ISLAMORADA
FISHING CLUB EST. 1950

January 2024

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HAPPY
New Year!
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Dear Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season!!!

Now that season is here and with the holidays behind us, we can all look forward to a **healthy**, happy, and prosperous new year.

I would like to encourage all members to make their dinner reservations **at least 24 to 48 hours in advance.** We will happily accept last-minute reservations with time and space availability being considered.

The Staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many members for their generous contributions Towards our Christmas Bonus Pool. Your generosity is always much appreciated. It has been our pleasure to have served you this past year.

- Vinnie

ISLAMORADA FISHING CLUB - SLATE

This is for directors for the year commencing 3/1/2024

BALLOTS WILL BE MAILED OUT ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1ST

Four directors are carry-overs: Joe Roth (President), Tom Bray (Membership), Ken Gentes (1st Vice President), Chris Trentine

______Cheryl Culberson: (Current IFC Board Member, 10+ Years, Secretary and Immediate past President 4years), Resident since 1985, Life Member, Attorney in private Practice, Member Islamorada LPA, President-Middle Keys Community Land Trust, Community Activist, President-Founder Islamorada Fishing & Conservation Trust, Foundation Guiding Light Award Winner, Islamorada Chamber of Commerce, Avis Angler, Married to Bob Royall

______ Captain Dave Denkert: (Current IFC Board Member, Conservation) Tavernier resident Dave has been a guide member of the IFC for many years. Highly awarded local fishing guide. Past member of Miami Rod and Reel Club and South Florida Fishing Guides Association. Current member of Florida Keys Guides Association. Married to Linda

______ **Steve Leopold:** (Current IFC Board Member/ Conservation & Fishing) Resident since 1988, current Member of National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council, Member of Islamorada Near Shore Advisory Committee, Board Member of the Islamorada Foundation, Board Member Islamorada Parks & RE Committee, Married to Leslie and have 2 Daughters, Annie & Ellie

______ **Pete Pehrson:** (Current IFC Board Member) Pete and his wife, Marilyn, have been keys residents since 2000 and IFC Members since 2001, a graduate of Butler University with degrees in Chemistry, Biology, and Pharmacy. In his career, he managed a Pharmaceutical Manufacturing operation for Dow Chemical in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, and retired from Bristol-Myers Squibb, where he was Vice President of Manufacturing. He has been a board member of Junior Achievement and The American Cancer Society in his former residence and a Team Ocean Volunteer for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

______**Patty Stanley:** (Current IFC Board Member) Broker-Associate at Ocean Sotheby's Realty Owner – Proprietor ISLAND VILLA RENTAL PROPERTIES Partner – Island Villa Construction, Native Floridian – Resident since 1977, Chair Tourist Development Council, Mem-ber & Chair Mariner's Hospital Member Islamorada Chamber of Commerce & Upper Keys Rotary

______ **Audra Hill Wallace:** (Current IFC Board Member, Treasurer) Certified Public Account & Partner Tolley & Hill, PLLC. Resident since 1986, Serves on the Mariners Hospital Young Philanthropists & Foundation Boards, Baptiste Health Medical Group & Operating Boards & Florida Keys Day. Married to Bobby Wallace

______**Allen Wood:** (Current IFC Board Member- 2nd Vice President) Full Time Resident, Born & raised in Islamorada, Brevard College Business Degree, Owner Forest Tek Lumber & Overseas Lumber Supplies, Grandfather to granddaughter Lorelei

_____ **Roger Young:** (Current IFC Board Member) Licensed Contractor, Owner, Islamorada Brick Company Community activist, Board member of several local charities, ardent fisherman and outdoor enthusiast, married to Lee Young

NEW Member Dues and Food and Beverage Minimums

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

WE ARE CURRENTLY ACCEPTING NEW MEMBERS FOR THE CATEGORIES BELOW:

Resident Dues —$1,250.00 *Annually*

Non-Resident Dues — CLOSED

Spouse Privilege Dues — CLOSED

Guides Dues — $275.00

Intermediate {21-35} Dues — CLOSED

Corporate/Equity– Resident Dues — $2,100.00

Corporate/Non-Resident Dues — $2,100.00

If the Food & Beverage minimum is not met upon renewal of your annual dues, the minimum left will be automatically charged to your account. Taxes and Service Charges are not counted toward your minimums.

ALL FOOD & BEVERAGE MINIMUMS ARE CURRENTLY SUSPENDED

Please be sure we have the most recent E-Mail, Home address, and 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, please check your "Spam Folder" or update your E-mail on file.

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Presidential Update

Dear Members,

On behalf of the Board, I wanted to take a moment to update everyone on the status of construction for the new building. At this point, we have completed a majority of the foundation work and are on schedule to pour concrete next week. We will then move on to working on the underground drainage for the next couple of weeks. End of month's goal is to have some blocks and columns in place. Once we get to the end of the month, we should have an updated schedule and timeline for the balance of the project.

As many of you know, we lost a number of members who, for various reasons, did not want to participate in the construction project. While we would wholeheartedly welcome anyone back at any point, we don’t think it is fair for those members to continue to enjoy the club week in and week out as guests of members who chose to pay the assessment. As a member who paid for the assessment, I know it is tough to be in a position between a friend and peers who supported the project. The Board continues to explore our guest policies across all member categories to ensure that membership continues to be equitable and accessible for those who have supported the cause. We would hope that this issue may work itself out and those who did not rejoin for whatever reason may see the value in coming back. Nevertheless, we will continue to monitor the situation so that we can service the expectations of members.

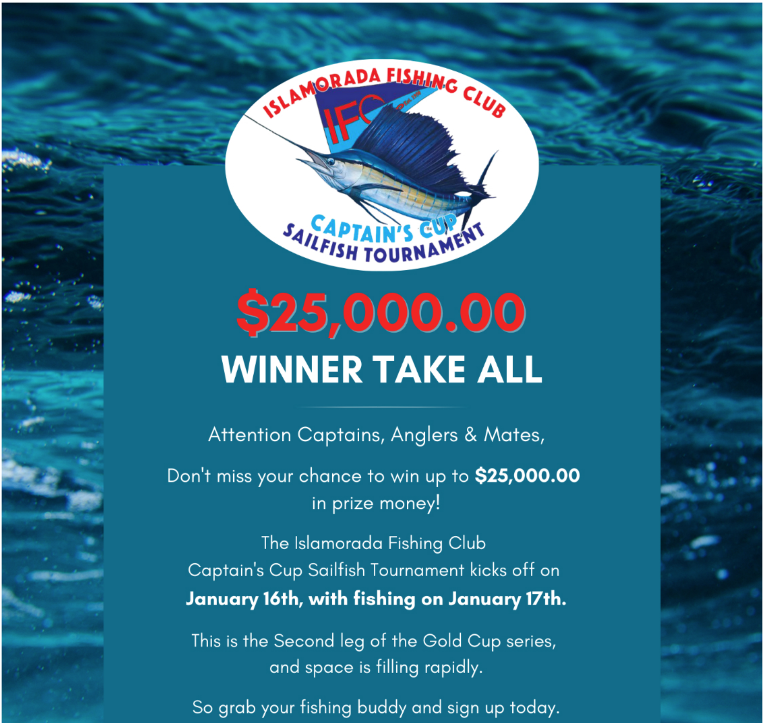
In the meantime, we hope that everyone is enjoying our location. Every time I go in for dinner, I receive really positive comments about the clean-up and light remodel we did for the restaurant. Several people can’t quite believe it is the same place. Even though the weather is sometimes a little challenging, the outside seating area is really a nice spot. We look forward to bringing forward more changes and more options to frequent the club as we grow into our space.

Thank you all for the support of the staff and the club as we chart this course.

Sincerely,
Joe Roth, President
IFC Board

Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament

January 16th, 2024 ~ January 17th, 2024



$25,000.00

WINNER TAKE ALL

Attention Captains, Anglers & Mates,

Don't miss your chance to win up to **$25,000.00** in prize money!

The Islamorada Fishing Club
Captain's Cup Sailfish Tournament kicks off on
January 16th, with fishing on January 17th.

This is the Second leg of the Gold Cup series, and space is filling rapidly.

So grab your fishing buddy and sign up today.

This one day all release sailfish tournament is **limited to 30 boats.**

With a full field, the prize money may be increased to $30,000.00.

The tournament entry fee is $2,500.00 and $350.00 for a 3rd angler and includes 3 social tickets for each night.

Don’t miss out! Call the Club to enter today!

(305) 664-4735

Download Entry Forms Here

Calendar

January 2024

Jan. 6th — Prime Rib Night

Jan. 13th — Prime Rib Night

Jan. 16th — **CLUB CLOSED** for IFC Sailfish Tournament Kick-Off

Jan. 17th — **CLUB CLOSED** for IFC Sailfish Tournament Awards

Jan. 20th — Prime Rib Night

Jan. 27th — Prime Rib Night

2024
January

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 PRIME RIB NIGHT
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 PRIME RIB NIGHT
14	15	**16** IFC Sailfish Tournament KICK OFF **CLOSED**	**17** IFC Sailfish Tournament AWARDS **CLOSED**	18	19	20 PRIME RIB NIGHT
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 PRIME RIB NIGHT
28	29	30	31			

Lets Connect!

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