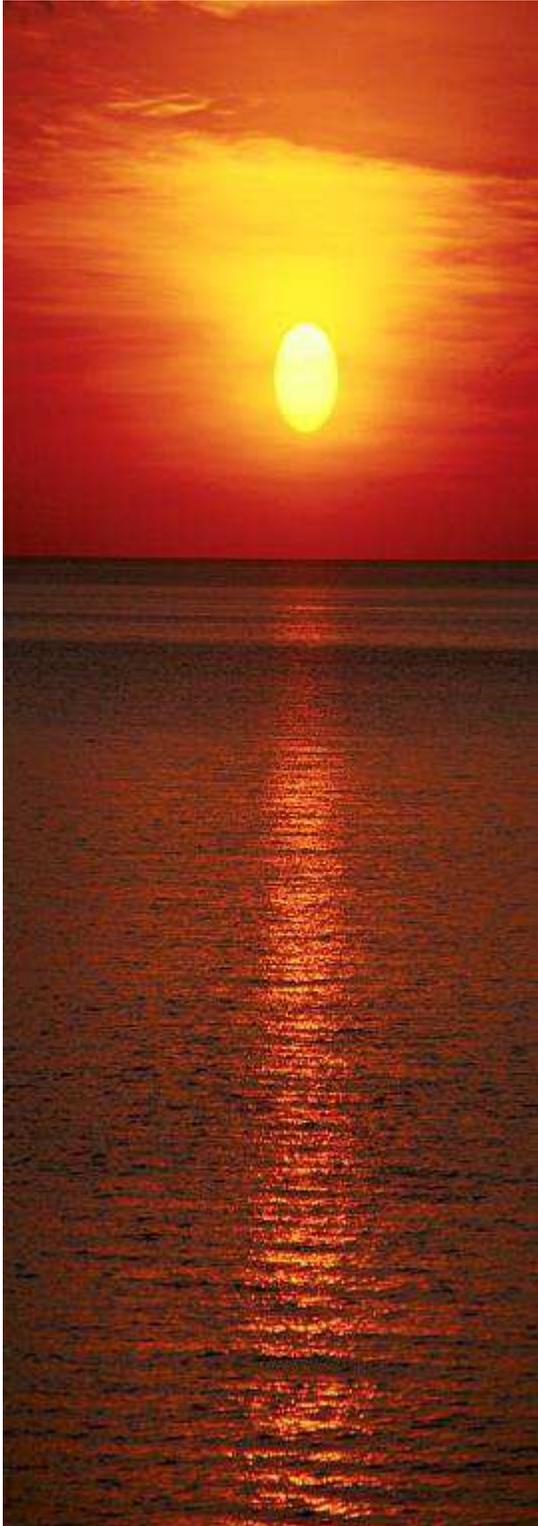


# IFC ShortCast



Dear Members,

Thank you to all equity members who voted in this past election. We have some new board members and we welcome them to the IFC Board of Directors.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite All members to our annual Board of Directors Meeting on March 17th at 5pm This is an opportunity to meet your newly appointed officers, here the status of the club & have a brief overview of the past year.

Immediately following our annual meeting there will be a member appreciation party. This will be a members only event.

Now that it is high season, I would like to encourage all members to make your Dinner reservations **at least 24 to 48 hours in advance**. Please remember that we have limited window tables available & they are filled on a first come first serve basis. With our incredibly gorgeous weather, I encourage you to try our outdoor patio. We will gratefully accept last minute reservations with time and space availability being considered.

Please be considerate to your fellow members & make sure to have your parking/name card on your dashboard when you come to the club and park 3 deep pulling all the way forward. If you need a new name tag to put on your dashboard, please see me.

**We also have over flow parking north of the club at the Vernis & Bowling Building**

Sincerely,

Vinnie

# CAPTAINS CORNER

Hello fisherman!

We are in full swing with the winter weather here in the Keys. We've had several nice cold fronts the past few weeks making it quite cold and windy. The cold weather has only helped kick start the normal bait migration we are used to seeing during the winter. It wasn't until early February that we actually saw a decent number of ballyhoo in our waters. Usually, the cold weather makes it difficult to have a good day fishing. But the key is to know how to take advantage of the colder weather and target the fish that tend to show up in our waters with the drop in water temperatures. This means not to target fish that you would typically catch in the summer months (like dolphin.)

February is usually one of the coldest months in the Keys. So, in February, I like to target certain fish depending on the weather. On the calmer days I tend to target deep water snapper, grouper and jacks on the wrecks in the morning and cobia in the afternoon when the sun is high. We find the cobia following rays in Hawks Channel outside of the bridges. They are usually in large schools and willing to take a variety of baits. Live grunts and pinfish seem to work best. Most of the deep water snappers are willing to take a variety of cut baits like squids, bonita, and ballyhoo chunks. On the Conetigious, we like to use a simple three hook chicken rig on a small 30 lb braided conventional outfit. The weight size often depends on the depth and how strong the current is, but 16 oz is usually the best. When you find a school of snapper, it doesn't take long to have a fish box full of good eating snapper this time of year.

The wreck fishing in February can also produce some great catches, such as monster African pompano and mutton snapper. The trick to landing these trophies is having good live bait and knowing which wrecks are holding the most fish. The best wrecks for producing African pompano are the Bib, Dwaine, Barbara Anne, Eagle, the shrimp boat off Duck Key, and the Thunderbolt. All of these wrecks hold a good number of African pompano this time of year. They will take a variety of live bait, including large live shrimp on jigs. Mutton snapper will also take the same live bait, as well as dead baits like squid, deboned ballyhoo, and speedo chunks.

On the rougher days, when the wind is out of the east southeast, I like to target sailfish and hit the patches up for dinner. The rougher days allow you to target sailfish using kites. Quite often we get a variety of other fish to bite our kite baits as well. Kingfish and tuna are the most common bycatch. Don't be surprised if a wahoo takes a shot at your bait if the water is nice and blue. With the onshore winds, the water usually gets cloudy on the patches. This makes the yellowtail and other snappers very aggressive and it doesn't take long to have a mess of great eating fish for dinner. If you don't mind fishing this colder time of year, there is a lot to catch. However, give me the warm weather. I'm ready to catch some dolphin.

## \*\*\*Something New\*\*\*

Summer 2015 will be the second year of Clearwater Adventures Summer Camps. I am proud and excited to take these camps to the next level in 2016. The Clearwater Adventure Summer Camps are designed to introduce and educate young men about the magic of fishing and takes place here in Islamorada. Last year, this was a huge success on every level. The activities were well planned and executed to give each camper maximum experience. The staff is exceptional, with great skill levels and great leadership.

The camp accommodations are a canal side home located on the same canal where I live. The food includes several seafood dishes provided by the campers. The activities include: Two (2) days of offshore fishing aboard the "Contagious" with myself and Dan; one (1) day of backcountry fishing with Captain Jeremy Chavez for tarpon, snook, and other species; a shark fishing excursion with Captain TJ Zinkand; snorkeling adventure with Samantha Zeher, along with kayak fishing the Mangrove Islands of Florida Bay. In addition to these on the water activities, the camps will provide instructions on how to throw castnets, tackle rigging live bait, artificial bait and lures, plus general fishing techniques utilized in the Florida Keys. What a great educational experience for each camper!

The majority of the campers from last year have signed up to come back for the summer of 2016. We have added 3 weeks so that we can take new campers.

Camp Details: Camps operate Sunday thru Saturday

Boys: Ages 12-18

Camp Dates: 7/3 -7/9; 7/17-7/23; 7/24-7/30; 7/31-8/6

Airport Pick-up and return is included

These camps are a very special opportunity for the young fisherman. For more details, call or email for a complete brochure or visit the camp website.

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**Tight Lines: Captain Brian Cone**



# INVITATION

"ALL MEMBERS"

You are cordially invited to a  
Complimentary  
Member Appreciation Party

To be held on

MARCH 17th 2016

6:30 PM

This is in appreciation for your continued  
support of

"YOUR CLUB"

THE ISLAMORADA FISHING CLUB

RSVP BY MARCH 12

Open Seating

305-664-4735

{This is for members only}



***Congratulations***

***Bob Walsh***

***March's Outstanding Catch***

***36 Pound Cobia on 10# Test***

# Member Dues and Food & Beverage Minimums

Member Annual Dues & Minimum amounts are billed automatically according to membership categories:

Resident Dues — \$1000.00 Annually **plus \$1000.00 Food & Beverage Minimum**

Non Resident Dues — \$425.00 Annually **plus \$425.00 Food & Beverage Minimum**

Spouse Privilege Dues — \$500.00 Annually **plus \$500.00 Food & Beverage Minimum**

Guides Dues — \$225.00 Annually **plus \$225.00 Food & Beverage Minimum**

Intermediate {21-35} Dues—\$325.00 Annually **plus \$325.00 Food & Beverage Minimum**

Corporate/Equity– Resident Dues— \$1700 **No Food & Beverage Minimum**

Corporate/Non Resident Dues— \$1700 **No Food & Beverage Minimum**

If the Food & Beverage minimum is not met upon renewal of your annual dues, the minimum left will be automatically charged to your account. Minimums do not include taxes or service charges.

*Please be sure we have the most recent E-Mail, Home address, updated credit card information as well as a contact Telephone number on file at the club.*

*If you are not currently receiving E-mails from the club. It maybe that we need an update or that you need to check your "Spam Filter"*

# March 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4 <b>Happy Hour</b>	5 <b>Prime Rib</b>
6	7	8 Jim Bokor Bonefish Redfish Kick-Off	9 Jim Bokor Bonefish Redfish Appetizers	10 Jim Bokor Bonefish Redfish Appetizers	11 Jim Bokor Bonefish Redfish Awards <hr/> Walker Lowe Rehearsal Dinner Club Closed	12 <b>Prime Rib Night</b>
13	14	15	16 Mariners Auxiliary Brunch Closed Lunch Only <hr/> Bougainvillea Thank You Reception Hurlburt Room	17 Annual Board Meeting 5:00 pm <hr/> Member Appreciation Party 6:30	18 <b>Happy Hour</b>	19 <b>Prime Rib Night</b>
20	21	22 FL Keys Realtors Luncheon Closed Lunch Only	23	24	25 <b>Happy Hour</b>	26 <b>Prime Rib Night</b>
27 Easter Brunch 12-4pm	28	29	30	31	<b>April 1 Happy Hour</b>	<b>2 Prime Rib Night</b>