRISING.



Pissed off the IT guy, and he said he was going to give me a black eye... and I laughed... looks like he put me in my place. Touche IT guy



How To Be A Perfect House Guest

The tourist season is upon us once again and visitors galore. If you are fortunate enough to have a friend to visit in the fabulous Florida Keys here are some tips that might get you invited back.

1. **Send money for groceries or bring your own.** If you are planning to stay 5 days or more send a check ahead of time to cover the cost of groceries and other incidentals. Do not wait till you arrive as you may embarrass your host who will inevitably turn down the offer. So just mail a check with a note about how excited you are to be coming. If your visit will be short, a day or two, take your host out to dinner and pay for the meal instead.

2. **Show up on time.** If you are running late make sure to call and update your host on when you will be arriving.

3. **Bring a gift.** To show your appreciation for the free lodging bring a gift. It doesn't have to be big or expensive. Remember the cost of a motel room in the Keys during the season starts at \$150 a night. Paradise is not cheap. Gifts from your home state are always appreciated.

4. **Clean up after yourself.** Make the bed and straighten up your room. Put your dishes in the sink or dishwasher.

5. **Pitch in.** Help carry in the groceries or take out the garbage. Do not wait to be asked.

6. **Do not let your presence interfere with your friend's normal routine.** If they work from home do not interrupt them. Your friend may, of course, wish to take time off to hang out with you, but you

should never impose on their time. If you are riding in the same vehicle and you want to stay out later than your host, call Mom's Taxi 305-852-6000.

7. **Do not ignore your friend altogether.** No one wants to feel as though you are just using them for a hostel. Invite your host on your excursions.

8. **Disclose your schedule and stick to it.** Make sure to mention when you plan to leave. This will help your host make their own plans.

9. **Come with ideas about what you want to do and see.** Don't expect your host to entertain you day and night.

10. **Even if you don't find all the activities your host plans enjoyable, keep your disappointment to yourself.** Your friend is working hard to entertain you, let them know you appreciate their efforts.

11. **Don't criticize your friends' home town or state.** For instance, don't say "it's very boring in Marathon." We already know Marathon is boring!

12. **If your host advises you to stay away from certain tourist traps, take their advice.** For instance, if you visit the place with the giant penguin outside your host will think you are a moron.

13. **Don't overstay your visit unless you are invited to do so.** Remember after 3 days guests, family and fish stink!

14. **Strip the bed before you leave.** It will make it easier for your host to wash the linen.

15. **Write a thank you note and express your gratitude soon after the trip.**