

Conch Characters / Around Town



Bartender Tiffany is at the American Legion now!



Ranger Dan and Tony Taylor at the Legion.



Lee Kibbey Karaoke at the Key Largo Moose.



The annual Conch Golf Scramble attracts some interesting characters to Islamorada, golfing for charity. Photo by Rob LeBrun.



Veteran Tommy Pearce, Cheeca's Lisa Thornhill, and Jeb Bush Jr. at the Cheeca All American Tournament.



Power boats visit Gilbert's Resort.



In the Cheeca All American, Second Place Team Division Award went to Dennis and Jeffery Bernardo of Cumberland, RI, for releasing 13 snook, 7 redfish and 4 tarpon, guided by Mike Alfano of Islamorada.



Stu Apt (R) & Bruce Melnick (L) at the Cheeca All American Tournament. Former American Astronaut and retired U.S. Coast Guard officer Bruce Melnick shared his *Rescue at 17,500 MPH* experience on the maiden voyage of the Space Shuttle Endeavour.



Key Largo Conch House. Chefs José, Oscar, and Nelson accepting First Prize award from Dawn DeBrule at the Key Largo Cookoff for Oscar's ceviche and tuna & avocado.



Congrats to the Key Largo Conch House for winning Overall Best of Show in the Cook Off.

I'm Your Captain, Yeah Yeah Yeah Yeah!

Conch Captain Spotlight on: Captain Regina of 'Size Matters' Fishing Charters

by Marilee Free

There's a true spirit in people who love to fish; Captain Regina Teixeira is born with it. She grew up with Portuguese fishing ancestry in Stonington, CT. Her dad was old fashioned, and discouraged her from fishing, but that only made her more determined. She's been calling the Keys home for over 10 years, and living the dream, showing people her passion, fishing with her 'Size Matters' charter groups. Up to 6 passengers can book a ½ day, ¾ day or full day trip, 7 days a week, departing from Old Tavernier's Conch Harbor to Big Conch and Alligator Reefs, and sometimes 35 miles out in the deep blues of the Atlantic; she knows where the big fish bite. Ask about her locals and veterans discounts.

Cayman 246. Because of her uniqueness, kindness and savvy, she keeps very busy, and is booked solid for months. Joey Naples, our "King of Cool," and Captain Matt Bellinger encouraged her to do fishing reports on Sun FM 103.1 and Thunder Country 100.3, and you can tune in to them at noon and 4:30pm.

'Reverend' Regina is an ordained minister and has performed 5 weddings. She is one of a handful of

female charter captains on the Atlantic side in this area. She features topless tours at 3 miles out. Show 'em 'Size Matters' gals... right on! As hot as it is here, we should be able to go topless!



Speak- ing of tops, Regina will give you the shirt off her back, not literally, but every guest that goes fishing gets a cool 'Size Matters' shirt and a swag bag with some great souvenirs. You have probably seen her 'Size Matters' shirts

around town, she says it's quite a compliment when she sees her shirts being worn at the local watering holes. Hog Heaven has put 'Size Matters' Style Sauce, inspired by Regina, on the menu. It's Chef created, and Captain approved. When Regina isn't filling coolers with snapper or mahi, she keeps busy with local construction projects (she helped with the pavers at the Legion 333, a fantastic job there), giving to charity events and fishing in tournaments. She helps Santa as assistant coordinator for the Toys For Tots drop-off spots from Islamorada to Marathon, and still finds time for her husband, their 2 grown sons and their 3 dogs. Because it is the size of the heart that really matters, thank you Captain Regina for your heart of gold.

Ready to catch some fish? Reach Captain Regina at capt.sizematters@gmail.com or call 305-731-0880, on Facebook/Capt.Regina or behind Old Tavernier-Conch Harbor MM90.



Christmas Carols for the Mentally Unbalanced

SCHIZOPHRENIA ~ *Do You Hear What I Hear?*
Multiple Personality Disorder ~ *We Three Kings Disoriented Are*
DEMENTIA ~ *I Think I'll Be Home By Christmas?*
NARCISSISTIC ~ *Hark the Herald Angels Sing About Me*
MANIC ~ *Deck the Halls and Lawns and Streets and Stores and Offices and Cars and Bushes and Trees and Fences...*
PARANOID ~ *Santa Claus is Coming to Town to Get Me*
BORDERLINE PERSONALITY DISORDER ~ *Thoughts of Roasting on an Open Fire, Jack Frost Nipping at my Nose*
ATTENTION DEFICIT DISORDER ~ *Silent Night, Holy Oh Look at the Puppy! I Have Chocolate, Why is France So Far Away?*
PERSONALITY DISORDER ~ *You Better Watch Out, I'm Gonna Cry, I'm Gonna Pout, I'm Gonna Tell You Why*



OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER ~
*Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells,
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