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## New boat storage facilities under construction in Broward

BY BETH FEINSTEIN-BARTL  
Waterfront News Writer

Boat storage in Broward County is going glam as several marinas and shipyards are being redeveloped.

An upcoming spate of projects is expected to bring big changes — a welcome sign to beleaguered captains and boaters who will have more dockage options in an already overly cramped market.

“Broward’s waterfront has been built-out for years,” said Frank Herhold, executive director of the Marine Industries Association of South Florida. “What we’ll be seeing is either expansion, reconfiguration or redevelopment.”

With available waterfront property at a premium, many business owners and developers are making over existing facilities. In some cases, entire structures are being razed and replaced.

Groundbreaking ceremonies have already begun. In early April shovels started removing mounds of dirt, marking the start of construction on a 310-slip dry stack storage facility at the former Hidden Harbour in Pompano Beach. The new facility, renamed Aquamarina Hidden Harbour, is slated to be finished in 2009.

Around the same time, another groundbreaking took place at Harbour Towne Marina in Dania Beach, where construction is due to start on a third dry stack building.

The now-closed restaurant is being demolished in mid May to make room for the 155-slip structure, with room for boats up 45 feet. Completion is scheduled in late 2008, bringing the total number of dry slips on the property to 622, said John Louis, regional manager for the site’s management company, Westrec Marinas.

Other projects are in the pipeline. Industry officials

credit last year’s approval of the county’s boat facility siting plan with allowing much of the development to move forward. Prior to the plan’s passage, permits for construction of new facilities and expansion of existing ones were put on hold.

“It removed a significant hurdle,” said Gordon Connell, MIAASF’s director of association services.

To date, numerous proposals are at various stages of the permitting process. The Broward County Environmental Protection and Growth Management Department has given 16 applications the green light since December and another 30 are under review, said Linda Sunderland, the agency’s aquatic and wetlands resources manager.

All applications combined add up to 1,573 wet and dry slips at condominium, commercial and municipal sites. The numbers aren’t concrete and can change as the permitting process moves forward, Sunderland said.

Based on surveys, there are presently an estimated 10,629 commercial slips and 3,349 slips at condominiums countywide. With 48,000 registered boats in Broward, there’s not enough space to accommodate everyone. The increase in dockage will relieve some of the crunch, Connell said.

The growth will have a positive ripple effect on the marine industry. More slips mean more sales, as well as boost the need for boating related services, said Andrew Sturmer, CEO and founder of Aqua Marine Partners the development team behind Aquamarina Hidden Harbour.

The company purchased the 7-acre parcel at 1500 Federal Highway, Pompano Beach, in January. A dry stack structure with 150 slips for boats up to 25 feet was razed to make way

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## Helping Hospice

The Hospice Regatta 2008 sets sail 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 17, off Fort Lauderdale Beach, to raise funds for end-of-life care for patients and their families. An accompanying Clambake follows that evening at Esplanade Park in downtown Fort Lauderdale. For more information on the regatta call 954-467-7423.

## Final park plan on Flamingo visitor center nearing fruition

BY ARNOLD MARKOWITZ  
Waterfront News Writer

A final plan for remaking the Flamingo visitor center in Everglades National Park is out, with an optimistic completion forecast of 2013.

But the public has an earlier deadline — May 15 — to jump in with their own ideas on a draft of the plan already debated at four public hearings held last December and January.

Flamingo, the base of a superb saltwater fishery, draws South Florida steadies from the Keys across Florida Bay, and from as far north as Palm Beach County, not to mention its less-frequent fans from far away.

Getting there is no cakewalk; once you reach the Florida Turnpike’s bottom end, it’s another hour’s drive to Flamingo — with only a campground and a cold-water bathhouse now for overnight accommodations.

Nobody does all that to visit a place they don’t care much about, said Everglades superintendent Dan Kimball. In agreement were the fishing, paddling, camping and nature-watching public who came out to air their views at the public meetings.

The resulting commercial services plan, or CSP for short, envisioned a joint venture between the National Park Service

and private capital. Its goal is to create lodging, dining and other features attractive to both the public and a concessionaire who will be able to make a profit from it.

There might be some skepticism about that target time of 2013. Five years is awfully fast for government work.

“We know it won’t be easy, but our goal is to work as hard as we can to implement it and get started in 2013,” said Fred Herling, chief of planning for Everglades. “There will likely be an interim five-year contract starting later this year that should begin moving some of the CSP items forward.”

A likely first phase would include a new fleet of eight rental houseboats, more kayaks and canoes, new food service in the marina area where only a small convenience store exists now, two new double chickees near Rankin and Johnson Keys in Florida Bay, 40 parking-camping sites with electric hookups in the RV area, solar-heated showers in the bathhouse and bicycles for visitors to get around the place. The amphitheater where rangers used to give nature talks will be rebuilt.

Next on the preliminary calendar would be 24 new cottages, a gift shop and a tram to Snake Bight at the eastern perimeter of the site.

Eco-tents would come next, 40 of them for

overnighters who like feeling rustic without investing in loads of camping equipment they’re unlikely to use more than once or twice a year. The tents, featuring screen walls, canvas roofs and solar electricity, will be made so they can be dismantled and stored when hurricanes threaten. They’ll be located next to the regular tent sites (130 of those) close to the shoreline.

Finally, the new lodge with its swimming pool, restaurant and lounge would be opened.

Somewhere in that schedule will be fitted housing for park staff and the concessionaire’s employees. Those and other permanent facilities will be built to hurricane safety standards, elevated for flood safety and accessible to the handicapped.

Flamingo will never be the same as it used to be, but all that ought to make it better.

The plan, combining the best and most popular features of three alternatives plans, puts the lodge, cottages and eco-tents near the marina and visitor center, and in an area about one-fifth the size occupied by the ruined lodge and cottages.

The rest of that area, 22 acres, will be restored to its original natural condition.

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# Residents: Raise Sunrise bridge height for safer access

BY BETH FEINSTEIN-BARTL  
Waterfront News Writer

FORT LAUDERDALE — Go higher.

That's the near unanimous response from the 101 written comments submitted at a recent public meeting, held by Florida Department of Transportation officials, on replacing the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge over Fort Lauderdale's Middle River.

The majority of the 100 or so people in attendance at the gathering, held in early April, expressed support that the new bridge's vertical clearance exceed the existing structure's 6 feet to allow for easier and safer boating access.

Some residents from the surrounding neighborhoods want the design patterned after the 12-foot clearance at the North Federal Highway Bridge, also on the Middle River.

Due to its age, the present stationary bridge at Sunrise Boulevard is slated to be replaced in 2013. Funding, for now, only covers a new structure with the same 6-foot clearance, said Tom Turberville, FDOT designer.

The agency is researching options to determine whether additional height can be provided. Meanwhile, officials are moving ahead with the design phase, due to begin this summer and run through August, 2012, Turberville said.

One design that's unlikely is a drawbridge. Although

several proponents at the recent meeting were pushing the idea, the cost for construction, operation and maintenance are far above the project's estimated budget of \$7.7 million, said Ray Holzweiss, FDOT environmental section project manager.

Amy Jones Hamilton, president of the Lauderdale Isles Civic Association, said she understands a drawbridge is unrealistic. But higher clearance is possible, she said.

## The public will get another opportunity to voice their opinions and receive an update from transportation officials...

"The bridge needs to be raised for the sake of public safety," said Hamilton whose neighborhood of waterfront homes sits on the Middle River, just north of Sunrise Boulevard.

When Hurricane Wilma blew through South Florida in October, 2005, several homeowners couldn't evacuate their large vessels, she said.

"They were trapped because of the high tide and the bridge's low clearance," Hamilton said. "It was a dangerous situation."

John Fiore, a board member with the Wilton Manors East Neighborhood Association, said there's a good chance local legislators will find extra money to boost the structure's height. Building a new bridge and not increas-

ing the clearance is unacceptable, he said.

"When the North Federal Highway Bridge was reconstructed over the Middle River, we were told the Sunrise Boulevard Bridge would be rebuilt to match the height," said Fiore, an associate planner with the Broward Parks and Recreation Division and staff liaison to the Broward County Marine Advisory Committee.

The new bridge will have a direct affect on the 302 residences in the Wilton Manors East Neighborhood Association. A larger structure will allow for bigger boats to be docked behind homes, making properties more desirable and valuable, Fiore said.

It will allow for smoother sailing too. "My 17-foot Whaler fits underneath," he said. "But I do know people who have to wait for low tide to get under the bridge."

The public will get another opportunity to voice their opinions and receive an update from transportation officials at a meeting tentatively scheduled for October, Turberville said.

Agency officials were pleased with the turnout and feedback at the gathering in April. "It was very positive," Holzweiss said.

But available funding for the new bridge design must be taken into consideration. Raising the bridge too high might require purchasing adjoining properties, he said.

"We're trying to be responsive."

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# New facilities to help ease Broward's dockage dearth

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for the new 69,000 square foot facility. Once finished, 310 slips will accommodate vessels up 41 feet, Sturner said.

The dry stack will be state of the art, able to withstand 140 mph winds from a Category 4 hurricane. A proposal to place 26,000 square feet of retail and office space on the property are waiting for permitting approval from the City of Pompano Beach.

Aqua Marine Partners also took ownership of a shipyard on the South Fork of the New River and has similar plans to transform the property into a second dry stack.

The proposal seeks to build the Vertical Yacht Club Marina Mile ([www.verticalyachtclub.com/marinamile](http://www.verticalyachtclub.com/marinamile)) with 62 slips designed to vertically stack vessels from 75 to 90 feet, located at State Road 84 and Interstate-595. Construction is scheduled for the fall. An opening is slated for 2009, Sturner said.



Rendering courtesy/Aqua Marine Partners

An artist's rendering of Aquamarina Hidden Harbour currently being built in Pompano Beach. The 310-slip dry stack storage facility is expected to be finished in 2009.

# Final plan combines popular features debated in earlier hearings

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So will 28 acres of former campgrounds. Two camping areas will remain — one for trailers and recreation vehicles, the other for tent camping.

The old parking sprawl will be condensed. There will be a system of yellow bikes (free to overnighters) and a shuttle tram to make moving around the place more efficient and to reduce the use of cars and trucks. Facilities will be accessible to the handicapped — a necessity, for most will be elevated above likely flood stage.

An economic analysis, prepared for the Park Service by Economic Research Associates in Washington D.C., says doing everything in the plan will require "significant capital investment."

It estimated costs from \$20 million to \$23 million, but those figures are in 2008 dollars. No attempt was made to predict real-time costs over the next five years.

The new lodge, restaurant and lounge would take the largest share of that, \$6.3 million. Concessionaire housing

would cost \$4.4 million.

The analysts estimated that a concession operator, running all the commercial services at Flamingo under a 20-year contract, could earn \$3.4 million a year, or a 17.6 percent average annual return on investment before interest payments, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

Also according to the analysts, the larger staff required by increased activity at a rebuilt Flamingo would add \$590,000 to Park Service expenses. Water and wastewater costs would add \$355,000, minus an estimated \$100,000 reimbursement from the concessionaire.

Those estimates also are in 2008 dollars.

## Up close

There are two ways to see all the details of the latest plan for rebuilding facilities at Flamingo in Everglades National Park. Then, if you want to state your opinion, you have until May 15.

For a copy of the plan on paper, call park headquarters at 305-242-7700. If voicemail recites a menu of options, press 2 at the first prompt and 5 at the second one to tell your mailing address.

To see the plans online, begin at the National Park Service's planning website, <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> and choose Everglades NP from the list of parks.

From the list of current projects, click "Flamingo Commercial Services Plan / EA." EA stands for economic analysis. In the left margin, click on "Open for Public Comment."

Two documents are mentioned: the Preferred Alternative, which illustrates and explains the plan in detail, and the Economic Analysis.

After reviewing the plans, click the "Public Comment" link on the left to contribute your ideas or make objections.

If either document can't be opened, resort to calling park headquarters.

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# Undersized fish killing raises questions on industry standards



BY ARNOLD MARKOWITZ  
Waterfront News Fishing Columnist

Trolling for suckers has its rewards: Often you get a bite.

Ah, but it also has risks: Sometimes you get bitten.

That's why 45-foot *Therapy IV*, one of two same-named charter fishing yachts based at Haulover Park, is owned now by the U.S. government. It's also why the ex-owner, Stanley Saffan ("world's most famous fishing Captain," his website brags), will go to federal court with his toothbrush on Wednesday morning, May 21.

He could get up 10 years in prison, although that long a sentence isn't likely. He can keep his other *Therapy-IV*, a 58-footer, but he has to pay a fine equal to 125 percent of its value — a figure not yet determined. That boat was built in 1976, the other in '68.

Between March 2003 and May 2005 — the time period covered by the charges against Saffan and four employees — it's alleged they killed 80 undersized sailfish. All their illegal captures numbered 400.

Because Saffan was willing to plead guilty to one charge of landing and harvesting undersized sailfish, the government dropped a slew of other charges — conspiracy, fraud, obstructing justice.

Those were related to a scheme to cheat charter customers by trapping them into expensive contracts to have their fish mounted by a local taxidermy company.

An industry representative defended the taxidermist's practice of paying commissions to captains who solicit business for the company, but that isn't the issue, is it? No, the issue is deception and the taxidermist's will to hold sales agents to reasonable standards of honesty.

A remark made in court by federal prosecutor Thomas Watts-FitzGerald was reported in daily newspapers and has received lots of attention in charter fishing circles:

"The industry is permeated with the view that tourists are targets and chumps. The *Therapy* is not the only one doing it."

## Fishing

Pretty harsh stuff there. The statement raises questions: How widespread is that attitude? How many other charter crews are known to operate that way? Are more prosecutions in the works? The prosecutor said he isn't allowed to elaborate out of court about things he said in court.

What about the taxidermist?

In the *Therapy-IV* case, the company's business records were subpoenaed by a federal grand jury — and revealed evidence that the taxidermist paid the *Therapy-IV* crew commissions ranging from \$214 to \$1,860 for getting customers to sign up for mounts.

That's not take-it-or-leave-it money. If someone offers you a 50 percent commission for a thousand-dollar sale (about the average price of a sailfish trophy), you'll try very hard to close that deal.

Would you cross ethical lines? Legal lines? It's easy to say no, as long as nobody's tempting you.

Paying a commission isn't against the law, but did the taxidermist know something fishy was going on? In 2001, Gray Taxidermy had to pay a \$30,000 fine for the deceptive practices of charter crews who acted as the company's sub-agents. Gray also had to re-word its contracts to make customers aware that it doesn't need any part of a captured fish to make a trophy mount — just the measurements, because they're all replicas.

The notion that the charter fishing business is "permeated" by an attitude that tourists are chumps and targets implies that almost everybody's doing it.

"Every little charter fleet has a group conducting business that way," said Lt. Dave Bingham, an investigator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

He doesn't think nearly every operator is swindling customers and routinely killing undersized fish. I don't either. Then again, the crews I meet are so successful that they're above dishonest temptation.

Still, the federal prosecutor has a point. After all, aren't we all suckers sometimes? We ask hotel concierges to recommend restaurants, shows, nightclubs, whatever. We believe them unless they let us down.

Concierges are important contacts to charter operators who count on walk-up business. It's a legitimate business relationship although, like any other, it can be corrupted.

Experienced travelers expect concierges to speak well of service providers who are nice to them. Bingham told me charter captains are nice to concierges, inviting them to parties, sending holiday greeting cards.

If a concierge steers us to brazen tourist traps, she's as much a chump as we are. We're liable to complain to hotel management, warn other guests, post our squawks on online forums, even tell the Better Business Bureau and the police.

There's a limit to how long anyone in the referral business can get away with shark practices.

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## Admiralty Law

### Caribbean travel may be easier

BY MARK ERCOLIN  
Waterfront News Columnist

As summer approaches, many of us are anticipating calmer seas offshore (barring hurricanes, of course) and planning boat trips to weekend destinations like the Bahamas.

Experienced boaters know there are some barriers to this popular trek. The increased price of fuel for one, which may affect all boaters' plans for some time to come.

Historically, a more common and lasting impediment has been the reporting requirements of returning vessels and travelers to U.S. Customs and Immigration.

In the past when a boat returned from a foreign Caribbean port, there was generally no avoiding a face-to-face meeting between immigration officials and crew and passengers. However, since last year, under certain circumstances, this inconvenience for boaters has been alleviated.

The federal agency now known as Customs and Border Protection (CBP) has established a shortcut entry system that can be used by many South Florida boaters.

It is called the Local Boater Option, which is designed to allow many U.S. citizens and legal permanent U.S. residents reentry into South Florida, Puerto Rico, or the Virgin Islands without the inconvenience of meeting with agents on every return boat trip from a foreign port.

It works like this: If you are a U.S. citizen or a permanent legal resident of the United States 14 years old or older, you can make an appointment with the CBP to apply for your Local Boat Option (LBO) credentials.

Locally, this can be done by calling 954-761-2000 in Broward County; 305-536-4758 in Miami, or 561-848-6922 in Palm Beach County. The applicant will



then go to their local CBP offices with proper identification to show citizenship or resident status. (Make sure you confirm with CBP the proper required credentials to bring when you make an appointment).

If you are the captain or owner of a boat, you should also bring information on the vessel that can be used for your foreign travels, including a copy of the registration and the user fee decal number, if applicable.

The application process is free and generally estimated to take 20 minutes. Once it is completed the applicant will receive a card with a boater registration number. Children under 14 may be included under their parents' issued number.

Assuming all persons are signed up for the program, the idea is that upon reentry into South Florida waters, the vessel's master simply has to telephonically report the event to customs, provide the vessel's pertinent information, make the proper declaration of goods, and give the BR numbers of everyone on the vessel.

In most instances, this should negate the requirement to report personally to an immigration office and fill out further forms.

It must be noted that CBP does reserve the right to require face-to-face inspections despite full and proper participation in the program's guidelines. However, this now appears to be the exception rather than the rule.

There are some cautions to be remembered when planning, particularly if you are the owner or master of a potential participating vessel:

First, participation in the Local Boater Option is designed around individual registration in the program, with a

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## Speak Easy

### Second mate aspires to the ship life

BY AMY THURMAN  
Waterfront News Columnist

Imagine working aboard a megayacht that spends winters in the Caribbean and summers in the Mediterranean. And though you're a woman, you're not a stewardess or chef, but the ship's second officer.

I recently had the chance to speak with Sara Whitehead, 29, a second mate aboard the 207-foot motor yacht *Polar Star*. Originally from England, Sara has always been comfortable on the water. When she was 8-years-old, her family cruised on their sailboat for over a year before settling on the island of Palma, Spain, where her parents still live today.

**WN:** (Waterfront News): What led up to your choosing yachting as a career? And why mate instead of stew?

**SW:** (Sara Whitehead): My parents both sail and it sort of took form from there. I met a group of yachties and listened to their stories about traveling, about different places and the blue waters of the Caribbean. I knew if I didn't try it then, I never would. So I took a course on yacht master theory and got a job on a boat.

One of my first jobs was a short-term position as laundry stew and I think that was my last stew job. You have to respect the laundry stew, that can be a tough job. But I've always been a bit of a tomboy and the deck officer position just appealed to me more.

**WN:** Tell us about your title.

**SW:** My actual certification is for deck officer of the watch yacht 3000 tons. This allows me to serve as first officer (or first mate) aboard vessels less than 500 tons. The yacht I'm on now is over 500 tons so I qualify as second officer. I report to the first officer and the bosun reports to me.



**WN:** Have you encountered any difficulties in your job due to your gender, or are there ways in which being female makes things easier?

**SW:** I think the biggest difficulties in my job due to my gender are the ones I put there myself, like the score I keep in my head where I always need to keep up with the boys or do better. Physically that's sometimes a challenge, like in lifting things, so I try in other areas. There have been a few occasions in the past where I've been working on something difficult and one of the hands will stop what he's doing to help me. This can cause conflict because he's not doing his job. But mostly it's fine.

Another aspect is that there are still a few owners/captains out there who will not have girls on deck – but so far so good. There are also those who bring their families aboard and are more comfortable with female crew.

**WN:** Do you know other female officers?

**SW:** I have a few female deck crew friends but most of them have left the industry already, some to become firemen and others just to do the family thing. When I started, I knew hardly anyone. I'd heard of a couple female captains and first mates but they're somewhat elusive and I never met them!

**WN:** What's next? Do you want to move up to first officer? Do you see yourself running a large yacht as master one day?

**SW:** I'd like to be first officer on a vessel the size of the one I work on now and one day be master on something a little smaller. There are a few other things I'd like to do which are not so conducive with working on yachts. I'm 29 and I'd

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# Local Boater Option credentials can make travel in the Caribbean more convenient

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boater number given to an individual applicant. It can not be done by a master or another agent for that person. Individual participants in the program must be either U.S. citizens or permanent legal residents of the United States.

Also, the Local Boater Option program is only available to those properly registered on board private, non-commercial vessels, who are not paying for the voyage.

And, finally, it must be remembered that the vessel's master and/or owner remains responsible for following either the program's guidelines, or deal with any nonconformities in a manner acceptable to CBP.

This means if the vessel's master intends to take full advantage of the Local Boater Option upon reentry, it should be confirmed before the voyage begins that everyone on board is a properly registered participant.

In the event only some of the voyagers are properly registered, they will probably be allowed to leave the vessel without further inconvenience upon reentry. However, travelers without a boater registration number will be required to report for the old fashioned face to face meeting with immigration officials — and it remains the boat's master/owner's responsibility to make sure that these guidelines are met.

Finally, remember that failure of a master to meet U.S. Custom and Immigration guidelines can result in heavy fines and even confiscation of the vessel.

Despite these limitations, the Local Boater Option can make boating in South Florida and the Caribbean a little more convenient and accessible.

Hopefully, some boaters can still afford the fuel to

take advantage of it!

Mark Ercolin is a maritime attorney based in Fort Lauderdale. The information offered in this column is summary in nature and should not be applied to specific cases or situations.

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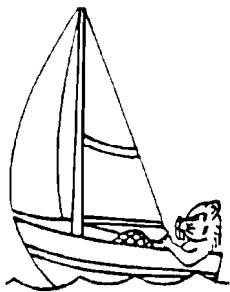
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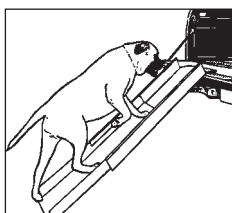
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# Loggerhead turtle nests lag, green and leatherbacks are up

## Florida

TAMPA (AP) — Florida's beaches lost a substantial amount of loggerhead sea turtle nests in 2007, giving the state its lowest nest count in 17 years, wildlife officials reported.

Researchers found 45,084 nests for the threatened turtles, down more than 4,600 nests from 2006, according to newly released statistics from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Florida accounts for 90 percent of the nation's loggerhead nests, which have decreased by nearly half since 1998, when the state reported 85,988 nests.

Loggerhead sea turtle deaths in Florida have more than doubled during the past decade, statistics show.

"Data collected during the 2007 season indicate the lowest nesting levels in Florida" in the history of the monitoring program, said a report on the commission's Web site.

While the number of loggerhead nests has been shrinking, green and leatherback turtle nests are showing an increase, in many cases at the same beaches. There's no simple answer for this disparity, said Anne Meylan, who coordinates the statewide



File photo  
A loggerhead turtle: Researchers found 45,084 nests for the threatened loggerhead turtles, Florida's lowest nest count in 17 years.

shrimp boat nets and long-line fishing hooks. Loggerheads eat shrimp and other hard-shelled invertebrates, whereas other sea turtles do not.

A rule was passed several years ago requiring shrimp fisheries to use nets with turtle excluder devices, Meylan said. But because loggerheads take up to 30 years to begin reproducing, it could be decades before the effect of that rule is observed in nesting numbers, she said.

Of the 196 beaches surveyed last year, some had no nests for the first time. Nesting begins in April, peaks in June and July, and ends in September.

Because of their migratory existence, Loggerhead turtles are protected by various international treaties and agreements. Nearly 90 percent of the world's population is believed to nest on the beaches of Florida and the nation of Oman, on the Arabian Peninsula.

**While the number of loggerhead nests has been shrinking, green and leatherback turtle nests are showing an increase.**

nesting beach survey program. Disease, oil spills, red tide and boat collisions kill many sea turtles, and beach development can disturb all wildlife, she said.

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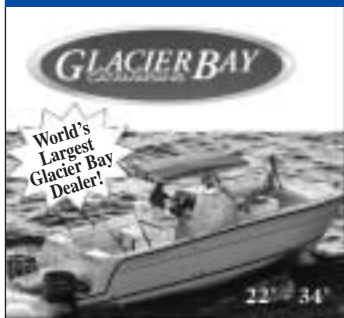
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Who's who among South Florida's boaters? Meet the people working and enjoying the boating lifestyle in a monthly feature that asks readers to share just what it is that makes boating in South Florida personal.

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Meet boat Capt. Doreen Andrade, 51, a Boca Raton resident originally from Rhode Island.

**Current boat or boats:**

I currently own two boats – a Boston Whaler and a SeaRay.

**Boat's name:**

The name of the Boston Whaler is *Lucas's Toy* and the name of the SeaRay is *E-Z Boating*.

**Where are they docked?**

The Boston Whaler is docked in Boca Raton and the SeaRay is docked at Hillsboro Mile.

**How long have you been boating?**

I have been on board boats since I was an infant boating with my family. As a teenager I purchased my first boat, and about 11 boats later I'm still a boat owner.

**Describe your earliest experiences on the water. Did anyone inspire you?**

My earliest experiences were in Narragansett Bay, R.I. I spent all my summers as a young girl boating with my family. My inspiration was my Dad. He taught me how to navigate and how to care for boats – I was his "first mate."

**Where do you like to take your boat?**

My family really loves cruising the Intracoastal



Photo/Courtesy Doreen Andrade  
**Capt. Doreen Andrade, 51, of Boca Raton, has always loved the ocean for its peacefulness and mysterious quality.**

Waterways, everywhere from Peanut Island to Biscayne Bay. However, when I boat alone, I take the opportunity to do some local ocean boating.

**How far have you traveled aboard your boat?**

I've done a lot of boating in Cape Cod, Newport, R.I., Martha's Vineyard and Block Island, R.I., when I lived up North. Since moving to South Florida eight years ago, I've enjoyed boating everywhere from Naples to the Bahamas, and most recently I ran a boat up the east coast from South Florida to Bristol R.I — loved every minute of it!

## May's Boater

**Do you sail or cruise with other people?**

I love to boat with the family — Pat and Lucas. Rafting off with other boating friends is a favorite of mine as well.

**How often are you aboard your boat?**

Lucky for me, I run a charter and docking lesson business that has me out on the water most times. When I'm not running someone else's boat, I'm on mine — I never get tired of being on the boat.

**What draws you to boating?**

The peacefulness and the unknown of the ocean has always fascinated me. I love the brilliant colors, the sound of the waves and the roar of a go-fast engine.

**Most memorable boating experience:**

The first time my Dad let me take the boat out alone – the thrill and the sense of accomplishment was unforgettable. I felt that familiar thrill again when I got my first job as a licensed captain.

**Scariest moment on the water?**

I was running a ferryboat up North with 24 school children aboard. Due to mechanical problems, the engines shut down and the ferry was at risk of going over a dam. To prevent that I had to throw an anchor out to stop the boat from drifting backwards, while looking at the faces of 24 children.

**What do you least like about boating in South Florida?**

The threats of hurricanes.

**What do you like most?**

I love the fact that boating in South Florida is year-round, as opposed to up North where the boating season is much shorter. I also really enjoy the Christmas boat parades and the many boating events.



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# Teenage diver's grit helps get him through hardship

BY HUGH S. WELSH

The Examiner

INDEPENDENCE, Mo. (AP) — Lynne Tillman has been homeless.

She knows what it is to have nothing.

At present, she's living with a nephew in Independence.

But she's living for her son, Kwadjo Tillman, a precocious 14-year-old who is two certifications away from becoming a master diver.

A few years from now, Kwadjo plans to attend college and double major in marine biology and bioengineering, but in order to do so he knows he must overcome every burden imaginable, from financial constraints to a lack of in-classroom education (he is currently home-schooled).

"I don't want him to lose his passion like so many children in this country," Lynne said. "There's too many young people whose dreams get deferred because of social standing; I won't let anything hold Kwadjo back."

It was the Tennessee Alliance for Progress — a coalition that, among other things, teaches life skills to underprivileged youth — that ushered Kwadjo onto the path he continues to tread.

He was 8 years old when his mother, living in Nashville at the time, enrolled him in a TAP program that could ultimately lead to his achieving a master diver designation.

"I liked that a good percentage of those leading the programs were strong black males," Lynne said. "I thought it was important that Kwadjo, even at an early age, know the strong side versus some of the challenges we see in our community with people hanging in the corner, without any cares or hope."

But even then it wasn't easy. Kwadjo was four years below the minimum age allowed to enter the program.

"I begged and worked them to death," Lynne said.

Lynne isn't the type of woman to take lightly; it's evidenced in the coarseness of her hands, which have done everything from



Kwadjo Tillman, 14, is two certifications away from becoming a master diver.

## Diving

steering 18-wheelers to working as a rigger during the Olympic games in Atlanta.

According to a TAP spokesman, "There are exceptions to every rule, and Kwadjo was clearly that exception."

Once given the go-ahead, Kwadjo learned to swim and snorkel and, three years later, was introduced to scuba diving at a youth summit in Florida.

"At first, I pleaded with my mom to let me drop out of the program," Kwadjo said. "But she wouldn't budge."

Kwadjo's first dive took place in February 2005 at Devil's Den, Fla., where his mother made him a swim shirt and a skin to ensure he remained warm in the frigid temperatures of the fresh water quarry.

"I thought the rule of layers applied underwater, too," Lynne said. "Well, I was wrong."

Because he was wearing three layers — counting the wet suit — he overheated and perspired above ground. As a result, when he entered the water, he was colder than he would have been with fewer layers.

"I was colder than cold," Kwadjo said.

During that three-day stretch, Kwadjo earned his first certification, open water training.

Several months later, Kwadjo dove on the Henrietta Marie, a British slave ship that sank off the Key West coast 300 years ago. The dive, intended for low-income black youth, was steered by the National Association of Black Scuba Divers. Kwadjo was in a group of 10 young people diving at

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# Victims likely to be first-time offshore anglers, even outright beginners

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The limit's probably longer in cases like that of *Therapy-IV*. Why? Because the victims are likely to be first-time offshore anglers, even outright beginners at fishing. Maybe as kids they sat on a dock, holding a cane pole, drowning worms. They have fond memories of fish fries — bluegills, weren't they? Haven't fished much since then, you know?

Let's say you and I are in town — Miami, Fort Lauderdale, wherever — for business meetings. Our hotel is near a marina where charter yachts are docked. We've never been deep sea fishing and gee, that looks like fun.

We ask Pollyanna, the hotel concierge, to recommend a boat. She sends us to Capt. Shifty, who's always nice to her — invites her to parties, never forgets her during the holidays.

She doesn't know he's a candidate for Public Enemy Number One.

Who do we think she is, Sherlock Holmes? (Imagine her cautious examination of that salty fellow: You're not a crook, are you? No, I am not a crook. Are you sure?)

Shifty and his crew aren't wearing eye patches and peg legs today, so how are we to know? They take us over the bounding main, where we catch a couple of sailfish after learning not to turn the reel handles backward. What fun! There are high fives, cheers and beers.

Boy, are we proud. Capt. Shifty is, too.

"Shiver me timbers!" he cries. "I never saw sailfish

this big! Your friends will faint when they see these on your walls! Here's a taxidermy contract! Here's a pen! Hooray for you!"

We sign. Our fish die on ice. Too bad, says the mate, but the taxidermist needs their bills and fins to make our trophies. He lies well.

**Only the illegally killed fish get direct revenge. The chumps, those gullible tourists, have to take their solace from the self-soiled reputations of those who preyed upon them.**

We have no idea that our enormous fish, measuring less than 63 inches from jaw to fork of tail, are legally undersized. It's against the law to keep them. We don't know the law requires all billfish captures to be reported to the National Marine Fisheries Service, or that Capt. Shifty — the renowned billfish catcher — hasn't reported any in many a month.

On the way back to the docks, we have second thoughts about having those fish mounted. We don't want them after all.

"You should have told us that before we brought the fish onto the boat and killed it," our new pals say. "Before

you signed the contracts."

In the *Therapy-IV* case, Capt. Stan Saffan and his once-merry men — captains Lang and Schick, mates Adam Augusto and Ralph Pegram — each pleaded guilty to single charges. The government agreed to drop the others.

Miami lawyer Richard Sharpstein, who will represent Saffan at sentencing said, "Hard nosed business practices do not a crime make. It is absurd to put a man like this in jail. He has made hundreds of people happy by catching fish...a sport the last time I looked. The mounts are trophies people proudly display. No one ever got one they didn't want at the time. Sure, when the feds call and tell people they were ripped off, they are suddenly victims. Last time I looked, there was still real crime here in South Florida."

Augusto's sentencing is set for Wednesday, May 21, at 10 a.m. and Saffan's at 10:30 in federal court at 299 E. Broward Blvd., Fort Lauderdale. Lang is to be sentenced two days later at 10 a.m.

Ralph Pegram already was sentenced to a year in prison. Schick got three years' probation and was fined \$3,000.

Such plea agreements are a simple way to dispose of complex cases without time and money-consuming trials, though it's not always satisfying.

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# Teen scholar sets his sights on a future in biology

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the wreck site, which was discovered in 1972. The Nashville Metropolitan Council later issued a resolution in honor of his achievement.

According to Kwadjo, it was diving on the Henrietta Marie that made him the goal-oriented young man he is today. He remembers the inscription on a monument near the site. It reads: "Henrietta Marie: In memory and recognition of the courage, pain and suffering of enslaved African people. Speak her name and gently touch the souls of our ancestors."

Kwadjo said he knelt in prayer in front of the monument for what felt like hours.

"My spirit was set on fire," he said.

Two years later, in the summer of 2007, Kwadjo was able to raise enough funds — due in large part to a hefty donation from a Kiwanis Club in Atlanta — to attend SeaTrek, a three-week scuba diving program in the British Virgin Islands, though his mother was unable to go with him.

"We couldn't bring together enough money to get me there," Lynne said. "And we're still in a little bit of a hole, but that's all right if my boy gets to live his dream."

At SeaTrek, Kwadjo said, he earned six additional certifications including advanced open water training, night diving, wreck diving, navigation diver, naturalist diver and rescue diver.

This summer, Kwadjo will be involved with two educational dives. The first will take him to Biscayne National Park. It is sponsored by Diving with a Purpose, an underwater archaeology program in which individuals learn how to document wrecks as well as their contents.

Previously, Kwadjo has only viewed underwater wrecks from an exterior vantage point; his weeklong training in Florida will earn him his underwater archaeology certification, thereby permitting him to penetrate any underwater structure if safety allows.

"I'm a little scared about that trip because I get a little claustrophobic in tight places," Kwadjo said. "Oddly enough, though, they say people who are claustrophobic can't dive, and I can dive just fine."

The second trip, sponsored by the Youth International Cultural Awareness Program, will give Kwadjo the opportunity to study the ecological system off the coast of Dominica. He will analyze the fish population and monitor the coral reef, afterward sending the information to the Reef Environmental Education Foundation.

It is in this that Kwadjo finds his greatest joy.

"I want to be a marine biologist because I think it's a career that can change the world," Kwadjo said. "For one, a lot of people don't realize that the cure to cancer could be in the fish we poach and unintentionally kill every day."

Lynne has always known her son was special.

"He was one of those babies that popped out with his

eyes wide and in-tune," Lynne said.

In 2006, his first year of debate, Kwadjo placed 11th in the Atlanta city championships.

That same year, without her knowing it, he acted as a guest speaker at a "Feed the Hungry" rally and worked as a page for Atlanta Sen. Kasim Reed as part of the Boys to Manhood program.

"My son is destined for great things," Lynne said. "I'm just honored to be his campaign manager."

Evelyn Jones, who owns the H2 Go Scuba shop in Chicago, said Kwadjo — whom she helped previous owner Michael Parnell mentor a few years ago — has discovered a niche that suits him well.

"I'd say it's a natural progression for Kwadjo to find his way to marine biology from here," Jones said.

In truth, Kwadjo has been reading up on advances in marine biology since he could pick up a book; one concept he developed recently won him second places at a technology fair in Kansas City, where Lynne and Kwadjo moved last fall.

The event was headed by Black Family Awareness.

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## Toughest difficulties are the ones she puts there herself

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like to have a family one day, so that limits my time.

**WN:** What's the job itself like? Do you have much free time? How often do you get home?

**SW:** It depends. When we have charters, it can be 13-hour days. When we don't, it's more like a regular work day. I spend my free time reading, watching DVD's and of course, studying. I usually get home twice a year. I'm lucky in that — we cruise in the Med in the summer and that usually means stopping in Palma, so I get to spend time with my family.

**WN:** Do you prefer being in the Med to the Caribbean?

**SW:** I like both places for different reasons. I'm more familiar with the Med, the lifestyle there, the attitudes. But I enjoy being in the Caribbean too. The water is beautiful and the diving is great!

**WN:** What about how your job affects you on a personal level? What do your parents think?

**SW:** My parents have been great about it. I think my

Kwadjo would like to play a part in a research team, such as one studying the blood cells of the horseshoe crab, which are remarkably adept at identifying and destroying objects foreign to the body early without the assistance of additional enzymes.

"If we could create a cell in which your genetic information could be added to it, then it could reproduce itself in such a way to help defend you against certain diseases and even cancers," Kwadjo said. "Who wouldn't want to be a part of that?"

When Kwadjo is submersed in his diving gear, which was gifted to him by the H2 Go Scuba shop, he has a look of belonging.

His waist-deep dreadlocks seem capable of feeling, more like octopus tentacles than mere bundles of hair.

As they sway and dance underwater it's as if they could launch him in any direction at any moment — if danger were to ever present itself.

But it's not sharks, eels, barracuda or even jellyfish that concerns his mother.

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That's why Lynne has volunteered her life to take watch of Kwadjo.

The physical testament is in her own dreadlocked hair, three months growth shy of her son.

Dad likes having a tomboy second mate daughter he can talk shop with (He works with boats as a land-based electrical and electronics engineer.) I don't think Mum likes it so much when I speak for hours on end to my dad about my job, but she's really proud of me for doing what I do.

**WN:** Do you have a boyfriend?

**SW:** Yes I have a boyfriend. [She smiles].

**WN:** What advice would you give to other women wishing to take the same path you've chosen?

**SW:** Start early getting your tickets [certifications]. We unfortunately do not have as much time as men in the industry if we plan to have families, so get going!

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## Mississippi getaway most appealing to nature, history buffs

### Waypoints

#### West Ship Island offers 'austere beauty'

BY BECKY BOHRER  
Associated Press Writer

GULF ISLANDS NATIONAL SEASHORE, Miss. (AP) — It's like something out of a movie: A boat filled with tourists — drinking and happy, delighting in the exploits of the passing dolphins — washes up to a rugged island whose exotic name conjures the mystique surrounding this place.

This is West Ship Island, the most touristy of the barrier islands in this part of the Gulf.

For those seeking an upscale getaway, this isn't it. There's a fishing pier and white sand beach, but the island, with its rugged, brown-washed interior, beckons a hardier traveler, one who doesn't mind using the bathroom in a travel trailer. Who can see past the debris that's washed ashore with the shells to take in the austere beauty and watch out for birds and other wildlife. Who digs history with his 'rays and wants to see, firsthand, the erosion of an island that acts as a first line of defense from hurricanes for the mainland.

"The island has changed nonstop, every day," says Frank Bordeaux, a crew member for Ship Island Excursions, the National Park Service concessionaire that takes the mainly regional visitors the roughly 12 miles out from Gulfport. "It's exciting, because you get to point that out to people."

One of the constants, at least of the past 142 years, has been Fort Massachusetts, the brick relic raised in response to fears the island would be used by U.S. enemies. The fort, part of a coastal defense system, went up after the British amassed on what was then known as Ship Island before the Battle of New Orleans. The only action



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Before the storm, West Ship Island averaged about 64,000 visitors via Ship Island Excursions, the most popular way to get there. Since the storm, visitation, which fell off sharply, has rebounded, reaching about 32,000 passengers on the concessionaire's boats last year.

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# Manicotti improved by using fresh lasagna noodles

BY HOWIE RUMBERG  
Associated Press Writer

When I first started throwing dinner parties on next-to-nothing budgets and with kitchen skills to match, spaghetti with tomato sauce was my go-to main course. Cheap and easy.

But if I'd had the courage to try new things, I'd have attempted a baked pasta — lasagna, manicotti or stuffed shells. Despite my past trepidation, I've learned these are easy to make, and look impressive on the plate.

Manicotti is my favorite, mainly because the large, long pasta tubes stuffed with a ricotta cheese-based filling are delicious and easy to eat. They also lend themselves to variations, such as meat- or vegetable-based fillings.

Manicotti can be purchased in the dry pasta aisle of the grocer, but it's not my preferred approach. Too often you get a box of broken pasta pieces. Also, filling the tubes can be a pain.

A better option is to buy fresh lasagna sheets that can be cut to size, then rolled around the filling to form tubes.

To do this, cut the pasta sheets into 4 1/2- or 5-inch squares, depending on noodle size. Add the squares to boiling water and cook until tender, about 5 minutes.

To make the manicotti, spread about 1/4 cup of filling along one edge of each pasta square. Roll the pasta tightly around the filling, then place each seam down in the pan and cover with marinara.

Since not everyone will be able to find fresh lasagna noodles, this recipe is written for dry manicotti tubes, which are widely available. If you are lucky enough to find (or are industrious enough to make) fresh lasagna, use the above method. You will need about 1 pound of fresh lasagna noodles.

The best way to get around the challenges of filling dry manicotti is to place the cheese mixture in a plastic bag, snip off one corner and inject, or pipe, it into the pasta.

Once the manicotti are filled, it's time to apply the cheese. And there's nothing worse than dense cheese globs on top of your pasta.

Use a light touch when sprinkling the cheese. Spread the cheese by moving your hand over the top of the dish as you sprinkle, creating an even layer. The goal is have a fluffy cheese topping so air can circulate through the cheese when you uncover the dish for the final minutes. This will give you a golden gratin on top instead of a burnt layer.

One of the real bonuses of baked pasta is that it reheats well. When you're ready to go for seconds, just add a light layer of sauce and cover.

## Spinach and Ricotta Manicotti

**Start to finish: 1 hour 20 minutes (40 minutes active)**

**Servings: 6**

**12 ounces fresh mozzarella cheese, divided**  
**10 ounces chopped frozen spinach, thawed**  
**2 cups part-skim ricotta cheese**  
**2 egg yolks**  
**1 cup grated pecorino cheese**



Spinach and Ricotta Manicotti comes together quickly. The fresh filling can easily be inserted in different types of pasta like the shells pictured here.

## Galley

**1 cup grated Parmesan cheese**  
**2 tablespoons finely chopped fresh parsley**  
**Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste**  
**8-ounce box manicotti pasta tubes (about 14 tubes)**  
**1/2 tablespoon butter**  
**4 cups marinara**

Preheat the oven to 375 F.

Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil.

Meanwhile, dice about a quarter of the mozzarella into small cubes, enough to produce about a cup. Place the diced cheese in a large bowl. Set aside. Cut the remaining mozzarella into 1/4-inch-thick slices. Set aside.

Place the thawed spinach at the center of a kitchen towel, then wrap the towel around it and squeeze it tightly over the sink to remove excess water. Continue squeezing until no more water runs out.

Unwrap the spinach and coarsely chop. Add to the

bowl of cheese, then add the ricotta cheese, egg yolks, 1/2 cup each of the pecorino and Parmesan cheeses, parsley, and salt and pepper. Mix well and set aside.

Carefully add the pasta to the boiling water and cook according to package directions, or until cooked but still firm. Drain and arrange the cooked manicotti on a moist kitchen towel to prevent sticking.

Use the butter to lightly coat the bottom and sides of a 9-by-13-inch or larger baking dish. Spread 1 cup of the marinara over the bottom.

Transfer the cheese and spinach mixture to a large zip-close plastic bag, and shut. Use scissors to snip off one corner of the bag, creating a hole about 1/2 inch around.

One at a time, hold each manicotti in one hand. Place the open corner of the plastic bag into one end of the manicotti and gently squeeze to fill the tube with cheese. Rotate the manicotti and fill the other side.

Arrange the filled manicotti in the prepared pan. They should be close, but not touching.

Spread the remaining sauce over the manicotti. Arrange the slice mozzarella over the manicotti, then

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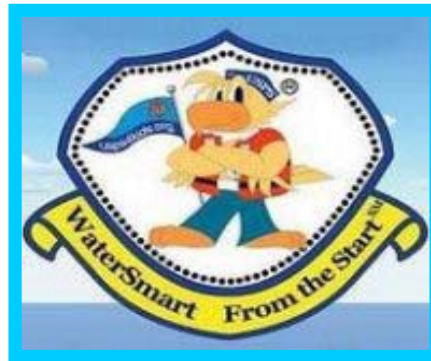
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# MAY

## 1, Thursday

**Fleet Week 2008:** community outreach events continue through May 3. 757-621-5479; www.browardnavydays.org.

**Marathon International Tarpon Tournament:** starts 2 p.m., runs 3 days, at World Class Angler, MM 50 bayside, Marathon. Entry fee; \$250, \$40 more with a second angler on a 2-person team, \$50 social tickets. 305-743-6139.

**Under Sea Adventurers Dive Club:** 7:30 p.m. dinner followed by a 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. No cost. 954-436-9922; http://usadiveclub.com.

**Miami Sport Fishing Club:** 8 p.m. meeting the first and third Thursday of the month at 1711 W. 38th Place, unit 1104, Hialeah. 305-885-1666.

**Sailing Singles of South Florida:** 6:30 p.m. meeting Thursdays at Grumpy Gators Sea Grill & Bar, 1901 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale. 954-462-4575; www.sailingsingles.org.

**Friends of the Anne Kolb Nature Center:** meets 7-9 p.m., for ages 13 and up, at Anne Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood. Free.

**Music & Entertainment:** from 6-9 p.m. every Thursday at Nikki Marina, the Patio Bar, 3660 S. Ocean Drive, Hollywood. 954-602-8750; www.nikkimarina.com.

**Al Matos Thursday Night Dance Party and Show:** 7 p.m. dancing at South County Civic Center, 16700 Jog Road, Delray Beach. Cost: \$7. 561-327-2027 or 954-472-8852.

## 2, Friday

**Jazz on the Circle:** 6 p.m. Friday nights at Commercial Boulevard and State Road A1A in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea. Free. 954-776-5092.

**Hollywood Nights:** musical entertainment in downtown Hollywood the first and third Fridays of the month. 954-921-3016.

## 3, Saturday

**About Boating Safety Program:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at the Marine Safety Building, Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Cost: \$50 per person. 561-391-3600; www.cgauxboca.org.

**Boating Safety Program:** 8:30 a.m. registration, offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at Outdoor World's Bass Pro Shop, 200 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. Cost: \$30. 954-296-2303.

**American Boating Course:** 8:15 a.m., sponsored by the United States Power Squadron, at Squadron Headquarters, 1125 Old Dixie Highway, Lake Park. 561-863-1461.

**Broward County Plant Affair:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for all ages, at Plantation Heritage Park, 1100 S. Fig Tree Lane, Plantation. Fee: \$1.50 entrance fee. 954-581-6463.

**Kayak for Beginners:** 9-11:30 a.m., for ages 15 and up, at Holland Park, located at Johnson Street and Northlake Drive, Hollywood. Cost: \$35. 954-967-4644 or 954-328-5231.

## 4, Sunday

**Seven Seas Cruising Association:** 8 a.m. breakfast for international group of cruising sailors, in the back room of the Egg & You Diner, 2621 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale. 954-771-5660; www.scca.org.

**Kayaking on the Middle River:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. kayak rentals weekends at the Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th St., Wilton Manors. Cost: \$14 to \$52. 954-781-0073; www.atlanticcoastkayak.com.

**Footprints in the Sand:** 8 a.m. to noon annual walk from North Beach Park, 3501 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood to Johnson Street, Hollywood. 954-779-1509.

**Model Boat Club:** 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., for all ages, at Markham Park, 16001 W. State Road 84, Sunrise. Cost: \$1.50 for park entrance, kids under 5 free. 954-389-2000; http://hamb3.net/index.html.

**"Dangerous Plants, Animals, and Insects:"** 2 p.m., for all ages, at Fern Forest Nature Center, 201 Lions Road South, Coconut Creek. Cost: \$3 per person requested donation, ages 3 and under free. 954-970-0150.

**Dream Car Classic:** 9 a.m. car registration, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. show along Hollywood Boulevard from 19th Ave. west to 21st Avenue, Hollywood,

featuring dozens of pre-76 vintage cars. No cost. 954-921-3016  
**SunTrust Sunday Jazz Brunch:** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. along Riverwalk in downtown Fort Lauderdale. No cost. 954-828-5985 or 954-468-1553.  
**Genealogical Society of Broward County:** 2:30 p.m. meeting in the community room of the West Regional Library, 8601 W. Broward Blvd., Plantation. 954-581-3932.

## 5, Monday

**Boating Skills & Seamanship Class:** 7 p.m., offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at the Marine Safety Building in Spanish River Park, 3939 N. Ocean Blvd., Boca Raton. Cost: \$50. 561-391-3600.

**Yoga Class:** 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Road 84, Dania Beach. Cost: \$9 per class or 10 classes for \$80. 954-791-1030.

**Knights of Pythias:** 7 p.m. meeting the first and third Monday of the month at Golden Glades Inn, 16500 NW Second Ave., North Miami. 954-680-3412.

**Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club:** noon bridge game Mondays at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, 700 NE Sixth Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. 954-761-1577.

## 6, Tuesday

**"Dolphin and Wahoo Secrets:"** 7-10 p.m. sportfishing workshop at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, 800 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. Cost: \$150 non-IGFA members, \$100 members. 954-924-4247 or 954-924-4334; www.igfa.org/schoolofsportfishing.asp.

## 7, Wednesday

**Broward Urban River Trails:** 6 p.m. meeting the first Wednesday of the month at the Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th St., Wilton Manors. 954-462-7766.

**South Florida Women Divers:** 6 p.m. dinner followed by a 7 p.m. meeting at the Pioneer Park Annex, 249 NE Fifth Ave., Deerfield Beach. 561-638-8487; www.sfwd.net.

**South Florida Divers:** 7:30 p.m. meeting the first Wednesday of the month. Check website for location; www.sfdi.com.

**Multihull Association of South Florida:** 8 p.m. meeting at the Miami Yacht Club, 1001 MacArthur Causeway, Miami. 305-377-9877 or 305-371-0703; www.masf-multihulls.com.

**Support Group:** 7 p.m. meeting for families and friends of people with mental illness meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at Soref Jewish Community Center, 6501 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation. 954-472-8241.

## 8, Thursday

**Kick-off Party & Kids Fishing Clinic:** 6-8 p.m. for ages 5-12, in conjunction with the Saltwater Shootout Tournament on May 10. Entry fee for Shootout: \$325 per boat, includes all anglers. 954-725-4010; www.bluewatermovements.com.

**Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club:** 7:30 p.m. meeting the second Thursday of the month at the Lighthouse Point Yacht and Racquet Club, 2701 NE 42nd St., Lighthouse Point. 954-785-3666.

**Fort Lauderdale Boat Club:** 8 p.m. meeting the second Thursday of the month at local restaurants. 954-782-4968 or 954-920-9597.

**Sailing Singles of South Florida:** 6:30 p.m. meeting Thursdays at Grumpy Gators Sea Grill & Bar, 1901 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-462-4575; www.sailingsingles.org.

**Annual Cuisine for Art:** 6-10 p.m. fundraiser and silent auction presented by the Art & Culture Center of Hollywood, at Hollywood Beach Marriott, 2501 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood. 954-921-3274; www.ArtAndCultureCenter.org.

**Friends of the Deerfield Beach Arboretum:** 7 p.m. horticultural seminar at Constitution Park, 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach. 954-480-4494.

**Gold Coast Aquarium Society of South Florida:** 7 p.m. meeting the second Thursday of the month at Bass Pro Outdoor World, 200 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. 954-989-3888.

**Après Plongee Dive Club:** 7:30 p.m. meeting the second Thursday of the month at Lighthouse Dive Center, 2507 N. Ocean Blvd., Pompano Beach. 954-782-1100.

**Florida Trail Association:** meets 7:30-9:30 p.m., for all ages, at Fern Forest Nature Center, Coconut Creek. No cost. 954-970-0150.

## 9, Friday

**32nd annual Ladies Tarpon Tournament:** 2:30 p.m. captains' meeting at the World Class Angler, 5050 Overseas Highway, Marathon. Entry fee: \$250 plus \$40 more if competing for team awards; \$50 for social tickets. 305-743-6139.

**Miami Yacht Club:** 8 p.m. meeting the second Friday of the month, 1001 MacArthur Causeway, Miami. 305-377-9877.

**Friends of the Deerfield Beach Arboretum:** 10 a.m. free guided tours on Fridays and the first Saturday of the month at Constitution Park, 2841 W. Hillsboro Blvd., Deerfield Beach. 954-480-4494.

**Wine Walk:** 7 p.m. the second Friday of the month, along Northeast 19th Avenue, Fort Lauderdale. 954-764-0055.

**Buehler Observatory:** 8-10 p.m. free public viewing of the night sky through telescopes at Buehler Planetarium, Broward Community College's Central Campus, 3501 SW Davie Road, Davie. 954-201-6681.

**Beginning Bridge Lessons:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Fridays at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. Cost: \$61 for 7 lessons. 954-786-4111; 954-565-3127.

## 10, Saturday

**Boaters Safety Course:** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., taught by Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission law enforcement, at the IGFA International Fishing Hall of Fame, 800 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. No cost. 954-924-4312.

**BoatSmart Course:** 7:45 a.m. registration at Cardinal Gibbons High School, 4601 Bayview Drive, Fort Lauderdale. Cost: \$35. 954-943-5779.

**American Boating Course:** 9 a.m., offered in Spanish by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Westchester West Marine, 8687 Coral Way, Westchester. Cost: \$25. 305-274-9829.

**Saltwater Shootout Tournament:** 7 a.m., runs out of Hillsboro Inlet, Pompano Beach. Entry fee: \$325 per boat, includes all anglers. 954-725-4010.

## 11, Sunday

### Mother's Day

**Tybee 500:** overnight stopover based at Hollywood Beach Marriott, 2501 N. Ocean Drive, Hollywood, in a 6-day, 540-mile catamaran race from the Keys to Tybee Island, Ga. 954-921-3404 or 912-507-9983. www.tybee500.com.

**IGFA Offshore World Championship:** billfish tournament hosts teams from 30 countries in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, who have won over 30 IGFA qualifying events in 2007. 954-924-4222 or 480-951-3654.

**Josh's Organic Garden:** 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sundays on Harrison Street and the Broadwalk, Hollywood Beach, Hollywood. Free. 954-456-3276.

## 12, Monday

**Movies By the Bay:** starts 6:30 p.m. nightly at Bayfront Park, 301 N. Biscayne Blvd., Miami. Cost: \$9 adults, \$6 kids. 786-425-1800; www.sunsetcinemainc.com.

**Snorkeling Trip:** 1:15-4:30 p.m. at Biscayne National Park, the Dante Fascell Visitor Center, 9700 SW 328 St., Homestead. Cost: \$35 adults, \$29.95 kids 12 and under. 305-230-7275.

## 13, Tuesday

**"Successful Swordfishing:"** 7-10 p.m. sportfishing workshop at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, 800 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. Cost: \$150 non-IGFA members, \$100 members. 954-924-4247 or 954-924-4334; www.igfa.org/schoolofsportfishing.asp

**Broward Boating Club:** 8 p.m., meets the second Tuesday of the month at American Legion Post 304, 41 NE First Court, Dania Beach. 954-316-0236.

**Gulfstream Sailing Club:** 7:30 meeting the second Tuesday of the month at the Downtowner Saloon, Maxwell Room, 408 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. www.gulfstreamsailingclub.org.

**Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club:** 6:30-8:45 p.m. for advanced beginners and intermediate players on Tuesdays at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, 700 NE Sixth Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. 954-565-3127.

## 14, Wednesday

**Fort Lauderdale Maritime Museum Committee:** meets 6 p.m. at the

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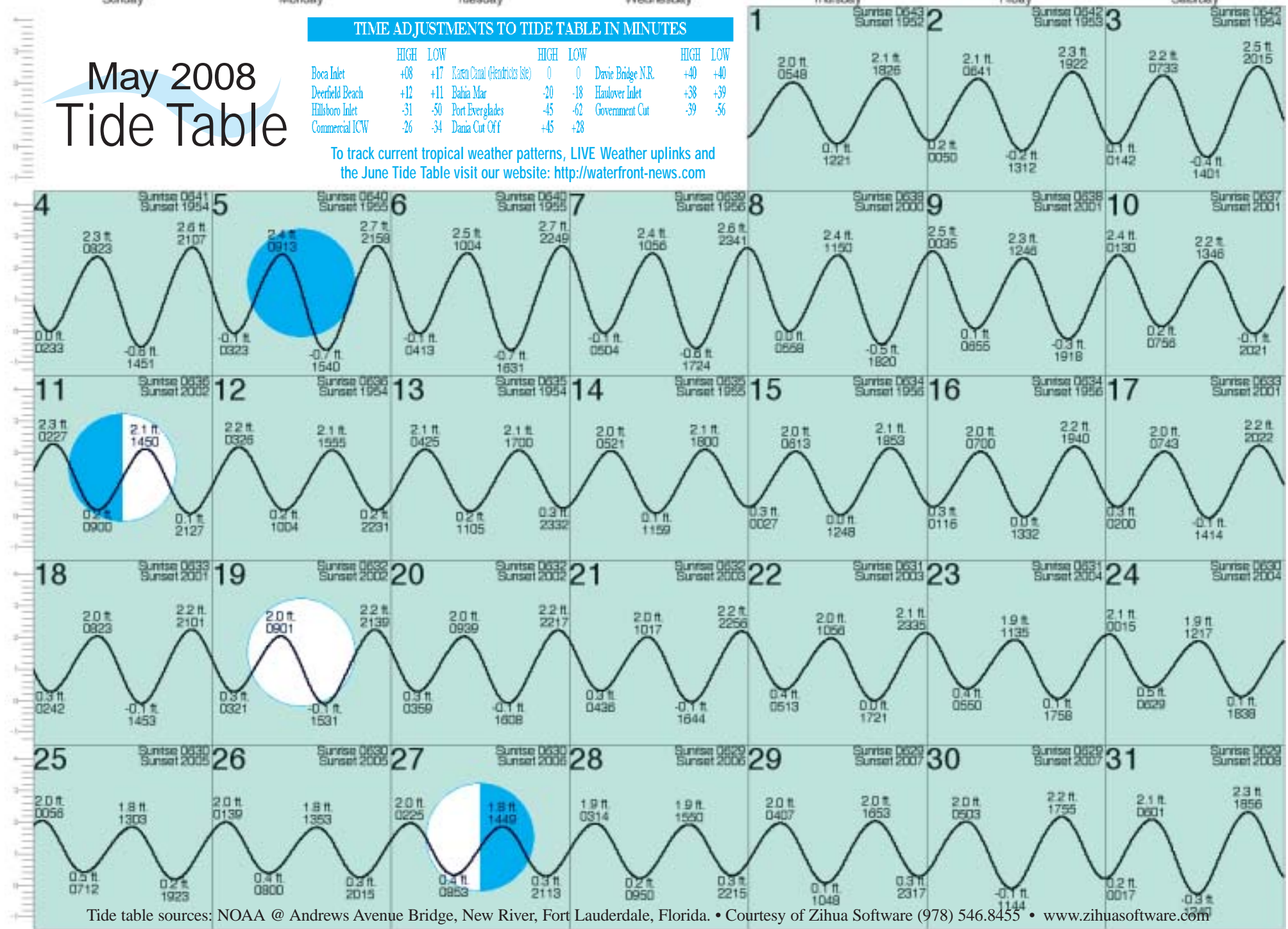


# May 2008 Tide Table

## TIME ADJUSTMENTS TO TIDE TABLE IN MINUTES

	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW		
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Deerfield Beach	+12	+11	Bahia Mar	-20	-18	Haulover Inlet	+38	+39
Hillsboro Inlet	-31	-50	Port Everglades	-45	-62	Government Cut	-39	-56
Commercial ICW	-26	-34	Dania Cut Off	+45	+28			

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Trinidad SR	31.50	35.00	36.75	38.00	45.50	48.00	63.00
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# Hearty meat sauce packs on the prosciutto, beef

MEAT SAUCE FROM P. 18

sprinkle with the remaining grated pecorino and Parmesan cheeses.

Cover the dish with foil and bake for 30 to 35 minutes, or until the sauce is bubbling and cheese looks completely melted. Remove the foil and continue baking an additional 5 to 7 minutes to get a deep golden color.

Let rest for 15 minutes before serving.

Nutrition information per serving: 789 calories; 362 calories from fat; 40 g fat (20 g saturated; 0 g trans fats); 335 mg cholesterol; 56 g carbohydrate; 54 g protein; 3 g fiber; 2,199 mg sodium.

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## Hearty meat sauce

BY J.M. HIRSCH

AP Food Editor

There is nothing subtle about this meat sauce.

It is jammed with flavorful ingredients, starting with a healthy four cloves of garlic (double it if you dare) and finishing with tomato paste, balsamic vinegar and Parmesan cheese.

Along the way it also takes on some serious seasonings and — for good measure — a half pound of prosciutto.

It may seem like overkill, and that's the point. From scratch pasta sauces generally develop their deep, rich flavors from a long simmer on the stove. But weeknight cooking usually doesn't involve that luxury.

To compensate for the faster pace, ingredients with serious oomph are employed. They also are ingredients that need little time to disperse throughout the

sauce, such as the vinegar and Parmesan.

One warning — salt only at the very end. Many people will find the saltiness contributed by the prosciutto and Parmesan to be more than enough.

If you want to give this already thick sauce a chunkier texture, add a 12-ounce jar of roasted red peppers (drained and chopped). For a bit of heat, try diced pickled jalapeno peppers.

If you find prosciutto a bit pricey, substitute an equal amount of lean bacon or deli-sliced ham. The flavors will be different, but still delicious.

Start to finish: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

**2 tablespoons olive oil**  
**4 cloves garlic, minced**  
**1 medium red onion, finely diced**  
**1/2 teaspoon paprika**  
**1 teaspoon dry basil**  
**1 teaspoon dry oregano**  
**1 1/4 pound lean ground beef**  
**1/2 pound prosciutto, finely chopped**  
**28-ounce can diced tomatoes**  
**3 tablespoons tomato paste**  
**2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar**  
**1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese**  
**Salt and freshly ground black pepper, to taste**

In a large saucepan over medium-high, combine the olive oil, garlic, red onion, paprika, basil and oregano. Saute until the onion is tender and seasonings are fragrant, about 5 minutes.

Add the ground beef and prosciutto. Continue to saute until the beef is cooked through and the prosciutto begins to



Prosciutto gives this hearty meat sauce a deep flavor mimicked by slow-cooked sauces but without all the time.

brown, about 8 minutes. Add the diced tomatoes and any juices, tomato paste and vinegar and bring to a simmer.

Reduce heat to low and cook for 5 minutes, stirring frequently, to let the flavors combine. Stir in the Parmesan cheese until melted, then season with salt and pepper.

Nutrition information per serving: 392 calories; 189 calories from fat; 21 g fat (7 g saturated; 1 g trans fats); 98 mg cholesterol; 13 g carbohydrate; 36 g protein; 2 g fiber; 1,753 mg sodium.

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# Tourists return to island slammed by Katrina

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it saw came during the Civil War, when Southerners who'd claimed the site exchanged longshot cannon fire with offshore Union troops.

A portion of the island served for a time as a POW camp for captured Confederates, political dissidents and Union soldiers who had not obeyed orders.

A map of the area, from the years immediately following the Civil War, shows a smattering of buildings and an ample buffer of land around the fort. Today, the buildings are long gone, and water laps up against the still-intact, roughly 30-foot high fort.

West Ship Island is part of Gulf Islands National Seashore, which is managed by the National Park Service and in Mississippi and Florida. Faye Walmsley, the park's Mississippi district interpreter, says her agency is working with the Army Corps of Engineers to try to develop a plan to shore up the beach in hopes of better preserving the fort. The park service said salty air and slapping waves have begun eroding the mortar though the elements haven't "significantly" undermined the fort so far.

"We know that's a concern, and we're working on that issue," she said.

Storms and erosion are a fact of life on the island; in 1969, Hurricane Camille split the island in two — East and West.

But Hurricane Katrina, which devastated parts of the Gulf Coast in August 2005, took an immense toll on West Ship Island, swamping the island in a storm surge of approximately 35 feet and washing away virtually every structure — bathrooms, exhibits, a replica lighthouse.

As much as 18 percent of the island, mostly its tips, were lost in Katrina, ranger Don Holifield said. It's now about 3 miles long, he said, and the gulf between it and the more wild East Ship Island — seen as a line of dead tree stands from West — has widened to more than one mile.

"You came to a ghost town today, didn't you?" Holifield tells about a dozen people gathered one recent Sunday for a free interpretive program.

There is a days-gone-by eeriness, particularly as one wanders farther from the main, umbrella-dotted beach, just off the boardwalk that passes the restrooms, outdoor

showers, the picnic stand and the snack trailer.

The landscape calls to mind a mix of prairie and swamp — a ranger says an alligator or two may be hanging around the interior marshes — and the open air staves off the fish-farm smell that hangs heavy over some inland beaches. Sunbathers each have their own patch of sand; hikers gain solitude along the sandy rim, where black sand often mingles with white; and families frolic in the waves as gulls glide on the wind.

One father and son, Billy Parrish and Graham, 10, of Mandeville, La., beachcomb, proudly showing off their finds, before running off to make "snow angels."

The accommodations were a bit less accommodating last year; there were backcountry-style "composting" toilets, not flush-toilets, for example. The park service is redesigning its exhibits and hopes to start work on permanent buildings later this year, to replace those destroyed by Katrina, Walmsley said.

Before the storm, West Ship Island averaged about 64,000 visitors via Ship Island Excursions, the most popular way to get there, she said. Since the storm, visitation, which fell off sharply, has rebounded, reaching about 32,000 passengers on the concessionaire's boats last year.

"It's encouraging that people are returning," said Louis Skrmetta, whose family runs the boat service and caps the number of people it takes out to the island to help preserve the more natural, quite ambiance.

"What you have here is a true National Park experience, for someone not interested in commercialization," he said, adding: "It's something you never forget."

### Up close

Ship island excursions: While West Ship Island is accessible to private boaters, this National Park Service concessionaire is the most popular way to visit the island.

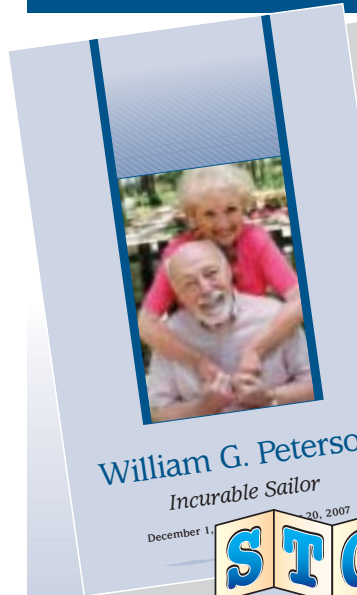
Boats leave Gulfport, Miss., Wednesday through Sunday through May 16, and daily after that through Aug. 17. The Wednesday through Sunday schedule resumes through Oct. 26. For more information, <http://www.msshipisland.com> or 866-466-7386.

Tickets \$22 round-trip; children, 3-10, \$12; seniors, \$20.



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Passenger ferries tied to West Ship Island pier 4 on Ship Island at Gulf Islands National Seashore, Miss.

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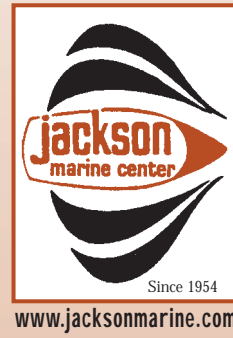
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New River Inn, 231 SW Second Ave., Fort Lauderdale. Open to the public. 954-467-7723; www.flmaritimemuseum.org.

**Seabird Yacht Club:** meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Royal Fiesta Restaurant, in the Cove Shopping Plaza, 1680 SE Third Court, Deerfield Beach. www.seabirdyachtclub.com.

**Broward Urban River Trails:** 5:30 p.m. meeting at Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Road 84, Fort Lauderdale. 954-791-1030.

**Ladies, Let's Go Fishing:** Southeast Florida chapter meets the second Wednesday of the month. 954-923-3072; www.geocities.com/Ilgfsoutheastflorida.

**Broward Shell Club:** 7 p.m. meeting at the Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. 954-296-5633.

**Have a Heart Transplant Support Group:** 6:45 p.m. meeting in the media room of Broward General Hospital, 1600 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-755-0666.

## 15, Thursday

**Sailing Singles of South Florida:** 6:30 p.m. meeting Thursdays at Grumpy Gators Sea Grill & Bar, 1901 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-462-4575; www.sailingsingles.org.

**Miami Sport fishing Club:** 8 p.m. meeting the first and third Thursday of the month, 1711 W. 38th Place, unit 1104, Hialeah. 305-885-1666.

**Sunset Celebration:** 5 p.m. Thursdays at Sailfish Marina and Resort, 98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores. 561-844-1724.

**Marina Mile Association:** 8 a.m. meeting the third Thursday of the month at Fort Lauderdale Hampton Inn, 2301 SW 12th Ave., Fort Lauderdale. 954-494-1900; email: croxtonma@aol.com.

**Eastern Shores Aventura Yacht Club:** 7 p.m. meeting the third Thursday of the month at various locations in Miami-Dade and Broward counties. 954-456-3536; www.esayc.com.

## 16, Friday

**Mad Dog Mandich Fishing Classic:** 6 p.m. captain's meeting and final registration at Miami Beach Marina, 300 Alton Road, Miami Beach. Proceeds benefit Shake-a-Leg Miami. Entry fee: \$650 after May 2 for four anglers per boat. 305-667-0399.

**Moonlight Paddle Tour:** 6:30-8:30 p.m. at West Lake Park, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood. Cost: \$20 person. Reservations required. 954-926-2480.

**FLW Kingfish Tour and Series:** runs through Sunday May 18 at the Hyatt Hotel and Marina, Sarasota. www.flwoutdoors.com.

## 17, Saturday

**Mad Dog Mandich Fishing Classic:** starts 7 a.m. out of Government Cut, followed by 3 p.m. dock party; 4 p.m. lines out. Entry fee: \$650 after May 2 for four anglers per boat. 305-667-0399.

**Hospice Regatta 2008:** 11 a.m. boaters of all levels set sail on a 12-mile course off Fort Lauderdale Beach; 6:30-11 p.m. clambake at Esplanade Park on Riverwalk, Fort Lauderdale. Cost: \$65 for food tickets. 954.467.7423; www.hospicecareflorida.org.

**American Boating Course:** 8:30 a.m. offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Miami Yacht Club, 1001 MacArthur Causeway, Miami. Cost: \$30. 305-491-0810.

**American Boating Course:** 8:30 a.m., offered by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary at Miami Beach Police Athletic League, 999 11th St., Miami Beach. Cost: \$30. 305-274-9829.

**IGFA Summer Camp Open House:** 10 a.m. to noon review of upcoming camp activities for kids ages 8 to 13, at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, 800 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. 954-924-4309; www.igfa.org/camps.asp.

**22nd annual Faro Blanco Invitational Tarpon Tournament:** 6:30 p.m. cocktail hour, followed by 7:30 p.m. dinner at the Key Colony Inn, 700 W. Ocean Drive, Key Colony Beach. Entry fee: \$420 per angler. 609-645-1840, extension 115.

**Ecoaction Day:** 9 a.m. to noon cleanup of non-native plants, for ages 13 and up, at Anne Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood. Free. 954-926-2480.

**"Let's Learn About Sea Turtles:"** noon to 1 p.m. lecture for ages 6-12, at Anne Kolb Nature Center at West Lake Park, 751 Sheridan St., Hollywood. Cost: \$1 per person admittance. 954-926-2480.

**Outdoor Adventures Klub Workday:** 9 a.m. to noon clean-up of non-native plants at Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Road 84, Dania Beach. 954-791-1030.

**"Red, White & Bluegrass:"** 5-10 p.m. traditional and contemporary

bluegrass music on the Hollywood Beach Boardwalk, Hollywood. 954-921-3404.

**Bridge Lessons for Beginners:** 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturdays at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, 700 NE Sixth Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. Cost: \$9 for lessons. 954-565-3127.

## 18, Sunday

**Family Day:** 1 p.m. on the outdoor stage at ArtsPark at Young Circle, Hollywood. 954-921-3274; www.artandculturecenter.org.

**Ongoing Events:** at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. 954-922-4212; www.igfa.org.

## 19, Monday

**Pompano Beach Offshore Anglers:** meets 7:30 p.m. at Gallupi's Restaurant, located at the Pompano Beach Municipal Golf Course, 1103 N. Federal Highway, Pompano Beach. 954-317-3532; http://fishing.meetup.com/97/calendar/7297240/

**Full Moon Kayak Tour:** 6:30-9 p.m., for ages 14 to adult, at Holland Park, 801 Johnson St., located at Northlake Drive, Hollywood. Advance registration required. Cost: \$35 954-967-4644 or 954-328-5231.

**Hollywood Garden Club:** 7-9 p.m. meeting at Fred Lippman Multi-Purpose Center, 2030 Polk St., Room 11, Hollywood. Cost: \$5 Hollywood residents, \$10 non-residents. 954-921-3404.

**Knights of Pythias:** 7 p.m. meeting, this fraternal, non-sectarian group meets the third Monday of the month at Golden Glades Inn, 16500 NW Second Ave., North Miami. 954-680-3412.

**Yoga Class:** 5-6 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays at Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Road 84, Dania Beach. Cost: \$9 per class or 10 classes for \$80. 954-791-1030.

## 20, Tuesday

**"Bottom Fishing Wrecks and Reefs:"** 7-10 p.m. sportfishing workshop taught by Capt. Bouncer Smith, at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, 800 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. Cost: \$150 non-IGFA members, \$100 members. 954-924-4247 or 954-924-4334; www.igfa.org/schoolofsportfishing.asp

**South Florida Fishing Club:** 6:30 p.m. dinner at Tony Romas, 18050 Collins Ave., North Miami Beach, followed by a 7:30 p.m. meeting the first and third Tuesday of the month. 954-761-3774 or 954-462-0128.

**Florida Center for the Book Literary Tea:** 2 p.m., featuring Les Standiford, author of "Washington Burning: How a Frenchman's Vision for Our Nation's Capital Survived Congress, the Founding Fathers, and the Invading British Army," at the Broward County Main Library, 100 S. Andrews Ave., Fort Lauderdale. No cost. 954-357-7386.

**Beginning Bridge Lessons:** 6:30-8:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, 700 NE Sixth Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. Cost: \$10. 954-565-3127.

## 21, Wednesday

**Support Group:** 7 p.m. meeting for families and friends of people with mental illness the first and third Wednesday at Sorel Jewish Community Center, 6501 W. Sunrise Blvd., Plantation. 954-472-8241.

**Buehler Observatory:** 8-10 p.m. free public viewings of the night sky through telescopes at Buehler Planetarium, Broward Community College's Central Campus, 3501 SW Davie Road, Davie. 954-201-6681.

**Stories for a Starry Night:** 7 p.m.; an hour-long look at the night sky at Buehler Planetarium, Broward Community College, 3501 SW Davie Road, Davie. 954-201-6681.

**Glass Bottom Boat Tour/Island Excursion:** 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Biscayne National Park; meets at the Dante Fascell Visitor Center, 9700 SW 328 St., Homestead. Cost: \$24.45 adults. 305-230-7275; www.nps.gov/bisc/.

**Single Gourmet:** weekly dinner gatherings for singles including boating events. 954-723-9608.

## 22, Thursday

**Biscayne Bay Sailing Club Social Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. at the Tiki Bar in the Sonesta Hotel, eighth floor, 2889 McFarland Road, Coconut Grove. Meets the fourth Thursday of the month, no boating experience or ownership necessary. 305-682-9030; www.thesailingclub.com.

**Maritime Memorabilia Auction:** starts 1:30 p.m. at Swann Galleries, 104 E. 25th St., New York City. Includes items from the *Titanic*. 212-254-4710, extension 17; www.swannalleries.com.

**Full Moon Kayak Tour:** 7-9 p.m. at Holland Park, located at Johnson Street and Northlake Drive, Hollywood. Cost: \$35, ages 14 and up. 954-967-4644; 954-328-5231.

**Sunset Celebration:** 5 p.m. Thursdays at Sailfish Marina and Resort, 98 Lake Drive, Palm Beach Shores. 561-844-1724.

**Sailing Singles of South Florida:** 6:30 p.m. meeting Thursdays at Grumpy Gators Sea Grill & Bar, 1901 Cordova Road, Fort Lauderdale. Call 954-462-4575; www.sailingsingles.org.

## 23, Friday

**Broadwalk Friday Fest:** 7 p.m. dancing and music. the second and fourth Friday of the month on Hollywood Beach on the Broadwalk, Hollywood. 954-924-2980.

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**Classic Cruise Night:** 6-10 p.m., fourth Friday of the month, featuring pre-1978 classic car show, on Hollywood Beach Broadwalk, Hollywood. Cars must register to enter. Free to public. 954-926-3377

## 24, Saturday

**About Boating Safety Class:** starts 8 a.m., sponsored by the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, at the Dixon AHI Recreation Center, 2220 NE 38th St., Lighthouse Point. Cost: \$40. per person. 954-557-0582; http://a0700307.uscgaux.info/.

**Kayaking on the Middle River:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. kayak rentals weekends at the Island City Park Preserve, 823 NE 28th St., Wilton Manors. Cost: \$14 to \$52. 954-781-0073; www.atlanticcoastkayak.com.

**South Florida Amateur Astronomers Association:** free public observation Saturdays at Fox Observatory in Markham Park, 16001 State Road 84, Sunrise. 954-384-0442.

**Support Group for Families & Friends of People with Mental Illness:** 2 p.m. the second and fourth Saturday of the month at Memorial Outpatient Building, 3400 N. 29th Ave., Hollywood. 954-566-2422.

## 25, Sunday

**Jamming in the Park:** 2-4 p.m. acoustic music jam with the public invited to play at Secret Woods Nature Center, 2701 W. State Road 84, Dania Beach. 954-791-1030.

**Bank of America Fiesta:** 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Latin jazz brunch along the Las Olas Riverfront on Southwest First Avenue, Fort Lauderdale on the fourth Sunday of the month. No cost. 954-527-0627.

## 26, Monday

**Memorial Day**

**Knights of Pythias:** 7 p.m. meeting of this fraternal, non-sectarian group at Golden Glades Inn, 16500 NW Second Ave., North Miami. 954-680-3412.

**Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club:** noon bridge game Mondays at the Fort Lauderdale Bridge Club, Holiday Park, 700 NE Sixth Terrace, Fort Lauderdale. 954-761-1577.

## 27, Tuesday

**"Understanding your Onboard Electronics:"** 7-10 p.m. sportfishing workshop at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame, 800 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. Cost: \$150 non-IGFA members, \$100 members. 954-924-4247 or 954-924-4334; www.igfa.org/schoolofsportfishing.asp.

**Ongoing Events:** at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. 954-922-4212; www.igfa.org.

## 28, Wednesday

**West Palm Beach Fishing Club:** 7 p.m. meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month at the group's clubhouse, 201 Fifth St., West Palm Beach. 561-832-6780.

**Venture Sailing Club of South Florida:** 7:30 p.m. meeting the last Wednesday of the month at the Miami Yacht Club, 1001 MacArthur Causeway, Miami. 305-860-8250, 954-340-4791; www.geocities.com/thetropics/resort/6678.

**North Broward Democratic Club:** 7:30 p.m. meeting the fourth Wednesday of the month at Emma Lou Olson Civic Center, 1801 NE Sixth St., Pompano Beach. 954-742-7557 or 954-465-1389.

## 29, Thursday

**Single Gourmet:** weekly dinner gatherings for singles including boating events. 954-723-9608.

**Ongoing Events:** at the IGFA Fishing Hall of Fame & Museum, 300 Gulf Stream Way, Dania Beach. 954-922-4212; www.igfa.org.

## 30, Friday

**Dolphin Masters Invitational:** 5:30 p.m. kick-off party at the Conch Republic Seafood Co., 631 Greene St., Key West. Entry fee: \$750 per boat. 305-304-7674.

## 31, Saturday

**Intracoastal History Tour:** 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Deerfield Island Park, 1720 Deerfield Island Park, Deerfield Beach. Cost: \$6 per person. 954-360-1320.



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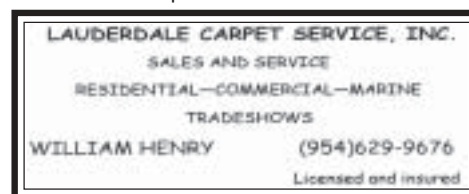
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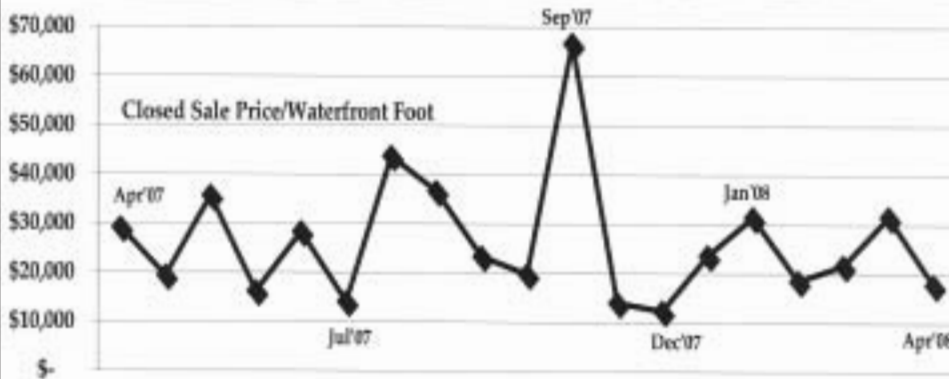
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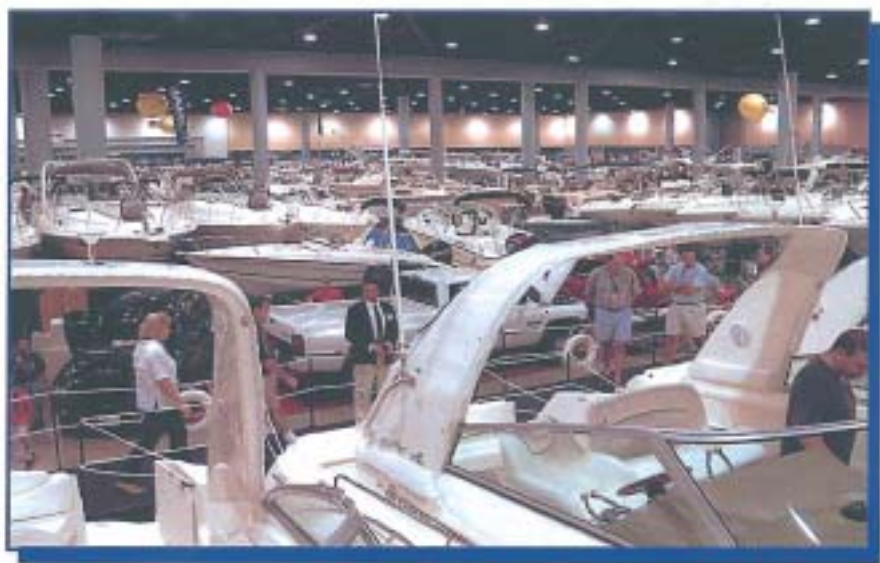
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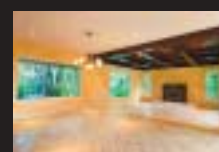
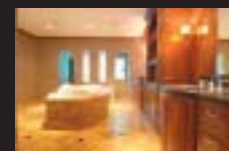
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