



LLGF Screamin' Reels Tournament

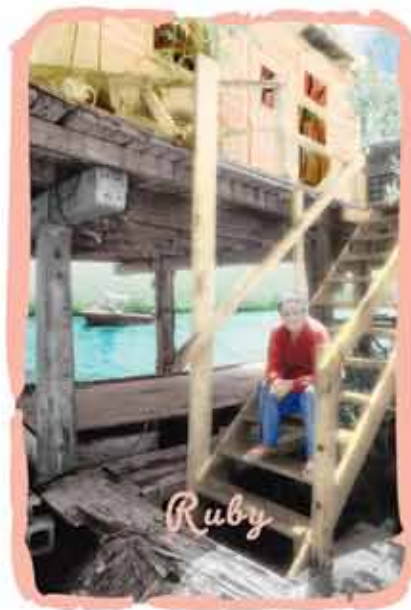
May 16-18

Islamorada, Florida Keys
 Ladies, Fish Saturday & Sunday on inshore or offshore charter boats or use your own boat!
 Kickoff is Friday.

Win prizes! No experience or boat necessary!
 Reserve your charter spot when registering

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Register in advance



Ruby Stern known as "Miss Ruby", was the matriarch of Downtown Card Sound. She was a familiar site to travelers across Card Sound bridge.

ORIGINAL LOCAL ARTWORK BY



Dress like a Florida Keys local and be comfortable in the sun in our DRI-FIT shirt designed by Carol Ellis | Little Salt Photography featuring original artwork of the HISTORIC FISHING VILLAGE OF DOWNTOWN CARD SOUND



SCAN CODE WITH YOUR SMART PHONE TO PURCHASE



SPF 50, long sleeve fishing performance shirt in aqua, limeade and white

On the shirt back is Carol's image of Ruby Stern, matriarch of Downtown Card Sound Road, a place that doesn't exist on any map... yet was home to a community of free spirits, fishermen and independent thinkers who took up residence there. Located on the west side of the road south of Alabama Jack's, and the toll booth, the shack was originally built by workers who constructed the toll bridge around 1968. In 1972 Ruby moved in and lived there for 27 years. She'd sit on the steps of her shack, with an old Colt 44 daring anyone to throw her off the land. She stayed. Not even the destructive forces of hurricane Andrew and the county's condemnation of the shack could send her from her spot on the bay on Card Sound. She moved to a trailer alongside and lived there until 1999 when she had to leave due to illness, and died at age 90.

Fish and Win at the Ladies, Let's Go Fishing Screamin' Reels Tournament

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No Boat? No Problem! Inshore or Offshore!

Casual anglers and fishing enthusiasts are invited to fish the non-intimidating LLGF Screamin' Reels Tournament in May in Islamorada. Hosted by the nonprofit Ladies Let's Go Fishing Foundation, this unique tournament welcomes anglers to compete for inshore or offshore species while learning valuable fishing skills along the way.

The action-packed weekend kicks off on Friday with a presentation on fishing rules and conservation, plus a meet and greet with fundraisers from 6:30-8 pm at the Tavernier Elks Club.

On Saturday and Sunday, participants will take to the water in a friendly competition aboard private boats or guided charter boats, departing from Whale Harbor and other locations. The 2024 event saw an impressive 180 fish hooked across inshore and offshore categories.

\$1,000 in individual angler prizes include Penn combos, art prints, shirts and more, presented on Sunday at Whale Harbor Marina upon the return of boats. Awards include Top Offshore and Inshore Fish, Releases, Wild Card prizes and more.

LLGF Screamin' Reels offers casual rules. For those without a boat, charter boat slots fill quickly - early regis-



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Tatiana Andronik, Indian Trail, NC (First Place Offshore); Elena Kuska, Islamorada, FL; Penny and Jen Jacobus, Pinecrest FL; Isabella and Jolene Chandler, Jacksonville FL with mate Colby in between on Sea Horse. Isabella Chandler, age 13, took First Place Teen Angler.



Susan Anthony, Fort Myers, FL; Kyllene Carter, Miami Shores, FL (Second Place Offshore); Sundie Wilcox, St. Augustine, FL; Lachelle Reece and Kim Royal, Orlando, FL and Dawna Gibson, Destin, FL with mate Dave Duncan on Big Dave.



Dawna Gibson, Destin, FL; Pam Ridgie, Murchison, TX; Alissa Johnson, Chandler TX and Brooke Johnson, Bullard, TX on Blackwater Charters with Capt. Dylan Scoble.

tration is recommended. Registration of \$95 early entry, \$115 regular per adult angler and \$55 for teens includes \$20 in gifts and a chance to win tournament prizes.

"This is a fantastic opportunity for women to build their fishing skills while enjoying time on the water," said LLGF Founder Betty Bauman. "It's also a perfect Mother's Day gift for moms and daughters to share an unforgettable experience the following weekend!"

LLGF is also hosting another Keys event on October 17-19, featuring a full-day fishing seminar, two days of fishing, and the Fishing Fever Tournament. It also hosts the Islamorada Women's Sailfish Tournament slated for late January.



April 11-13
 Florida Saltwater Offshore Weekend Seminar, Fort Lauderdale

May 16-18
 Keys Fishing Screamin' Reels Learning on the Water, Islamorada

June 4-9
 Isla Mujeres Mexico Fishing

Oct. 17-19
 Keys Saltwater Weekend Seminar and Fishing, Islamorada, FL

Nov. 22-23
 St. Augustine Surf Fishing Academy, Guy Harvey Resort

Additional: Virtual Meetings and more - in the works.

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