#### FWC Officer Jimmy Johnson Saves Two from Capsized Boat



An anchor line tangled in the prop turned very serious very guickly

On August 8th, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Officer Jimmy Johnson responded to Doan, and his passenger, a call from Monroe County Sheriff's Office in reference to a capsized boat at American shoal. FWC was dispatched to the site at about 7:30 p.m. As Officer Johnson arrived, he observed two men sitting on top of their 16' Baycraft vessel, which was overturned. Officer Johnson retrieved both men from their boat and secured them safely on his patrol vessel.

During Officer Johnmen, they stated they were fishing on the reef and when friends were extremely they started to leave, the anchor line got caught in the prop and the boat turned, with the transom into the rough seas. The vessel took waves over the transom and the boat flooded, causing it to capsize. They stated it

took only about 30 seconds to go over.

The captain, Jeremy Edward O'Keefe, both from Jacksonville Florida, had been able to secure the vessel's dry box before it overturned. The dry box contained a cell phone so they were able to call 911.

After retrieving some of their personal possessions from the water, towing salvage was contacted to recover the vessel. Officer Johnson transported both men to their trailer at Venture Out Trailer Park on son's initial interview of the Cudjoe Key. At the dock the entire group of family and appreciative of Officer Johnson's life-saving efforts.

> Report submitted by Robert Dube, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, South Region Community Relations/Recruiter Officer. Photo by FWC Officer Jimmy Johnson.

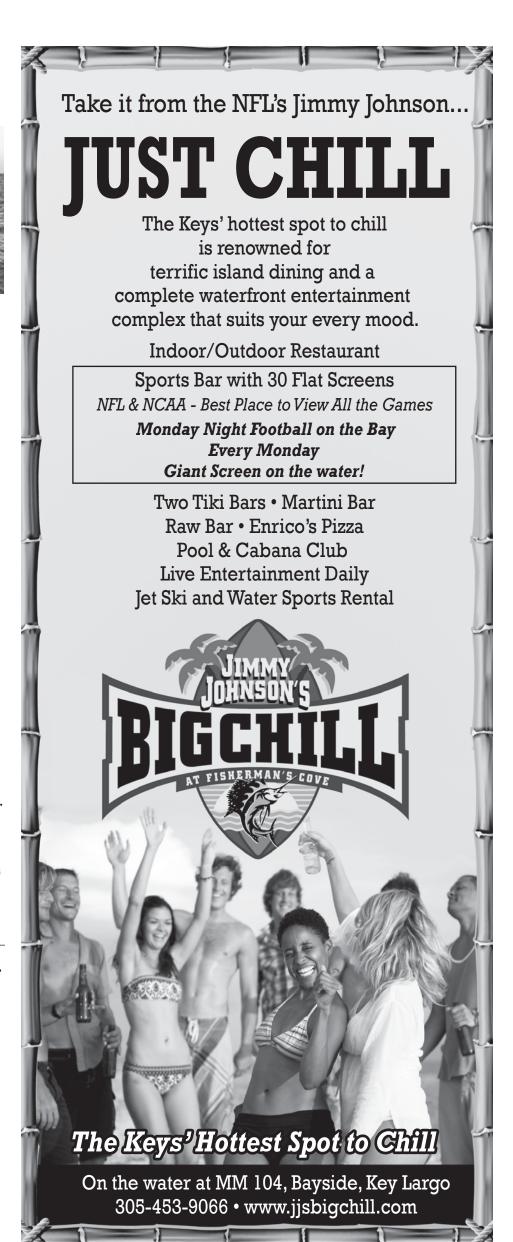
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