

Tackle Center Wins Florida Keys Gold Cup Sailfish Championship Series

Captain Charlie Scoble is back in the saddle again. It was a tight battle during the series that started with the Islamorada Sailfish Tournament and a second place finish for the Tackle Center in December. The series continued at the Islamorada Fishing Club's Captain Cup Sailfish Tournament and concluded at the Cheeca Lodge and Spa Presidential Sailfish Tournament. Angler Donny Lange, owner of Tackle Center of Islamorada, proudly hoisted the perpetual Florida Keys Gold Cup Sailfish trophy, which will be displayed at his store. The team took home Caribbean Boat Sales and Yamaha Outboards sponsored gold cups along with trophies for the captain and mate along with a check for \$23,000.

The "Contagious" won the first leg of the series with 11 releases. Their luck did not hold in the Fishing Club's one-day tournament, but Captain Brian Cone along with mates

Sean O'Donnell and Justin Matson rebounded in the Cheeca tournament with 4 releases. The team received Gold Cup trophies and a check for \$10,000.

It was a close battle for the much sought-after High Point Angler Championship Ring sponsored by Tackle Center of Islamorada. Local dentist Travis Bennett started on top with 5 releases in the first tournament.

Juan Vilorio aboard the "Hell Reyzer" tied with Bennett after the Fishing Club tournament with 5 releases. In the end it would be angler Robert Richardson Sr. from McKinney Texas aboard the "Yabba Dabba Doo" with Captain James Hagen at the helm that would bring home the championship ring with a total of 9 releases. Although many others have won the ring, Robert will be the series only 4 time champion angler.

"Hell Reyzer" Captain Ryan Alexander kept anglers Rey



Team "Contagious"

Acosta, Eric Darvill, Victor Paneda all from Miami, FL fishing with Eric Juan (Johnny) Vilorio and Cap Hinckley from Cutler Bay, FL in the series. The team released 4 sails in the first leg, then went on to win the Islamorada Fishing Club's Captains Cup Tournament with 5 releases and then finished off the series at the Cheeca Tournament in second with 6 releases on time, taking home Gold Cup trophies and a check for \$7,000.

In total 165 sailfish were released by the 113 anglers participating in this seasons event. The Florida Keys Gold Cup Championship Series is a fund raiser for the Islamorada Charter Boat Association.

The series will be kicking off again next year with the Islamorada Sailfish Tournament December 2nd 2021. For more on the series contact Dianne Harbaugh at 305-852-2102 or islamoradasailfish-tournament.com



Hell Reyzer



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Yabba Dabba Doo

Artist of the Month: Susan Efthimiou - SoupaPOTamus

Why would the Coconut Telegraph promote an upstate New Yorker for Artist of the Month? Two very good reasons.

SoupaPOTamus is a new business that sells shelf-stable soups. Our amazing graphic artist Sue Beal is quite the soup connoisseur and each holiday season I search the internet to find the best and easiest soup to gift her so that she can enjoy her soup habit and make life a little easier for her. Up until now I've been a dismal failure as there wasn't much out there to find that was delicious and healthy.

Reason #1 - Enter my brilliant cousin Susan Efthimiou. Susan's wedding venue business went into hibernation because of Covid and she needed to work. Susan has 9 children and also is a home caretaker for her 90-year-old mother. "As our lifestyles became busier, it became difficult to devote the time to growing, harvesting, chopping, and cooking up a proper pot of soup that meets my standards. But the

need for tradition, the aromas, the gathering, and the laughter is still a major necessity. It was in this necessity that SoupaPOTamus was born. In each bag, I pour the traditions, the creativity, and my desire for the most delicious, plant-dense soup available that will nourish your family and friends on any given night. And all you have to do is boil water, pour it in the pot, and enjoy!" she explains.

Well I was enthralled and immediately placed a huge order of several different flavors to share with Sue and family. It was a huge success!

Choose from this enticing group of flavors:

- Pasta Fagioli
- Love Ramen
- Chicken Noodle
- Happy Belly Soup (lots of veggies)
- Layered Bean Soup
- Layered Bean with Bacon
- Creamy Potato Soup
- Creamy Potato with Bacon
- Enchilada Soup (a "soon to a table near you" coming attraction)

The soups are delicious, shelf-stable, and come in three convenient sizes -- family size, couple size, and individual size.



The family-size batch at \$14.95 fills 10 bowls. Depending on your family's appetite, that could fill 5 to 12 bellies! Thus, the cost of filling each of those special bellies with a bowl with nutritious, happy-in-your-belly, SoupaPOTamus soup, is less than \$1.50 (even less, if you take advantage of SoupaMUST bundle orders!).

The couple-size batch at \$7.95 easily feeds two people. That makes the cost less than \$4.00 per belly (even less if you take advantage of SoupaUS bundle orders!).

The individual-size batch is just that -- individual -- at only \$4.95 for a hearty and enjoyable filling of your own happy belly (even less, if you take advantage of SoupaME-bundle orders!).

Reason #2 - It is the perfect comfort food to have on hand during a pandemic, hurricane or anytime you need a delicious meal in a hurry. Visit Susan's website Soupapotamus.com or her [Soupapotamus Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/Soupapotamus) for add-on ideas and new products. To order email soupapotamus@gmail.com.



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