



Clash in the Keys - June 9-14, 2013

To ensure t-shirts, applications must be faxed by May 1, 2013

Captain's Name: _____ Boat Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Email: _____ Home: _____ Work/Cell: _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact: _____

Boat Manufacturer/size: _____ Registration #: _____

Where will you be staying during the tournament? _____

Tournament Participants (Please designate junior anglers).

Captain: _____ Phone: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Circle color: Red White

Angler Name: _____ Phone: _____ Shirt Size: _____ Circle color: Red White

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Tournament Entry Fee Total: (number of participants from above)[_____] X \$35.00 = \$_____ **Angler Total**

Tournament entry fee includes one T-shirt; Participants purchase their own food and drink at this tournament.

	Qty - White Shirts	Qty - Red Shirts	Total Shirts		Cost
Small				X \$20 =	\$
Medium				X \$20 =	\$
Large				X \$20 =	\$
Extra Large				X \$20 =	\$
2X Large				X \$20 =	\$
TOTAL COST FOR EXTRA SHIRTS:					\$

Angler Total \$_____ + Extra Shirt Total \$_____ = \$_____ Total Amount Due

ASWSC Release and Indemnification Agreement

(Attention: Please Read Carefully—Your Signature Indicates Agreement with These Terms)

In signing this document, I do hereby agree and understand that the Atlanta Salt Water Sportsman's Club, (hereinafter referred to as "The Club", is acting as a sponsor of various club activities (including, but not limited to fishing tournaments, picnics, meetings, etc.) and I do fully release, indemnify and hold The Club harmless from any negligence, contractual and intentional tort liability caused by or the fault of any person or entity. The Club is hereby released from any responsibility whatsoever for any decision, action or inaction of entrant, boats of other participants in any Club activities.

To the fullest extent provided by law, my team, my crew, my guest, and I hereby agree to indemnify and hold The club harmless from any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense suffered by, arising out of, resulting from, any act of mine or any member of my crew during my and their participation in Club sponsored activity, including any and all claims, suits, obligations, liabilities, losses, damages, cost or expense caused in whole or in part by any negligent act or negligent omission of The Club, regardless of my vessel, it's passengers crew participants and equipment, in conjunction with any activity sponsored by The Club. Said photographs may be used by The Club in promotional and/or advertising material or in any other way otherwise not unlawful, and consent of the vessel, it's owner and persons photographed is hereby acknowledged.

This agreement shall take effect as an instrument under seal, and be binding upon and inure to the benefit of my and my team's and crew's heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

Signature _____ Date _____

FAX Application to Norman Bowen 404-649-9540 Make check payable to:
ASWSC, mail to: Norman Bowen, 7265 Anglers Rest Rd, Dawsonville, Ga. 30534



**ATLANTA SALTWATER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB
2013 FLORIDA KEYS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Captains' Meeting: 7:00 PM Sunday, June 9, Smuggler's Cove Marina

Awards Program: 7:30 PM Friday, June 14, Smuggler's Cove Marina

Weigh-in days and times will be announced at the Captains' Meeting

(Note: the club is not providing any food or drink at this tournament.

You may purchase as much or as little food/drink as you like, according to you own preferences.)

Tournament fees are \$35 per angler, which includes one T-shirt.

Additional T-shirts may be purchased for \$20/each.

(Applications due by May 1 2013 to ensure T-shirts)

Basic artwork/image for t-shirt:



LODGING

Smuggler's Cove Marina/Resort is a good choice. It's low cost, has boat slips, and a restaurant/bar. The rooms are nice, clean, but budget based. They are all waterfront at the slips. Smuggler's cove is directly on snake creek at the Hwy 1 Bridge. There is a full service Marina with gear, gas, snacks, and bait directly across the creek from Smuggler's Cove. It is also directly across the creek from the Islamorada Coast Guard Station. Smuggler's Cove has plenty of on-site boat storage space if you are trailering your boat and staying there. It's located at mile marker 85.5. Check out Smuggler's Cove on the link below. **CAUTION** – When entering Smugglers Cove via boat, be wary of an outcropping that juts out into Snake Creek. It's normally marked well. It's well worth going onto Google Earth to check out. It's clearly visible.

<http://smugglerscoveislamorada.com/>

Rental Properties: There are also homes for rent. They can be rented through VRBO or Free-Wheeler realty. Smuggler's Cove is located across from Venetian Shores, one of the nicest neighborhoods in Islamorada. Homes are also located in Plantation Key. It's a several mile boat ride, but Plantation Key housing is somewhat less expensive.

DIRECTIONS

Getting There: Take I-75 to Wildwood, FL and get on the Florida Turnpike. You may choose to use I-95 to avoid tolls but be aware there is road construction in West Palm Beach and always congestion around Miami. If you plan to purchase a SunPass (<https://www.sunpass.com/index>), which will save a bunch of time if the roads are busy, you need to get it in advance. There is a delay before they are activated and you'll still have to stop and pay the day the device is purchased.

Boat Ramp: The closest really good ramp is at Harris Park, located on the ocean side at MM 92.5. If possible, arrive at your lodging, unload your gear, and then take the boat back up to the ramp to put it in the water.

<http://floridakeystreasures.com/boating/boatramps/harryharrisramp.shtml>

ASWSC tournament contacts:

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Dennis Daniel	404-557-1481	dennis.daniel@merial.com

Fishing and On-The-Water Tips

BAIT & TACKLE

Smugglers Cove Marina is directly across Snake Creek from the Smugglers Cove resort and restaurant. They sell frozen bait and chum.

Bass Pro: Don't forget that there is a huge Outdoor World (Bass Pro Shop) on Islamorada at mile marker 81.5 that caters almost 100% to saltwater fishing. That's your closest, and best bet, for anything and everything you left at home or realize you need after you arrive:

Islamorada, FL (World Wide Sportsman - Islamorada) | Bass Pro Shops
81576 Overseas Hwy.
Islamorada, FL 33036
305-664-4615

FISHING BEST BETS

Snappers: Anchor in 40 to 100 feet of water on the reef using a breakaway reef or rock anchor. The yellowtail snapper, mutton snapper and mangrove snapper fishing should be excellent and is a great way to get the kids involved. Use light tackle spinning gear; 12 to 15 pound test is perfect. Use small hooks such as Mustad 9174 #4, or #2 Owner Mutu Light circle hooks. The weighted lead hooks, in red, work really well. The weighted hooks also come in glow in the dark yellow and work really well in low light situations.

Leader material should be 15 to 20 pound test. If the fish are finicky, drop down in leader size or no leader at all. Fluorocarbon is a must unless it's dark. The key to catching yellowtail is lots of chum. Frozen menhaden blocks work best. Make sure your chum bag has a wide mesh – if it doesn't, use a knife to cut larger holes. Try supplementing your slick with cracked corn or glass minnows. One trick that works well is to place a block of chum, some oats, and some menhaden oil into a 5 gallon bucket the night before – cover with foil or cellophane. The next morning use your gaff to stir the mixture. The oats cloud the water and the snapper also love to eat it. This will help hide your line and hooks as their eye site is excellent. Supplement your chum bag with frequent dips from your chum bucket!

Float an unweighted ballyhoo plug, shrimp, squid or silverside free-lined back into your slick with an open bail. Let the line slowly out through your fingers so that there is a natural drift with the current. Don't close the bail and don't put the rod in the rod holder or you'll end up with a twisted mess. Point the rod tip in the direction the line is hitting the water. When the line starts ripping off the reel, close the bail and game on. Other species may show up in your chum slick such as cero mackerel, triggerfish, chicken dolphin. Try dropping a large live bait or live ballyhoo down deep for a grouper or mutton snapper. The yellowtail bite is excellent at night as well.

Dolphin & Tuna: The peak of the Dolphin season is April, May and June. Fish the weed-lines if they are present or look for birds working in open water. The water depth drops quickly so you don't have to go far. All of the normal dolphin trolling gear works, but try fishing Rattle Jets until you locate fish, or run and gun until you find something fishy. The Marathon Hump (24-25.528' N; 80-45.328' W) is an underwater sea mount in over 800 feet of water that extends up within 480 feet of the surface. It is almost a guarantee for blackfin tuna. Get there early because it gets hit hard throughout the day.

Dolphin fishing is often best where the ocean intersects with the gulfstream. At times, depending on the availability of weed lines, other cover, and the pressure the fish have been getting, the Mahi may be in greater numbers on the far side of the gulfstream edge.

Fish a small blue and white trolling feather way back on 20 pound test tackle trolled at 8 knots. Or try cedar plugs, ballyhoo rigs, or rattle jets. The hump at times will also produce yellowfin tuna, white marlin, blue marlin, sailfish, wahoo and dolphin. There are also often BIG amberjacks and mako sharks on the hump. Try dropping a large live bait or butterfly jigs and hang on.

Wahoo: Some anglers may want to target wahoo during the trip. Do some research on this one. If they hit a lure that's tied on with mono or fluorocarbon, you are almost guaranteed to lose fish and tackle. Their teeth are as sharp as anything that swims. If you find yourself in a school of Mahi, from time to time let your baits sink directly under the boat and hang there for a minute. Then, accelerate the boat, dragging your baits to the surface quickly. If there is a Wahoo hanging around under the school of Mahi, this will almost always draw a bite. If you are targeting Wahoo specifically, you'll need some weight, planer boards, or downriggers to get deeper in the water column. You also need to increase your speed from the normal 6 – 7 knots to 10- 12 knots. Again, if you plan to target them, you'll need some wire in front of your lure.

Gulf Fishing: On the gulf side make the run to Sprigger Bank. There are grass flats that hold nice trout and mangrove snapper. Fish the deep pockets with live shrimp free-lined behind the boat and cast white curly tail jigs off the front. Tripletail, spanish mackerel, and cobia are also possibilities. Anchor and chum is also effective.

This will not be prime time for bonefish and permit, but you never know. There are some nice bonefish flats oceanside around Grassy Key, Duck Key and the Seven Mile Bridge. The bridge channels are popular spots for tarpon.

Other useful information: Much of the reef area is part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and fishing is not allowed within their boundaries. The sanctuaries are usually marked on four corners with large yellow markers. Touching or standing on coral is prohibited. Use mooring buoys or raft up in sanctuary areas; no anchoring.

Dive flags are required when swimmers are in the water (anywhere). Idle speed only within 100 feet of a diver down flag. No anchoring allowed on live coral in less than 40 feet of water.

A good chart such as Top Spot no. N208 is a necessity. Running aground can be very costly; not only will you damage your prop or lower unit, but there are fines for damaging coral or sea grass. Online resources for charts:

<http://www.homeportcharts.com>

<http://www.bluewaterweb.com/showcategory.aspx?CategoryID=201&AreaID=507>

<http://www.offshoremapping.com/productcart/pc/Florida-c42.htm>

http://osprey-navigation.com/top_spot/florida_top_spot

Local Resources

OFFSHORE - Captain Rick Rodriguez will be speaking at our Captain's meeting on Sunday night of the Tournament. Capt. Rick is one of the highest rated offshore guides in the Keys. Dennis Daniel has been out with Capt. Rick several times and can't say enough good things about him. If you read his reviews on-line you'll agree we are fortunate to have him. If you've never been offshore in the Keys, it is highly recommend to spend a day with Capt. Rick on the Seahorse for some local expertise.

Website: <http://www.seahorsecharters.com/>

Phone: 305-664-5020

email: seahorsecaptrick@yahoo.com

INSHORE - If you plan some inshore fishing you can't find a better inshore guide in the Keys than Matt Bellinger and his team of guides. Matt owns Bamboo Charters and does the daily fishing report on the local Keys radio station. Matt has appeared on multiple television programs and can also be found on YouTube. If you plan some inshore fishing Bamboo Charters does half day and all day trips. Dennis has also been out with one of Matt's guides and the trip was outstanding. Check Captain Matt out online.

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