## Freedom from the Tyranny of the South!

The Northernmost Territories of the Conch Republic was formed on Friday, April 17, 2009, when the Northernmost Territories seceeded from the the Conch Republic of the South. The party went on for 10 days...



The Fearless Leaders of the new Republic at their installation at Sundowners.

Anything that Floats Race from

Caribbean Club to Sundowners.





Commander of the Northernmost Military Robert DiGiorgio and Green Queen Christi Allen burn the old flag at Snapper's.

## There were Bed Races at Coconuts:



127 people blew conch shells at Sundowners in a Guiness Book of World Records attempt.



Scott Walz at Snapper's Jimmy Buffett Impersonator Contest



Sir Pooper Scooper (Robby Majeska) captured Sir Peter Pool



Preparing to "Blow the Bridge" at Snapper's





Debra Illes







T-Toons Race Team



Mariners Hospital's Pineapple Express Team



Winners of the Conch Fritter Eating Contest at the Fish House Encore.



Linda Mrazik's dog "Hurley" won the Key Kritters "Is Your Pet a Conch?" photo contest. Hurley is an 8 year old "Choodle" Mom is Chihuahua and Dad is Poodle.

## **16th Annual Ladies Dolphin Tournament, June 12**

This years Ladies Dolphin Tournament is scheduled for Friday and Saturday June 12th and 13th so Ladies mark your fishing and social calendars now. Early entry by June 5th is \$100. After that, entry fee is \$125. Junior lady anglers pay \$30,

includes social. Social Entries are \$25, and kids under five are free. There is also a Team Challenge for an additional \$100.

Tournament events kick off at 5pm on Friday, June 12th at the Tavernier Elks Club with

registration. The anglers/captain meeting follows. Fishing is on Saturday with lines in at 7am and the official weigh-in is at the Elks

Club. Anglers must be in line with their fish by 5pm (no exceptions). Awards Party immediately after.

There will be cash prizes to the top 3 anglers, \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000. A silent auction and raffle with event.

This event is a fund raiser for the Key Largo Rotary Club and all proceeds remain in the Upper Keys to benefit youth and adult scholarships and programs.

For further information log onto www.ladiesdolphin tournament.com or call Sara Hamilton 305-360-7727. Registrations forms can be downloaded from website.

## **First State Bank Partners** to Spotlight Keys History

First State Bank of the Florida Keys partnered with the History of Diving Museum and Matecumbe Historic Trust to spotlight the Keys unique underwater history with a diving display at the Bank's Key Largo Tradewinds Plaza office. The extraordinary exhibit at First State Bank showcases a

treasured 17th century Spanish cannon from the mighty El Salvador ship and a six-foot tall 19th century hardhat full-length diving suit, also known as a "Jack Suit".

For more information about the Museum call 305-664-9737 or visit www.divingmuseum.com.



From left: Museum Curator Tim Hemsoth, Matecumbe Historical Trust's Jeane Eyster, FSB's Commercial and Residential Loan Officer Lori Bailey, FSB Tradewinds Branch Manager Patti Marshall, Matecumbe Historical Trust's Irving Eyster, FSB Regional President Bette Brown and Museum Executive Dir.

