



## The Big Conch in the Keys - June 2 - 7, 2019

**Applications must be mailed or turned in by May 1, 2019**

**Captain's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Boat Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work/Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Case of Emergency, Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boat Manufacturer/size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **MMSI #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Registration #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Where will you be staying during the tournament?** \_\_\_\_\_

### TOURNAMENT PARTICIPANTS ( Please designate junior anglers ):

**Captain:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler 2:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler 3:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Angler 5:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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**Number of Non-Anglers Attending Awards Dinner\*:** \_\_\_\_\_ x \$20 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Tournament Fees: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*Note: Tournament Fee includes Awards Dinner. Non-Anglers may attend the Awards Dinner for \$20/each.**

**\*\*\*Dinner will be served at the Awards banquet for this tournament – Low Country Boil\*\*\***

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**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Application to Brent Christopher: 706-215-5525**

Make check payable to: ASWSC, mail to: Brent Christopher,  
 1230 Parker Creek Rd, Watkinsville, GA 30677



**ATLANTA SALTWATER SPORTSMAN'S CLUB  
2019 FLORIDA KEYS TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

**Captains' Meeting:** 5:30 PM Sunday, June 2, Location TBD

**Awards Program:** 7:30 PM Friday, June 7, Location TBD

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

Tournament fees are \$35 per angler



**LODGING**

**Venture Out Resort (is our host location for the Tournament)**

**701 Spanish Main Drive  
Cudjoe Key, FL 33042**

A little information about Venture Out from Venture Out themselves!

Venture Out is a resort community on Cudjoe Key in the Florida Keys. It is a safe and secure community with 24 hour manned gate access and has amenities that cater to families, fishermen, and children. Our amenities include large heated pool, pickle ball, bocce, and tennis courts. It's a short ride by boat or car to Mile Marker Zero and all the unique stuff that Key West has to offer.

From the dock behind any waterfront unit it's a 5 minute idle out of the canal to the Kemp Channel. From there it's a well marked run of less than 10 miles to American Shoals and the Looe Key Marine Sanctuary, about 15 miles to the 100 fathom curve and 25 miles to the Continental Shelf. Turning North out of the canal, the Kemp Channel will take you under US 1 and into the back country for an alternative to open water fishing and diving. There are numerous dive shops located close by offering full diving services. The Bahia Honda Bridges and beaches lie less than 15 miles east.

There are two double-wide boat ramps, marine fuel, bait and convenience store located on site. Other boater-friendly features include a pressure washer to clean up your boat and trailer, and an air compressor for maintaining tire pressure. The use of the ramps, pressure washer and air compressor are free to residents and renters.

The fishing here is outstanding. Depending on the season, Sails, Dolphin, all species of reef fish and world class Tarpon fishing are just a short boat ride away from the dock.

Snorkeling and diving at the Looe Key reef, wrecks and in the back-country are also readily accessible.

There is a Venture Out Gate fee that will have to be paid when you arrive. This fee is \$53.75 and will be paid directly to Venture Out upon arrival at the gate and is check or cash only. This is a one time fee for your stay and when you make your lodging reservations this will be explained to you.

**Sue is the Reservation Specialist she works with Waterfront Keys Realty, Inc. (They have an office on site at the Resort) – Some home and lot owners use Waterfront Keys to handle their property rentals. You can also search through VRBO/Homeaway.**

The properties inside Venture Out vary from 2 Bedroom Stilt style houses to trailer style units closer to the ground and There are RV lots in there as well for those wanting to bring their motor coach or RV.

### **Boat Ramp:**

The boat ramp is located inside the Venture Out Resort Park located at 701 Spanish Main Drive Cudjoe Key, FL 33042

### **Boat trailer Parking:**

Trailer Parking will be in a lot owned by Venture Out Resort and not at your rental house. Venture Out Park handles these Charges and can be set up by contacting them directly at 305-745-1982 or visiting their office at the entrance gate. There is a fee for the trailer parking and will have to be paid at beginning of reservation in order to get your parking tag for the boat. Trailer parking fee is \$4.00 per night.

## **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. The Georgia Peach Pass is integrated with the Florida Sunpass just in case you have a Peach Pass already. 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. Cudjoe Key is located around mile marker 23 and Spanish Main Drive is your first road on the left after getting off the bridge from Summerland Key traveling south.

### **ASWSC tournament contacts:**

Brent Christopher      706-215-5525      [ochauling@yahoo.com](mailto:ochauling@yahoo.com)

Ward Lang                770-596-4298      [ward.lang3@gmail.com](mailto:ward.lang3@gmail.com)

## Fishing and On-The-Water Tips

### BAIT & TACKLE & ICE

**There are several marinas and tackle stores in and around Cudjoe Key. However, there is one right there in the Venture Out Resort Park that provides bait and fuel at the dock. You can also visit Cudjoe Sales Fishermans Warehouse right there on the same island and they have all the tackle items you could possibly need and in the same parking lot you can buy chum and bait at the Low Keys Fisheries Store.**

#### **Cudjoe Sales Fishermans Warehouse**

22536 Overseas Hwy Mile Marker 22.5

Cudjoe Key, FL 33042

cudjoesales.com

305-745-3667 or 800-843-9815

Hours of Operation are 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday and CLOSED on SUNDAY!!!

#### **Low Keys Fisheries**

22536 Overseas Hwy Mile Marker 22.5

Cudjoe Key, FL 33042

305-745-1311

Hours of Operation are 8:00 am – 6:00 pm Monday through Saturday and CLOSED on SUNDAY!!!

**ICE MACHINE – Twice the Ice** – Located at 24986 Overseas Hwy Summerland Key, FL 33042 (next island north from Cudjoe Key about 2.7 miles from Venture Out Resort Park)

There are several gas stations on islands' north and south that carry bait as well like The Shell Station on Summerland Key located at 24838 Overseas Hwy Summerland Key, FL 33042 305-460-1267

**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. While there are a host of tackle stores throughout the Keys, 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 60 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 1/0 Demon Circle Hooks, or #2 Mustad Demon circle hooks. Mustad makes a Yellowtail Snapper jig with the weighted lead

on the duration finish extra short shank hook. The weighted hooks also come in bright yellow, pink and white colors and just add a little weight to get that bait just under the surface. 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 Carlson's Two Humps is closest to our host location in the Keys. Carlson's Two Humps is located at N24 25.110 W81 03.665. The near shore reef are good for bottom fishing if you check in with the local bait shops. Then there is The Marathon Hump (N24 25.528 W80 45.328) 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. It's a little further out so plan to leave early.

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(Marathon) 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(Marathon). 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:** 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. Cudjoe occupies an advantageous location for accessing the Gulf. From the Atlantic side, and based on boat size, you can traverse Kemp Channel, lowering outriggers and removing the rods from the T-top to clear the bridge. Pine and Bow channels are the shallower, more challenging passages. Niles Channel is a bit deeper and another solid option. However, if you're not intimately familiar with these passages, consult a navigational chart before attempting such a run

<https://www.saltwatersportsman.com/cudjoe-key-florida-fishing-secrets#page-3>

Check out this link for some useful information for Fishing in the Lower Keys and Cudjoe Key area.

**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 for the areas is recommended. 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>

## Local Resources

**OFFSHORE** - Captain Bill Welder is a great island charter service in the Keys. His fishing charter company is Island Charters and his boat name and service is called Keyed Up. He is excellent and he'll teach you something every time you use him. Brent Christopher has fished with Capt. Bill on multiple occasions on his Parker offshore boat. If you've never been offshore in the Keys, or you want to hone your skills, it is highly recommend to spend a day with Capt. Bill on the Keyed Up Vessel for some local expertise. He works great with children and getting them on the fish and catching!!

**Website:** <http://www.captainbill.net>

**Phone:** 305-395-0850

**email:** [islandcharters@earthlink.net](mailto:islandcharters@earthlink.net)

<https://www.facebook.com/www.captainbill.net>

**INSHORE** - If you plan some inshore fishing you can't find a better inshore guide in the Keys than Harlan Trammell who owns American Allegiance Charters out of Big Pine Key, FL. When Harlan isn't busy with charters he works with the Boy Scouts of America's Brinton Environmental Center on Summerland Key. He has had his captain's license since the 1980's. He has given fishing seminars at the local tackle shops such as Lower Keys Tackle on Big Pine Key

**Website:** <https://american-allegiance-charters.com>

**Phone:** 305-394-7400

**email:** [skyrox@hotmail.com/](mailto:skyrox@hotmail.com/)

## Restaurants

1. Galley Grill (serves breakfast and lunch daily) Hours of Operation 7:00 am – 2:00 pm  
24862 Overseas Hwy Summerland Key, Florida 33042 305-745-3440
2. Square Grouper Bar and Grill ( serves lunch and dinner Monday through Saturday) Hours of Operation  
11:00am – 2:30pm and from 5:00 pm – 10:00pm  
22658 Overseas Hwy Cudjoe Key, Florida 33042 305-745-8880
3. Mangrove Mamas (serves breakfast, lunch and dinner 7 days a week) Hours of Operation 8:00 am – 10:00 pm  
19991 Overseas Hwy Sugarload Key, FL 33042 MM 20 305-745-3030  
They also serve Pizza same place but different phone number for ordering 305-745-6689
4. KiKi's Sandbar Bar & Grille ( serves lunch and dinner 7 days a week) Hours of Operation 11:00 am – 12:00  
183 Barry Avenue Little Torch Key, FL 33042 305-872-4500
5. Slice of Paradise (PIZZA) (serves and delivers pizza 7 days a week) Hours of Operation 11:00 am – 9:00  
Sunday through Thursday and open until 10:30 pm on Friday and Saturday

6. Hogfish Bar and Grill (close to Key West) It is the locals favorite place secret and tucked away from hustle and bustle of downtown Key West up one island on Stock Island. (serves lunch and dinner 7 days a week and brunch on Sunday) Hours of Operation Monday through Saturday 11:00 am – 10:00 pm and Sunday 9:00 am to 10:00pm  
6810 Front Street Stock Island, FL 33040 305-293-4041
7. Conch Republic (in Key West) Its one of Brent's favorite restaurants with great food and great atmosphere with it bordering the docks and the view of the waterfront is great! (serves lunch and dinner 7 days a week) Hours of Operation Monday through Sunday 11:30 am – 11:00 pm  
631 Greene St. Key West, FL 33040 305-294-4403

### Grocery Stores

1. Venture Out Community Store on site. This store which is also located in same location as marina store inside the property of Venture Out has lots of handy items to keep you from having to run to town. They have drinks, alcoholic beverages, snack food items, some basic cooking food items, and sun protection items. They are open 7 days a week from 7:00 am – 5:30 pm.
2. Murray's Market is on the next island north Summerland Key. They have more detailed grocery style food items and necessities (such as steaks, produce, sandwich meats and cheeses etc.) Not full scale grocery but close however prices might be a little higher but still a great store close by!  
24550 Overseas Hwy (MM24.5)  
Summerland Key, FL 33042 305-745-3534 Hours of Operation Mon – Sat 7:00 am – 7:00 pm Sunday  
open at 8:00 am until 7:00 pm [murraysmarket.org](http://murraysmarket.org)
3. Kickin Back (more of a convenience style store with no fuel)  
However it is on Cudjoe Key just down a mile from Spanich Main Road heading towards Key West.  
21362 Overseas Hwy Cudjoe Key, FL 33042 305-745-2528 Opens at 7:00 am
4. Winn Dixie Grocery Store – This full scale grocery store and has some frozen bait in freezer too and is just north a few islands on the island of Big Pine Key. It is located just on a side street from the main highway. It is a great shopping center and has a Winn Dixie Liquor store next door. Just in front of this store on the main stretch of US 1 is two drug stores in case you need health care or beauty needs.  
251 Key Deer Blvd. Big Pine Key, FL 33043 305-872-4124 Hours of Operation 6:00 am – 11:00 pm Daily
5. Publix Grocery Store (there are two on the island of Key West) – Full scale grocery stores  
3316 N Roosevelt Blvd. Key West, FL 33040 305-296-2225 Hours of Operation 7:00 am – 11:00 pm Daily

