

## Marine Mammal Rescue Effort



Sunday, Aug. 13th, Florida Fish and Wildlife Coalition (FWC) notified Dolphins Plus Marine Mammal Responder (DPMMR) Stranding Coordinator Steve McCulloch regarding unconfirmed reports of a live dolphin bleeding on the NW sandbar of Tavernier Island.

Within minutes of the call, he arrived by boat and located a large animal grounded in the shallow sand flats. Upon hands-on assessment, the animal was determined to be a very rare, deep water species of beaked whale (Mesoplodont), seldom seen outside of deep water. Unfortunately, this animal was determined to be deceased.

DPMMR was aided by FWC Officer Daniel Marshall and NMFS SER Stranding Coordinator, Blaire Maise. There will be a multi-agency effort to perform a necropsy on the rare marine mammal, take measurements and samples, and hopefully determine a cause of death.

If you see a marine mammal in distress please call 1-888-404-FWCC.

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### FRED'S TILTON HILTON - DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND ROAD

On the back of the shirt is Carol's original image of Fred's Place - the "Tilton Hilton." The restaurant, complete with slanting dance floor, blue crabs and cold beer, was located on the curve just across the Monroe County line, in the historic fishing village of Downtown Card Sound.

The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was home to 100 residents, some who had State issued leases for "fishing camps."

Hurricane destruction, along with the politics of environmental safety, ushered in clean-up crews and by 2010, just a few wooden docks, and Alabama Jacks remain in Downtown Card Sound.

ORIGINAL LOCAL ARTWORK BY



## Lady Anglers To Learn Plus Tackle Fishing at Keys Oct. 13-15 Ladies, Let's Go Fishing No-Yelling School

Aspiring anglers can learn, practice skills and go fishing at the award-winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!®" Keys University and Fishing Fever Tournament, Oct. 13-15 in the Sport Fishing Capital of the World. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, the "No-Yelling School of Fishing" offers classroom presentations, two networking events, hands-on skill practice and optional charter boat fishing. Classes will be held at the waterfront Elks Lodge in Tavernier FL. No equipment or experience is necessary.

Optional offshore or inshore charter fishing out of Islamorada, FL is offered on Friday and Sunday with prizes awarded for the LLGF Fishing Fever tournament. Participants can also choose to fish from their own boats.

Activities launch Friday evening with a networking social. Saturday morning indoor presentations begin, covering Offshore, Inshore and Bottom Fishing, plus Fishing Basics and Conservation. Speakers include Captains Lee Lavery, Jeanne Towne and more. Setting this program apart from typical fishing classes are the hands-on fishing activities taught by several guides for releasing, knot tying, dehooking, bait rigging, spin casting, cast netting and more until 4:30 pm. A second networking party will be held afterwards at Seaside Glassworks.

Three hundred and sixty-eight fish were caught at the 2022 Fishing



Holly Smith 1st pl Offshore left on Sea Horse - Holly Smith, Key Largo on left takes First Place Offshore on Sea Horse, Capt. Rick Rodriguez with a 12 lb. bonito. L. to R. Holly Smith, Key Largo, FL; Linda Gilbert, Waltham, MA; Robin Krueger, Parkland, FL; Annette Krey, Ruskin, FL; Linda Becher, Bradenton, FL and Judith Meyers, Ellicott City, MD.



(left) Pat Kucera, Clearwater, FL clinches 1st Place Inshore with a 45" barracuda released on Capt. Eric Scoble, Blackwater Charters.



(right) Lyn Gremont, Tavernier, FL earns 2nd Place Offshore with a 8.3 lb. Mutton Snapper on Plantation Boat Mart.



Sun Eric Scoble - Top L. to R. Margaret Bjork, Safety Harbor, FL; Darlene Schuman, Tampa, FL and Annette Krey, Ruskin, FL. Lower is Pat Kucera, Clearwater FL with snook.

Fever event, including mahi, tuna, snapper, grouper, snook, redfish, trout and first-ever bonefish and tarpon releases.

Featured on national network television and more, the series is supported by major partners. Class-specific contributors are listed on the website.

Online early registration rate is \$125 per person. Regular entry is \$145. VIP registration of \$180 offers special gifts and discounts. The registration fee includes instruction, the use of equipment, a welcome reception, lunch, Saturday party and \$20 in gifts. Reservations made far in advance are recommended. The host hotel is Sunset Inn, Islamorada, FL. The Tavernier Elks Club is located at 92600 Overseas Hwy, Tavernier, FL 33070, MM 92 Bayside. Ladies may register a male guest or teens to include the family.

### 2023 LLGF remaining events, with optional or included fishing are:

Sept. 22-23 Guy Harvey Outpost Bass Seminar & Tournament at Camp Mack, Lake Wales, FL

Oct. 13-15 Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar and fishing, Islamorada, FL

Nov. 17-19 St. Augustine Surf Fishing Academy



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