

2004 Bimini Fling

**General
Meeting**

January 21, 2004

East Central

Forum Trip

June 7th - 12th



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Bimini Islands Overview

- ❖ Closest Bahamian Island(s) to the US Coast - >50 miles from Fort Lauderdale, FL
- ❖ Biminis actually comprised of 2 separate islands - North Bimini & South Bimini
- ❖ Labeled the Gamefishing Capital of the World - Trolling for dolphin, wahoo, marlin, tuna. Bottom fishing for grouper and snapper
- ❖ Early summer ideal - moderate temps, calm seas, good fishing, etc.
- ❖ Remote, casual, laid back lifestyle
- ❖ Fun nightlife - Compleat Angler, End of the World Bar, etc.



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Trip Preparations

- * **Reserve your lodging!!! - Limited accommodations - North vs. South Bimini**

<http://www.bahamas.com/islands/bimini/index.html>

- * **What to bring.....**

- Fishing gear/tackle, bait, dive/snorkel equipment, spears, beach stuff, etc.
(30-50lb, 40-80lb bottom gear) - (Pole spears/Hawaiian slings only, spear guns illegal)
- Clothing - shorts, t-shirts, boat shoes
- Food, drinks (beer), utensils/knives, spices, charcoal, ice, drinking water, ziplocs, etc.
- Cash - credit cards and checks not accepted by all - no ATM's
- Misc - camera/film, binoculars, sunscreen, prescription meds, insect repellent, seasickness prevention, etc.

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Trip Preparations



* ***** The Boat *****

- **Boat size & type**
- **Be prepared:** tune-up/maintenance, change fluids, filters, check pumps, connectors, electronics, etc.
- **Bring Spares** - Fuel filters, oil, transmission & hydraulic fluids, ignition parts, spark plugs, coils, fuses, wire, water pump impellers, belts, primer bulbs, props, hoses, tie wraps, duct tape, WD-40, 5200, basic tools, bucket/cleaning supplies, etc.
- **Yellow Quarantine flag & Bahamian Courtesy Flag**
- **USCG Safety Gear, Spare GPS, handheld VHF, EPIRB, Overboard bag, etc.**
- **Charts - Maps - Literature**
- **Have water tow service?**
- **Fuel available on North & South Bimini**

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The Crossing

- ✳ **Depart Harbor Town Marina at 6:30AM (Port Everglades Inlet approx 7:00AM)**
- ✳ **Cross in groups of 8-10 boats (depending upon # boats and cruise speed)**
- ✳ **Navigate to South Bimini entrance range markers (GPS - N25 42 75 / W79 18 23 approximately 46 miles). Be sure to update your GPS for the departing inlet!!!**
- ✳ **Once within sight of Bimini, raise your yellow quarantine flag, signifying you have not cleared Customs.**
- ✳ **Proceed directly to your accommodating marina where the Dockmaster will greet you and provide the necessary Customs & Immigrations Forms.**
- ✳ **Once the required forms have been completed, the Captain only will proceed to the Customs & Immigrations Office for clearance.**

Customs & Immigration Continued

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Customs & Immigration



- * Once arriving at your accommodating Marina and completing the appropriate forms, only the Captain may exit the vessel. All other crew must remain on-board until cleared.
- * Be sure all crew have either a Passport or official Birth Certificate. If the Birth Certificate is a copy, it must have a raised letter certification stamp. Also, each vessel must have the appropriate registration/documentation paperwork.
- * Captain will walk all completed forms, birth certificates, Passports, Boat Registration/Documentation to the Customs Office. A \$150 cruising permit fee will be assessed to all vessels. This transire cruising permit covers all on-board for the duration of the stay (a minimal fee is applied to any crew larger than 4 members).
- * After clearing Customs, the Captain will proceed to the Immigration office where Immigration Cards will be provided for each individual on-board.
- * Keys to success - have all documentation in order, be patient & courteous. Leave pets & firearms at home.

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Fishing & Such...

- * Trolling within one mile of the Island(s) for dolphin, marlin, wahoo, tuna!
- * Grouper & snapper prevalent on reefs.
Good drop-off reefs begin approximately 1/2 mile from shore
- * Bring Bait! Ballyhoo for trolling and/or cut bait, squid, etc. for bottom dwellers.
- * Bring sabikis or bait catcher rigs
- * Full Moon Mutton Snapper Fishing - We'll be there !!!
- * Lots of great snorkeling and diving spots
(Concrete Ship, Road to Atlantis, etc.)



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Other Useful Info...

* Harbor Town Marina, Dania, FL

- Phone Number: (954) 926-0300, URL: <http://www.westrec.com>
- 4 Boat Launch Ramps
- 70 on-site trailer-vehicle parking spaces for \$6/day
- 24 X 7 on-site security
- **Directions to Harbor Town:** I-95 south through Ft Lauderdale to I-595 east. Exit south on US1, go about 1 mile to Dania Beach Boulevard. Clearly marked, major intersection. Left (east) on Dania Beach Blvd about 1/2 mile, left (north) onto Gulfstream Rd. Marina entrance in a few blocks, clearly marked

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Lodging for Sunday night, June 6th...

Motel 6

825 E Dania Beach Blvd
Dania Beach, FL 33004
Phone Number: (954) 921-5505

Dania Beach Motel

180 E Dania Beach Blvd, Dania Beach, FL 33004
Phone Number: (954) 927-8303

Golf View Motel

254 E Dania Beach Blvd., Dania Beach, FL 33004
Phone Number: (954) 923-2559

Marriott Springhill Suites

151 SW 18th Ave., Dania Beach, FL 33004
Phone Number: (954) 920-9696

Hampton Inn Hollywood

151 SW 18th Ave., Dania Beach, FL 33004
Phone Number: (954) 920-9696

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Where to Stay on Bimini?

North Bimini

All My Children Hotel

Alice Town
Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 48
Proprietor: Glen Rolle
Phone: 242-347-2506

Bimini Bay Guest House

P.O. Box 607, Bimini Bay
Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 18
Proprietor/Manager: Basil H. Rolle
Phone/Fax: 242-347-2171

Bimini Big Game Fishing Club, Hotel & Marina

P.O. Box 699, Alice Town
North Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 49
Manager: Curtis Carroll
Phone: 242-347-3391/3, 800-737-1007 (U.S.)
Fax: 242-347-3392

Bimini Blue Water Resort Ltd.

P.O. Box 601, Alice Town
North Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 10
Manager: Elizabeth Sherman
Phone: 242-347-3166, 800-688-4752 (U.S.)
Fax: 242-347-3293

North Bimini

Compleat Angler Hotel

P.O. Box 601, Alice Town
Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 12
General Manager: Oswald "Ossie" Brown
Phone: 242-347-3122, 242-347-3185
Fax: c/o 242 347-3293

Ellis Cottages

P.O. Box 611, Bailey Town
Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 4
Owner/Manager: Deacon Clarence Ellis
Phone: 242-347-2483, 242-347-2258 (home)

Sea Crest Hotel & Marina

P.O. Box 654, Alice Town
Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 13
Manager: Alfred Sweeting
Phone/Fax: 242-347-3071

Weech's Bimini Dock and Bay View Rooms

P.O. Box 613, Alice Town
Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 6
Manager: Hank
Phone: 242-347-3028
Fax: 242-347-3508

South Bimini

Bimini Reef Club & Marina

c/o 545 Ballough Road
Daytona Beach, FL 32114, U.S.A.
No. of Rooms: 40
Manager: Emil Poitier
Phone: 901-758-2376 (U.S.)
Fax: 901-757-5607 (U.S.)

Duncombe's Yacht Club

P.O. Box 661
South Bimini, Bahamas
No. of Rooms: 12
Proprietor/Manager: Susie
Duncombe
Phone/Fax: 242-347-3115

Bimini Sands

Alice Town,
South Bimini, Bahamas
Phone: 242/347-3500
Fax: 242/347-3501

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#	FS Handle	Boat Name	Boat Model	Boat Size (ft)	Home Port	Bimini Lodging	# in Crew
1	ReelBusy	Reel Busy	Regal 2550 LSC	26	Orlando	Bimini Sands	4
2	Tom_1231	Perfectly Adjusted	Larsen 25	25	Lake Helen		3
3	Newy	AnglerMgmt	Wellcraft	24	P.C.		2
4	Mortdawg	Waterdawg	Sailfish	22	P.C.		2
5	KP	Seanote	Wellcraft	23	P.C.	Weech's	3
6		Reelcat	Worldcat	27	P.C.		3
7	Luckystars	Luckystars	Grady White	27	Leesburg		
8	Charlie Leeward	SITS	Hydrosports	24	Orlando		2
9	Keef	Got Crabs	Century	23	Newport		3
10	Southern Slammer	Going Catchin	Palmetto	33	P.C.		4
11	Tomt	Mainbreak	Aquasport	22	P.C.	Weech's	2
12	Hooknline	Other Woman	Costal	25	Ponce		3
13	SC53	Waterworld	Bluewater	23	P.C.	Weech's	2+
14	Big Monkey	Big Monkey	Mako	25	Stuart		3
15	Bluewater	Stolen Moments	Keywest	23	P.C.		2
16	Stealthy		Mako	23	P.C.		3
17	Refa Moleb		Hydrosports	24	P.C.		3
18	VC	Island Girl	Seacat	25	Flagler Beach		2
19		Bottom Time	Sailfish	24	P.C.		2
20	Dallasstars				Orlando		2
21	Deep Dreaming		Hydrosports	20	Orlando		
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