

Around Town



Islamorada sunset while aboard the Cruizin Tiki boat.



Cruizin' Tiki Boat at Snooks. Book a cruise, bring your booze, and leave the piloting up to them!



Lowrider.....Keys style. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Enricos's Italian Fisherman Pizza? A whole Florida Lobster Tail with fresh crab, clams & shrimp on a NY-style pizza.



The Cat Daddies performed an amazing sunset show at The Lorelei in December. Photo by Rob LeBrun.

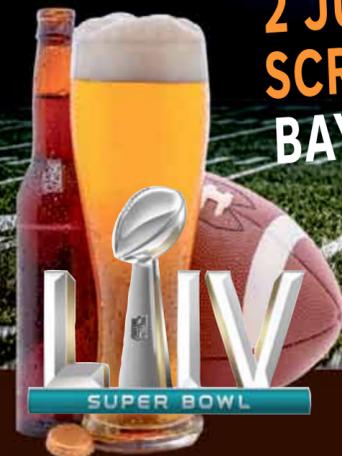


Approaching The Big Chill by boat.

BIGGEST SUPER BOWL PARTY IN THE UPPER KEYS ON THE BAY

2 JUMBO
SCREENS
BAYSIDE

FOOD & DRINK
SPECIALS
LIVE MUSIC



FEBRUARY 7, 2021

MM104 B/S - Key Largo | 305.453.9066 | www.jjsBigChill.com

Coconut Telegraph's Conch Captain Spotlight On...

Captain Sky Moore of Islander Girl Snorkel & Tours

"Thankful, Grateful and Blessed"

by Marilee Free

Bring your kids, and bring your dogs for family fun in the sun with Captain Sky, owner/operator of the Islander Girl snorkeling and eco-tours. Yes, that's right, Sky offers dog-friendly boating adventures. As you board the boat you may be greeted by Ariel or Tide, Sky's Golden-Doodles.

As an Upper Florida Keys native, Sky knows the area well. She has had her captain's license for six years and is very experienced for her young age. But hey, when your mom is a shark diver and your dad feeds barracudas with a baitfish between his teeth, that is quite an adventurous upbringing! She credits both her parents for being inspirations and is proud to carry on the family tradition of love for being on and under the water. Sky acknowledges her mom, Annette, for the inspiration and assistance to help start her business. She applauds her mom's efforts in beautifying the Islander after Hurricane Irma too, what an amazing job!

Sky expressed how thankful, grateful, and truly blessed she is for her family and her extended family of the captains and mates she employees. She has an all-female staff, except Hunter, her brother (aka the Islander Boy.) Captain Elizabeth is her right hand at the helm. Sky's snorkeling 'sisters,' Hannah, Abi, Atlantis, Ara, and Sarah will ensure that you have a fantastic tour. Whether snorkeling from Alligator Reef Lighthouse in Islamorada to Hens and Chickens Reef in Tavernier, exploring the mangroves or splashing at the Sand Bar, Islander Girl Snorkel & Tours offers something for all sea lovers.



It's always sunny with Capt. Sky!



maintains the boat and helps with the family business as well.

Guests on the snorkel tours may also dine at the restaurants and use some of the amenities at the Islander.

Creating an awareness for the importance of reef-safe sunblock and helping to stop trash and littering are very important to Sky. She will stop and pick up that plastic bag or water bottle floating. Every effort made now will help the future of oceanic activities. Her vessel is as green as possible, with biodegradable cups, and reusable tumblers. As an inspiration herself, her message to aspiring captains is to believe in yourself and your dreams, go forth with confidence and never stop learning. Every situation can be handled with calmness and kindness. Being kind is so important, realizing everyone is going through struggles, sadness, and uncertainty. A kind word and a fun adventure is what many may need right about now.

When I asked how Covid has affected her business, she said the shut-down was difficult, but they have been busy ever since. Sky takes the Covid regulations seriously, limiting trips to 20 passengers and sanitizing the boat after every trip. The Keys' economy thrives on tourism, she hopes we can stay safe and avoid another shut-down.

Another inspiration is the love of Sky's life, husband Dylan. He with his two daughters, Kaylee and Ayla and the dogs make up their happy home. Dylan



Kick back on the biggest beach in Islamorada. Check out the butterfly garden, fishing pier, rent a bike, kayak or stand-up paddleboard, play a little volleyball, basketball, cornhole, even ping-pong. Islander Girl is open seven days a week from 8am-6pm, it is located at the Islander, MM 82, Oceanside. Call for rates and availability 305-712-0032.

