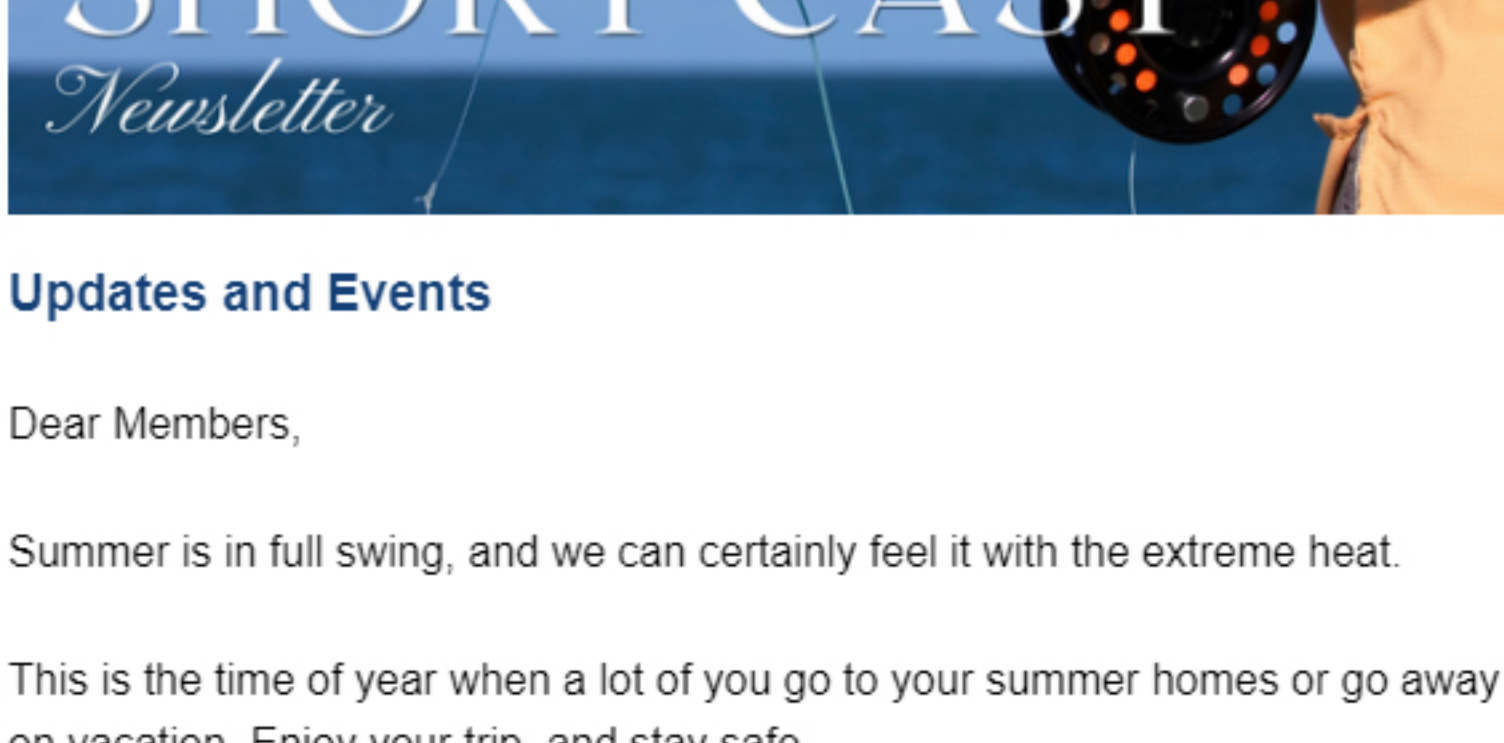




July 2023



Updates and Events

Dear Members,

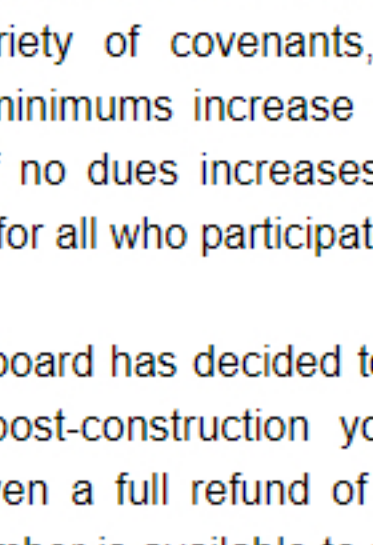
Summer is in full swing, and we can certainly feel it with the extreme heat.

This is the time of year when a lot of you go to your summer homes or go away on vacation. Enjoy your trip, and stay safe.

I wanted to thank you all for your patients with the numerous closures during Tarpon Tournament Season. We are very proud to host these prestigious events, as we have for many, many years.

Please inform me when you get a new credit card, whether it was lost or it has a new expiration date.

Sincerely,
- Vinnie



Wow!!!

Dear members,

The club membership never ceases to amaze me with their support for our upcoming new building project and have shown that the idea of paying it forward and moving this institution and its traditions into the 21st century and beyond is a priority.

Some of you have expressed yourselves in many different ways about the assessment. It is my belief that the board has listened to and addressed these concerns by offering a variety of covenants, such as; Four years post construction of no dues or minimums increase in addition to the current and pre-construction covenant of no dues increases with the already suspended Food & Beverage minimums for all who participate in the assessment.

The other consideration the board has decided to extend to all who participate is that, if within 2 years post-construction you decide to relinquish your membership, you will be given a full refund of your assessment provided a board-approved & vetted member is available to replace you. This coupled with the fact that we will be capping the membership at 475 for 1 year or until we have a handle on operations. This cap will allow the members to enjoy the club they have supported over the years and will also generate a buzz and create demand for new members to apply.

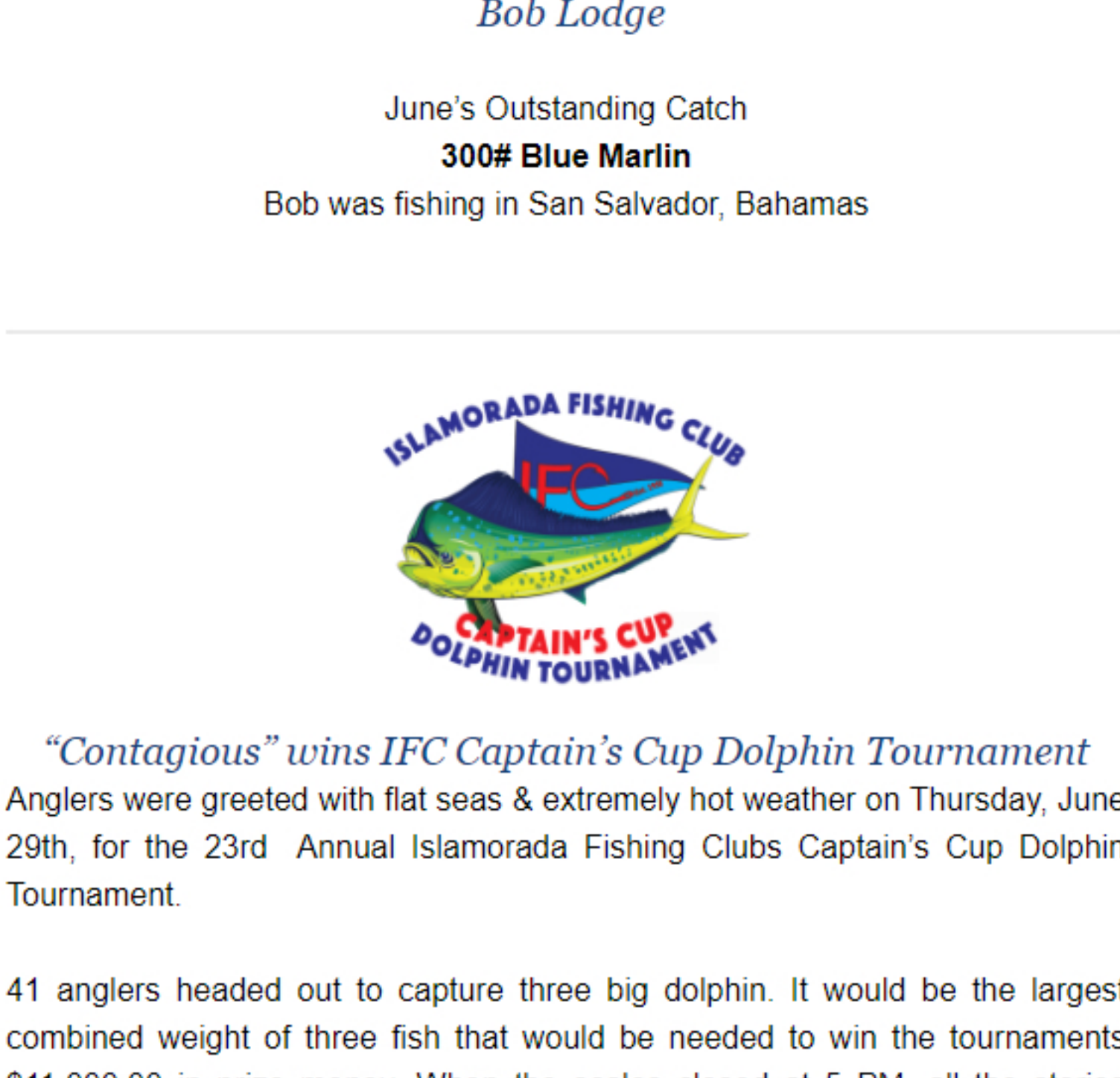
There are a number of other things that are not mentioned or fully conveyed in some of the board's communications, and those are the things within my control. The value associated with the club, like the familial feeling of which nearly 14 years ago I set out to accomplish, the food & beverage prices, quality, service, the availability of getting a reservation last minute, accommodating large parties, the longevity of staff and how we have all grown to, dear I say, love and appreciate. This, of course, is not just exclusive to staff and our extended families, but to members and their extended families as well as their guests. This is what it means to be a part of something special.

Special is a word that may not get the attention it deserves. We are all very lucky to have had the opportunity to enjoy this special feeling due in part to the considerate and generous members of the past. Individuals like the 72 charter members, Bob Regan, Frank & Jean Hurlburt, Bob & Pat Lodge, and many others who have paid it forward and assured the continuation of this place we call "Our Club" during the hard times. Through these individuals' commitment to and desire to pay it forward and see this special institution and all its traditions continue, we are the beneficiaries.

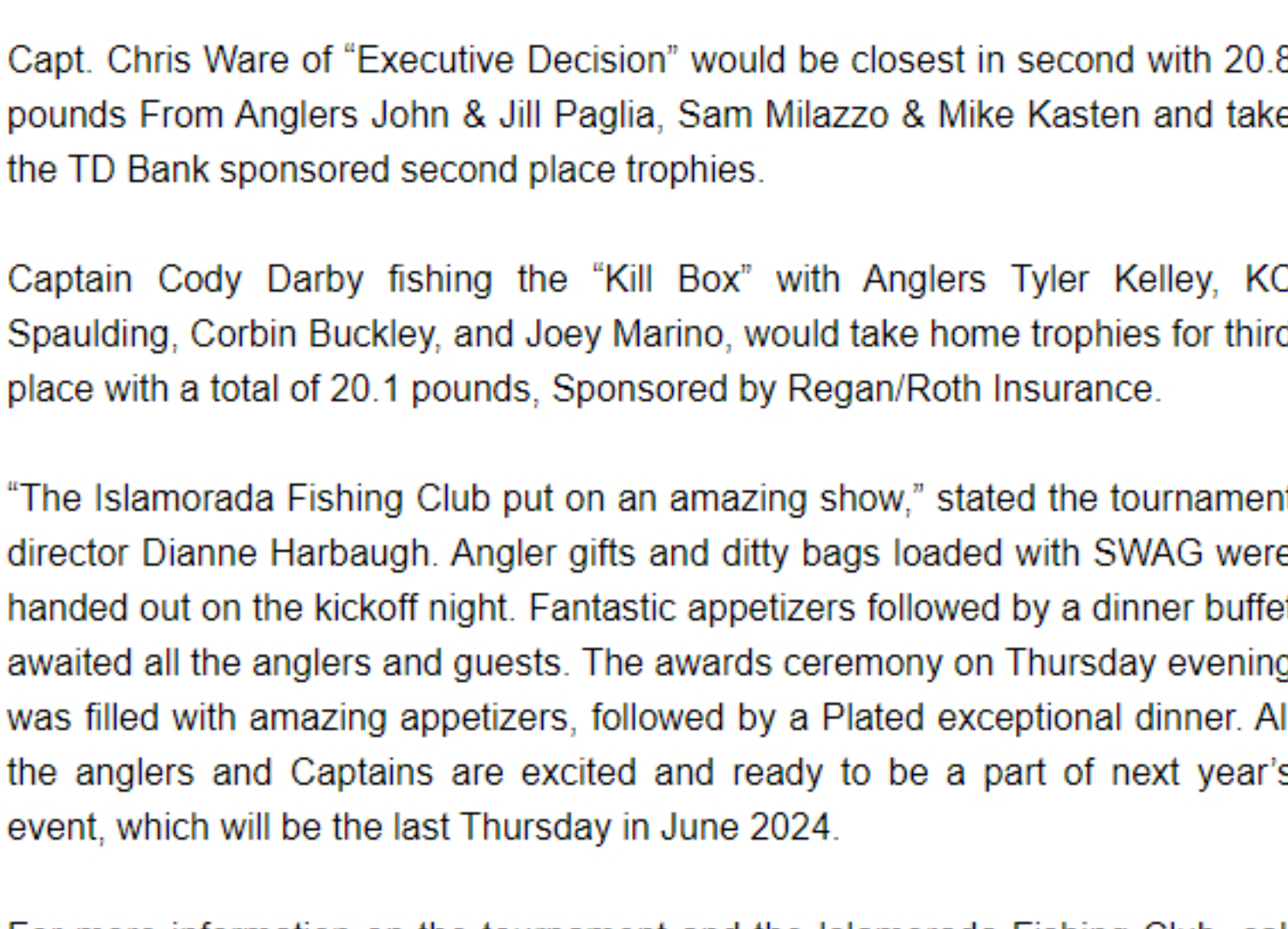
It is disheartening to hear individuals express the idea that "why should I pay for something/someone to enjoy that I may not be around to enjoy?" I ask you to reread the paragraph above and ask yourself if the time you have spent here invokes a feeling of your special memories of the past, Birthdays, anniversaries, family dinners, friendships, and unfortunately, the losses, and isn't it special to be surrounded by friends during those good times as well as those difficult ones.

I, for one, cannot put those feelings that I have been blessed to experience aside, the loss of my mother, which was pivotal in my decision to remain an employee here due to the outpour of support and condolences shared after only 1 year of employment, the always welcome questions about Mia & Vincent have kept me here, and the overwhelming support from this family will keep me here so that I may continue to pay it forward with my dedication to "Our Club" The Islamorada Fishing Club. That is what I call special.

Thank you all,
"THE NEXT GENERATION OF FOUNDERS"

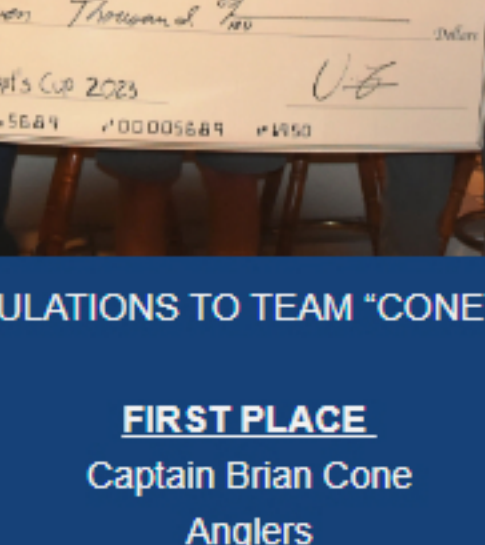


Outstanding Catch of the Month!



Congratulations Bob Lodge

June's Outstanding Catch
300# Blue Marlin
Bob was fishing in San Salvador, Bahamas



"Contagious" wins IFC Captain's Cup Dolphin Tournament

Anglers were greeted with flat seas & extremely hot weather on Thursday, June 29th, for the 23rd Annual Islamorada Fishing Clubs Captain's Cup Dolphin Tournament.

41 anglers headed out to capture three big dolphin. It would be the largest combined weight of three fish that would be needed to win the tournaments \$11,000.00 in prize money. When the scales closed at 5 PM, all the stories were the same. There were lots of fish out there but no big ones.

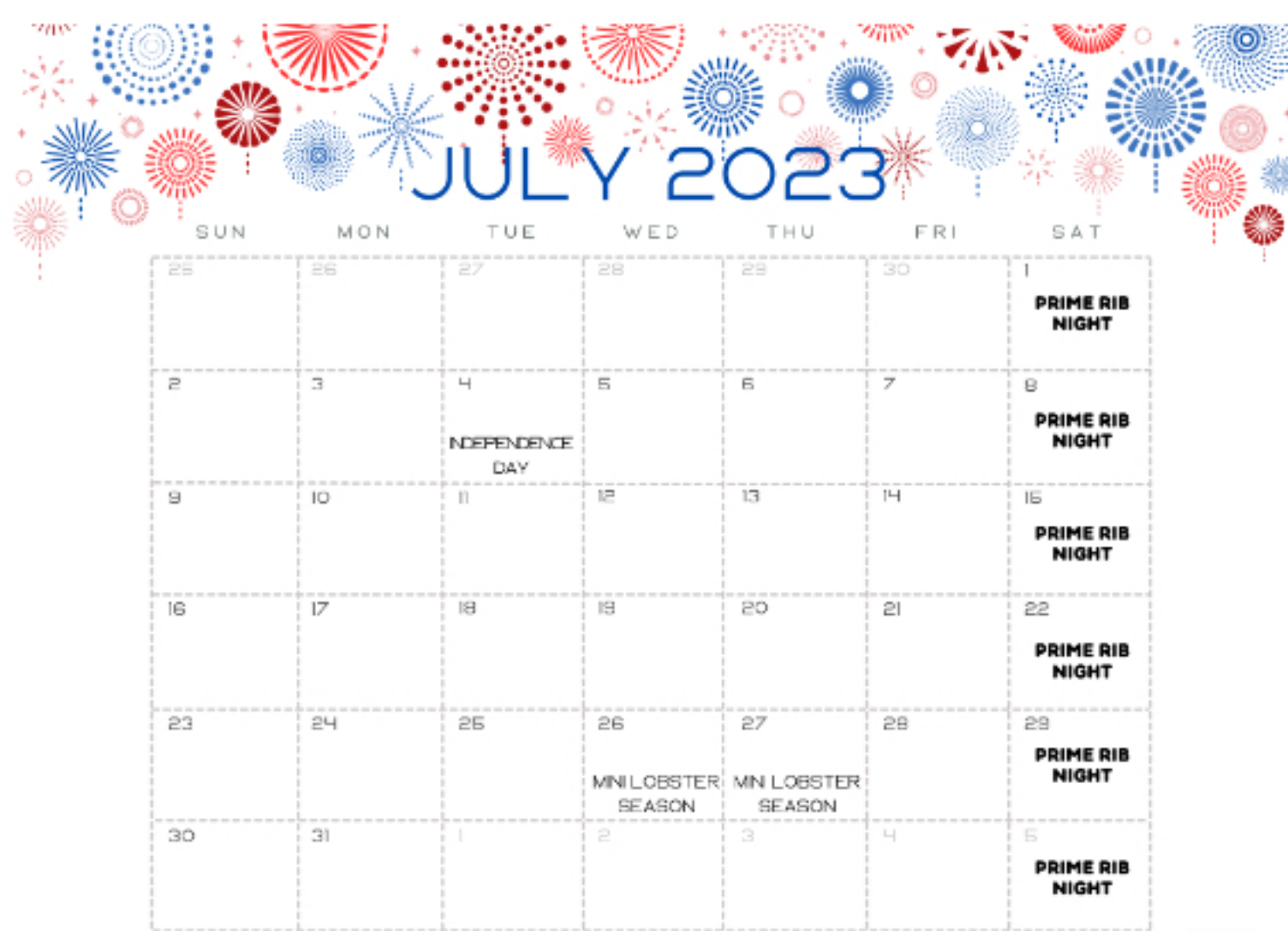
It would be IFC Member Captain Brian Cone aboard the "Conetageous" that would find the three biggest dolphin. Caribee Boat and Yamaha outboards sponsored first-place trophies, and go to Anglers IFC Member Travis Bennet, Don DeLeon, Reef Bennett, and Andy Cone. The team would weigh 21 pounds combined to win the \$11,000.00 grand prize. A tough day of fishing for all.

Capt. Chris Ware of "Executive Decision" would be closest in second with 20.8 pounds From Anglers John & Jill Paglia, Sam Milazzo & Mike Kasten and take the TD Bank sponsored second place trophies.

Captain Cody Darby fishing the "Kill Box" with Anglers Tyler Kelley, KC Spaulding, Corbin Buckley, and Joey Marino, would take home trophies for third place with a total of 20.1 pounds, Sponsored by Regan/Roth Insurance.

"The Islamorada Fishing Club put on an amazing show," stated the tournament director Dianne Harbaugh. Angler gifts and ditty bags loaded with SWAG were handed out on the kickoff night. Fantastic appetizers followed by a dinner buffet awaited all the anglers and guests. The awards ceremony on Thursday evening was filled with amazing appetizers, followed by a Plated exceptional dinner. All the anglers and Captains are excited and ready to be a part of next year's event, which will be the last Thursday in June 2024.

For more information on the tournament and the Islamorada Fishing Club, call the club or visit www.theislamoradafishingclub.com



CONGRATULATIONS TO TEAM "CONETAGEOUS"

FIRST PLACE

Captain Brian Cone
Anglers
Travis Bennet, Don DeLeon,
Reef Bennett & Andy Cone

SECOND PLACE

Executive Decision

THIRD PLACE

Killbox

Calendar

July 2023

July 1st — Prime Rib Night

July 8th — Prime Rib Night

July 15th — Prime Rib Night

July 22nd — Prime Rib Night

July 29th — Prime Rib Night

JULY 2023

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

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