

# Restaurant of the Month Coconuts Make it Your First Stop

Twent years ago my ex-husband brought me to the Keys on vacation as a means to lure me to leave my job and family in upstate New York and move here. The first place he took me was Coconuts. I was wowed to say the least. Beyond the sunken dance floor the lead singer in the band was singing Gloria Estefan and it was so good I thought I'd died and gone to heaven. Twenty years later it is still a slice of heaven.

If you're looking for a great late night dance club Coconuts is it. They have the the best entertainment and there is always a manager, owner, or security on duty so you know you'll be safe. The special late

night menu is served from 10 pm to 2 am and includes Midnight Snacks and deserts. Or have a romantic lunch or dinner on the veranda overlooking Key Largo's busiest harbor. Relax in the laid back atmosphere and watch the famous Key Largo Princess Glass bottom boat head out to sea, a multitude of snorkeling and fishing boats come and go and beckon you on to your next excursion.

When friends come in town I always recommend Coconuts because of their great food and reasonable prices. You can have lunch on the water for under \$10. We also highly recommend the Sunset Menu from 4 to 6 pm

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# Marathon Community Theatre Presents First Annual Dance Showcase

The Marathon Community Theatre (MCT) will present the first annual dance showcase on Saturday, June 20 at 8 p.m.

The dance showcase is titled "tah-Dance" and will include representation from all the dance classes offered free to members of MCT. In addition, several individuals and groups from the community will perform.

Tickets are on sale now for \$12 and a goods donation to be given to the local Domestic Abuse Shelter. Types of useful goods the Shelter can use are: gift cards from Publix, Winn Dixie or Kmart to be given to women as they leave the shelter; personal hygiene products, paper products, diapers or canned foods. Call the box office at 305-743-0994 for



Pictured left to right: Terry McBroom, Cheri Edwards, Trish Hintze, Zoe Hippel, Joy Wagner, Laura Fowler, Zulma Jimenez, Maria Luther.

reservations.

For more information about "tah-Dance" and Marathon Community Theatre, contact Loretta Geotis, General Manager, at 305-743-0408 or via email at: gm@marathontheater.org. Visit our website at www.marathontheater.org for complete details of events and opportunities at MCT.

Marathon Community Theatre is a 501(C-3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to contributing to and enhancing the cultural life of the Middle Keys. Membership is open to anyone who wants to support the activities of MCT through volunteer involvement or by contributions. Tax-deductible contributions may be made to Marathon Community Theatre, POB 500124, Marathon, FL

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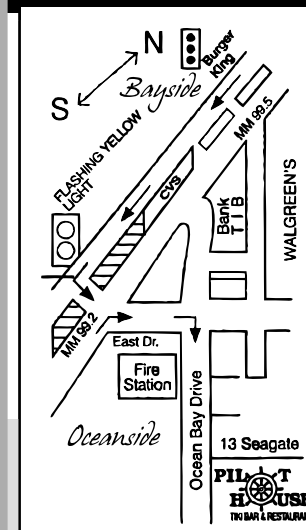


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# Bartender of the Month Travis Platt Cocktails and Dreams



He's young, he's cute and he's entertaining. Travis Platt, who hails from Seattle, is thrilled to be serving locals and tourist alike at the Big Chill in Key Largo.

When he was 11 years old Platt came to the Keys to visit his brother Todd and it was then that he decided after he got his degree he would move to the Keys. And that is what he did. After graduating with his B.A from Western Washington University he packed up his stuff and moved to Key Largo. "It was a little scary to move to the furthest point from home but coming here in the summers and having my brother here made it easier," says Platt.

Platt moved to the Keys only a few weeks after the Big Chill opened and when he started working there it was a match made in heaven. Being the new guy in town it seemed fitting he'd start his bartending career in the Key Largo

at the new hot spot in town. "It's more than bartending, to me it is providing entertainment and a valued service to my customers," Platt explains.

He credits his bartending skills to learning from vets like J.J. (bartender at Cactus Jacks) and Sid (of Sharkey's). "I was the rookie and they taught me about serving the Keys finest." Platt never shows if he is tired or too busy. As a customer of his you always are well taken care of and feel appreciated. "Coming to work is easy because I really love bartending," He says. "I love Key Largo, the Big Chill and all my customers."

Stop by Jimmy Johnson's Big Chill and grab a beer from Travis for happy hour. Or enjoy his famous margarita and live music by the pool on the weekends. If you go on a Tuesday you might think you see Travis Platt but that is his Ladies Night double, Rocco.



Check out Travis's other side and visit him on Tuesday nights for Ladies Night at Big Chill.