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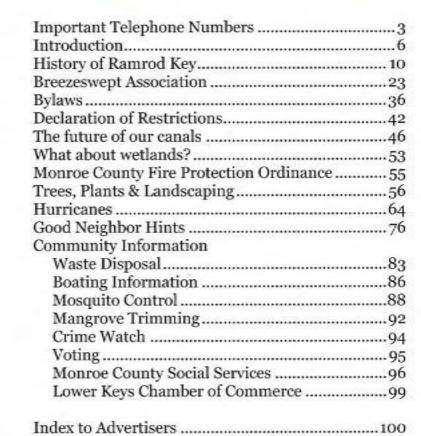
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#### Introduction to the Handbook

by John Clark

Yes, it's about time that BBECA should revise its Handbook after 10 years. We have done it, as you can see, with every expectation that it will fulfill the needs of our members. The handbook is an ambitious undertaking, requiring great efforts by our writers, ad salespersons, and composers.

The Handbook project was accomplished with the tireless efforts of Bonnie Poller. The many others whose dedication is appreciated include Toni King, Clary Younge, Vicky Graf, Reen Stanhouse, Mort Hall, John Clark, Edgar Piehl, and Trish Belew. In keeping with modernization, this version of the Handbook is computerized, thanks to the skills of Marsha Van Duren, who put it all together. We have updated all the sections to make this version as current as possible.

Finance is always an important matter. The stable income of BBECA is from yearly dues, but our special projects are financed by generous donations from our members. Support from our advertisers enables us to produce an outstanding newsletter as well as this comprehensive Handbook. We urge BBECA members to patronize our advertisers as well as to congratulate our donors.

#### History of Ramrod and BBECA

In this Handbook, the history of Ramrod Key is discussed covering the period of our knowledge, from the mid 1800s to the present. Ramrod never had more than three families on board until WW I. It was not until 1960 that Richard Jaffe began to create Breezeswept Beach Estates out of a mangrove swamp.

Edgar Piehl details the history of Breezeswept Beach Estates Civic Association starting in 1976, revealing the ups and downs of BBECA over the years and making it clear that member interest varies with need — when there are important community needs, islanders come together and BBECA always revitalizes itself and accomplishes urgent goals.

#### **BBECA Organization**

In general terms, BBECA has an elected (each year)
Board of Directors consisting of seven members: a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three
Board members at large. Committees are appointed to
take on special projects such as landscaping, social activities, handbook and nwsletter, water quality, and crime
prevention. The Treasurer files regular reports on fiscal
matters and a year end report which is audited.

BBECA is certified as a corporation under State law. The original Bylaws and Deed Restrictions were established in December, 1959 by developer Richard Jaffe. For a complete review of the organization of the Breezeswept Beach Estates Civic Association, Inc. read the Bylaws section.

#### Useful Information

You also will find practical information in this Handbook, including emergency and community telephone numbers, special photos and maps, a list of members and property owners by lot and block, and an index to our advertisers.

BBECA is dedicated to neighborliness and to keeping our island clean, green, and safe. Please be sure to read the Good Neighbor section, and the other topics to learns more about canal water quality, wetlands, and hurricanes. To contact BBECA on any community matter, please call John Clark at 872-4114.



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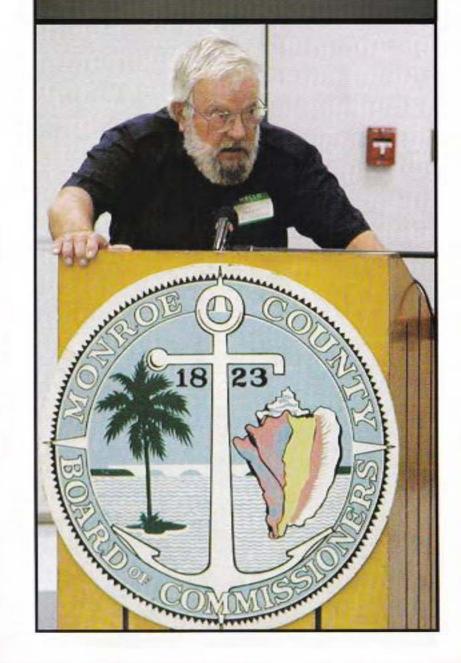
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BBECA President John Clark addresses the Monroe County Board of Commissioners on Water Quality issues.



#### A History of Ramrod Key

by John Clark

ome 70,000 years ago the oceans began to rise at a rapid rate, inundating coastal lands around the world, including Florida. This continued unabated over the centuries until about 5000 BC when — magically — the oceans stopped rising, allowing the Florida Keys to remain as land, but only a few feet above sea level. This is the Miracle of the Keys, and it is why Ramrod Key today is a low island, not a submerged reef.

Our island was officially recognized by the name *Ramrod Key* in a Government survey in the mid-1800s. In June 1857, a survey report was filed by US Surveyor C.T. Iardella, who described Ramrod Key as covered with heavy mangrove, palmetto, sea grape and buttonwood with an outer shore of coral rock. The surveyor also noted a lagoon (salt pond) on the western side with depths of five to fifteen

inches. By 1878, Ramrod Key was showing on Government charts.

It is said that Ramrod Key got its name from a ship named "Ramrod" that was wrecked out on the coral reef in the early 19th Century (source Jim Kupper, Islamorada Library). According to Webster's, a ramrod is "a rod used for ramming home the charge in a muzzle-loading firearm."

#### **Early Residents**

Long before our island was officially named and charted it was visited by Calusa Indians, but apparently occupied only as a refuge from the warlike Early Lower Keys settler Jonathan "Happy Jack" Thompson and his companions encounter rough weather. From John Viele's book "THE FLORIDA KEYS— A History of the Pioneers".

Creek Indians, who were induced by English settlers to make slave raids on the Calusas. Finally, chased by the Creeks and decimated by European diseases, the remaining Calusas escaped to Cuba and were assimilated into the local population. Before the Calusas, there was probably a small population of other Indians occupying some of the Keys islands but there is very little evidence.

The only known prehistoric physical signs of previous occupancy of our BBECA subdivision were remnants of a "native rock" wall near the southeast point of Ramrod. An old-timer reported that there was once a pig farm there.

#### Newcomers

In the late 1800s and early 1900s, the Lower Keys were sparsely populated, mostly by sponge fishermen and others living from the sea. They lived in primitive conditions – driftwood shacks with palmetto thatch roofs – and supplemented their diets with venison (Key Deer meat). Over the years, small communities would form and then vanish to be replaced by others. Some people came from south Florida but many others from the Bahamas. The 1870 census listed 3 families on Ramrod Key, with a total of twelve people. The 1910 census again listed 3 families, now with 11 people, none of whom carried the same names as in 1870. The 1935 census listed only 3 people, again all different names. Apparently, Ramrod was a hard place to eke out a living.



Munson Island, now Little Palm Island, was a fishing camp in the 1930s. Photo by Bayly

#### History ... continued

In spite of our low population, a Post Office and general store was established here in 1917 and remained open at least until 1938. It was located on the higher ground just west of the present location of the FKAA pumping station.

Sundries (1938) Courtesy of the Old Road Ca Ramrod Key Post Office &

Most Ramrod activity in all the years before 1957 appears to have been centered on this ridge area where both the old auto road (1928) and the railroad (1912) crossed the island. But the train didn't stop at the Post Office; it merely hooked a suspended bag of mail as it roared through.

There was one not-to-be-forgotten resident of Ramrod in the early years (at least until 1960) who lived in a small house in the woods somewhere. Her name was Nellie Shanahan and she was called by one writer "the pioneer woman" of Ramrod. Nellie embraced "Irish Mysticism" and believed in signs and portents. In August of 1960 she predicted that Donna, the huge hurricane of 1960, would strike Ramrod. It did just that on September 9th.

Although Nellie was a recluse, she was also a poet and wrote Edgar Allan Poe type verses like:

> She used to come a rapping Like a snowbird ever tapping Rapping at your kitchen door



#### Roads and railroads

About all one could say about Ramrod Key until the 1950s was that "a road ran through it." Neither Henry Flagler's famous Overseas Railroad nor the auto road seemed to have much effect on life here. The railroad was a straight run through the Keys, operating from 1912 until the giant hurricane of 1935 crippled it fatally, and it was replaced by Highway US 1 in January of 1938. But the earlier 128.5-mile auto road through the Keys, which opened in 1928, was more idiosyncratic: it ran from Miami only to Matecumbe, where one took a 40-mile ferry ride to No Name Key (\$3.50 - \$6.50, including dinner), then across the Old Wooden Bridge to Big Pine and across Watson Boulevard, thence by bridge and road across to the Torches and Ramrod before continuing to Key West.



Ferry arriving at No Name Key from Matecumbe in 1928. Photo courtesy of The Old Road Cafe

#### Latecomers

Residential development of Ramrod started north of the present US 1 in the later 50s. By 1959, a grid of roads had been constructed in the middle of north Ramrod and some development had taken place on the west shore.

The Looe Key Reef Resort Motel (now owned by Joe Glenn, the 5th owner), was being built by Max Bennett. But Breezeswept Beach Estates was still only a vision in the mind of developer Richard Jaffe. In 1959 Jaffe was busy buying up the land (under mortgage from Neil Knowles), getting permits, and creating a "Declaration of Restrictions"

#### History ... continued

(filed December 30th, 1959). Land clearing, reclamation and construction began in 1960 when Jaffe brought in work crews, heavy equipment and dynamite, and began construction of the canals. He envisioned a village of up to 3,000 people!

Eddie Williams (now operating Shoreline Industries on



Ramrod Key in the early 1960s, with Pontin's house in foreground and Looe Key Motel at top of photo. Photo by Herb Pontin

Big Pine at 87 years of age) surveyed the Breezeswept subdivision for Jaffe and laid out the canals. He was hired because he had one of only two survey transits in the Keys.

He said that after the survey lines were drawn an explosives expert from Miami (Lonzo Coffin) came to Ramrod to drill holes within the canal boundaries, maybe five at a time, and then load each with three sticks of dynamite – BANG!

Then the draglines came in and dug out the loosened rock and marl. This material was used to elevate the lots Jaffe was building (about 612 in total) on top of the mangrove and scrub covered lowland. When completed, the lots were scarcely more than 2½ feet above sea level. Most required additional fill before houses were built. Lots sold for \$1,490 - \$25 down and \$25 a month. Taxes ran about \$5 per lot per year.

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It was a bootstrap operation. Jaffe borrowed large sums and paid his crew partly in lots rather than cash. The roads were dirt; water came through a surface pipe. The first houses, built as demonstrators in 1961 and 1962, were those now owned by the Pontins and the Clarks, one at each of the island's two open water points. For these, Jaffee dredged shallow channels into Newfound Harbor for boat access.

A single deep canal was built at the southern end of Ramrod to connect the whole canal system (the milelong main canal and 16 side canals) to the harbor.

Although there are variations, the canals presently average 7 feet in depth and the main canal averages 6 feet in depth. The side canals tend to be at their shallowest where they intersect with the main canal, which has a minimum depth of around 4 feet at lower tides.

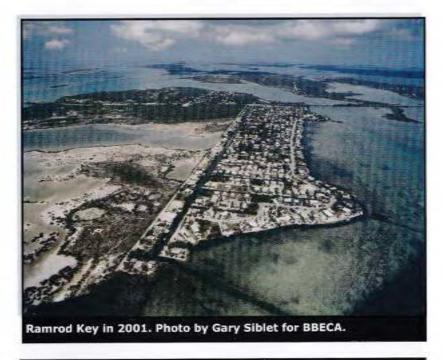
In the 1960s rattlesnakes were



abundant and worrying residents. So a Mr. Louis Lowe with help of the "Fire Brigade" took charge and burned off numerous lots and shot the snakes as they fled the fire.

By 1973, there were 53 houses on Ramrod Key, and Jim and Elaine Moore were building the Chevron station and store. The water supply came to us through a small unburied pipe snaking along the roadside. In 1981 we had about

100 houses and by 2001 about 290 houses, with several new ones under construction. Today, all modern utilities are now available. The County cooperates well with BBECA on maintenance of streets by the Roads Department and provision of security by the Sheriff's Department.





#### The Filming of PT 109 by Warner Brothers

In the summer of 1962 Warner Brothers were filming PT 109, the saga of Jack Kennedy as a PT skipper in WWII.

starring Oscar-winner Cliff Robertson.

Much of the action took place at Little Palm Island then called Sheriff's or Munson Island and owned by John Spottswood, who was County Sheriff at that time. To create a village look, Warner Brothers built many shacks and planted palm trees.

Other action was filmed around Newfound Harbor and the smaller islands like Picnic and Bird. The old dredged harbor on the west side of Ramrod Key, near US 1, was the logistics base for the film crew. This harbor and Little Palm



were owned by the Spottswood family, who facilitated the filming in many ways. Local boatmen piloted PT 109 during all the action except when there were close-ups of Cliff Robertson at the helm. John Spottswood, dressed in Navy garb, piloted one of the other PT boats.

Little Palm Island, now among the ten top resorts in the world, was described in a PT 109 filming report in Newsweek in 1962 as "a palm covered, anat ridden, mosquito infested, eight-acre sand dab, broiling under the sun amidst the tepid, shark infested waters of the Florida coast ." But for the film crew, Newsweek reported: "The discomfort of the location is nothing compared to the deadly dullness of the yellow-backed 134 page script marked '3d Rev. Final. PT 109. June 15, 1962"."

Because PT 109 was filmed during Kennedy's administration, cooperation from the Navy in furnishing ships for the movie was easy - a destroyer from Key West participated along with three air-sea rescue boats converted to PTs. But

Warner Brothers found it necessary to publicize locally that the destroyer and other ships were here for the movie, not for another Bay of Pigs type invasion. The movie was released in 1963, five months before Kennedy was assassinated. BBECA owns a video tape of *PT 109* which is available to members.

Cliff Sawyer was 15 in 1962 when Warner Brothers rounded up members of his "Graveyard Boys" in Key West to work for \$11 a day from June until September. Cliff was selected for several roles, which meant he had to take a Greyhound bus at 5:30am every day to get from Key West to the crew base on Ramrod, and then catch the special boat to Little Palm.

Key West resident Cliff Sawyer, playing a South Pacific canoeman in PT-109, paddles up to Munson Island, now Little Palm Island



Cliff was the first paddle in the canoe scenes when "natives" rescued Kennedy and his crew from an imaginary South Pacific island (Little Palm). When asked to take a role as a Japanese sailor because they were short on ethnic Japanese, he said, "But I'm a black." The director said, "It doesn't matter, in uniform at that distance no one will know." Cliff Robertson didn't call Sawyer "Cliff," he called him "Namesake" and told him that even movie stars "put their pants on one leg at a time."

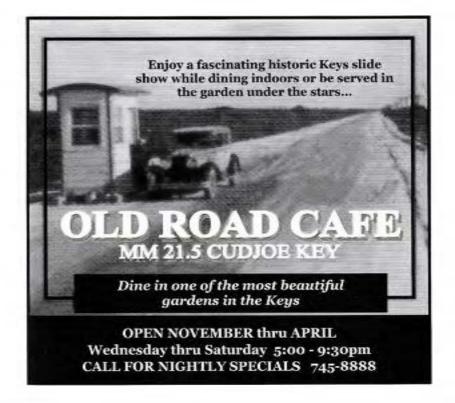
According to Cliff, a major scene where PT 109 crashes into a dock house was accidental, not planned, but the cameraman was alert and got it on film. The Japanese "Zeroes" that bombed Little Palm were actually surplus AT-6 navy trainers fixed up for the job, including painting the Japanese rising sun emblem on their wings. One old twinengine Cessna, dubbed the "Bamboo Bomber" was also used in the film. All of the planes were parked at the Marathon Airport. The aerial bombing effects were actually created not from bombs dropped from the sky, but from explosives

planted on Little Palm Island and in surrounding waters, where they killed thousands of fish in the process.

Cliff is now a commercial fisherman and a professional vocalist. His specialty is singing traditional ballads. He tells of soothing the *PT 109* movie stars at Little Palm Island forty years ago with his ballads, the same ones he now sings to resort guests on Saturday nights. A disabled Vietnam vet, Cliff also provides spiritual guidance to prisoners at the Big Pine Key Road Prison.

We wish to thank historian John Viele of Cudjoe Key for all his help in providing much of the historical information. John is the author of three books on Florida Keys history, published by Pineapple Press and available at local book sellers. Thanks also go to Tom Hambright, historian at the Key West Library, for his generous assistance.





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#### **Breezeswept Association**

by Edgar Piehl

In late 1975, the Breezeswept Beach Estates Civic Association (BBECA) was founded by Thelma Livermore, Polly Grant and Susan Hoyt. It began as an informal society of community members and evolved into a formal chartered corporation in July of 1976. This fledgling organization drafted our current Bylaws, which were approved by the 63 charter members.

In the second year, 1977, Thelma was again elected president and the membership roll increased to 107 members. By now, Breezeswept Beach Estates was recognized by Monroe County, which installed our first street signs. This group also created our first welcoming sign at the entrance of West Indies Drive.

Berry Larson was elected president in 1978 and led a crusade to improve all our side streets so that the post office would deliver mail to all residents. Island beautification and security programs continued as in the previous administration and quarterly newsletters were published to encourage new membership and let the community know about BBECA activities.

In 1979, under President Hubert Davis' leadership, a project was designed which in 1982 resulted in a 48-inch

culvert dug under West Indies Drive from the first canal (between Trinidad and Guadaloupe Lanes), to the bay. It was hoped that this improvement to canal circulation would help keep our canals clean. It is



#### Breezeswept... continued

still operating although the flow has diminished over the years. This was the largest and most expensive undertaking of the BBECA to date.

By 1980, the final stage of the road improvement project started by Berry Larson in 1978 was completed by Monroe County at a cost of \$350,000. But it wasn't until 1981 that the Florida Keys Aqueduct Authority recognized our community enough to start installing a 6-inch water line from the main line along US 1. During the 20 years prior to this improvement, 2-inch water pipes on top of the ground supplied water to Breezeswept.

Susan Hoyt presided during 1981, and our community had grown from 20 to 100 homes. Finally this initial BBECA era came to an end in 1982 when President Norman Lee proposed that the association become inactive until there were further projects to fulfill.

In 1989, sensing that the community wanted to reactivate the Association, Dick and Nancy Wilson, along with former president Norman Lee, held a meeting with all interested Breezeswept residents to initiate the changing of



the guard. Henry Singleton was elected president and all

treasury monies were transferred to the new administration At this time. the treasury balance was \$1180.00. The Association membership was built up to 410 members by including absentee



homeowners who received the newly revived BBECA Newsletter soliciting new memberships and donations.

The BBECA revival was enthusiastically supported by the community, and 99 palms were planted along the entrance to West Indies Drive. A water wagon was constructed from an old 550 gallon drum to water the young palm trees, and a watering brigade was started that lasted for three years. The years from 1989 to 1991 were a blossoming of the Association, and projects such as culvert cleanout, mangrove trimming, canal cleanup, and channel markers were accomplished under the guidance of presidents Minna Detweiller and Paul Gerson. The first BBECA Handbook was created during these years and was com-



pletely paid for by advertisers.

In 1992 Bill Gordon was elected president, and after many letters to and meetings with county officials, he got our roads resurfaced with bike paths on West Indies Drive. This was a major improvement to our community, and cost the county about \$150,000. By holding various fund raising activities and soliciting donations, our treasury balance



had increased to about \$5000.

In 1993 Bernie Zanoni was elected president and continued to oversee the repaying project and husbanded our treasury, which then boasted a \$9000 bottom line (total assets) with \$3,200 from donations earmarked for special projects. The newsletter now was raising money with increased advertising in the form of a flyer inserted in each newsletter. It was a time of prosperity.

BBECA continued on with Bill Boss as president through 1994. These years were filled with social activities such as hay rides, dolphin tournaments, boat rendezvous, block parties, year-end parties, and fund raising activities. But then again, as before in 1982, BBECA interests began to wane because there were no real projects to accomplish. So in 1995 president Paul Gerson decided to let BBECA go dormant until new interest was established. At this point, the treasury balance was \$11,000!

Three years later, in May of 1998 a newsletter was

distributed with the headline "We're Back!" This heralded the beginning of a new era revitalized with new names. Dean Moorcroft, a new resident, was elected



president and BBECA was enjoying a time of parties mingled with ongoing community improvement activities.

Dean Moorcroft, Joe Frey, and Shelley Cooper shared the presidency in 1999 and 2000. Activities continued with maintenance of the palm trees and channel markers. This was a light-hearted era with emphasis on social activities and maintenance of past improvements. However, interest in BBECA was again lapsing and it was beginning to look



March 2001 BBECA Meeting: John Clark, Ron Poller, Joe Frey, Joe Beuchat, Dick Shuerger, Marsha Van Duren, Karen Orlando

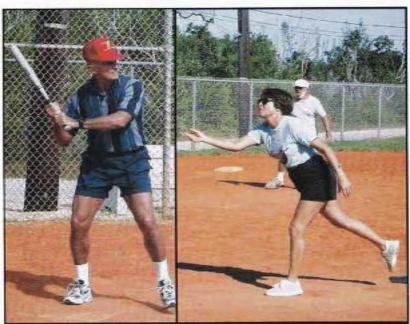
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like we might be headed for another dormant period.

Then, in 2001 John Clark was elected president. His term began with a rousing reception and BBECA was once again revitalized. John generously volunteered to hold meetings at his home on West Indies and the members enthusiastically agreed. Meeting attendance was significantly increased, and we saved the rent of the Methodist Church where our meetings, up until this time, were always held. John's main initiatives are the improvement of our environment, focused on canal and nearshore water quality, and the production of a new BBECA handbook, an informative newsletter, and an aggressive membership drive.

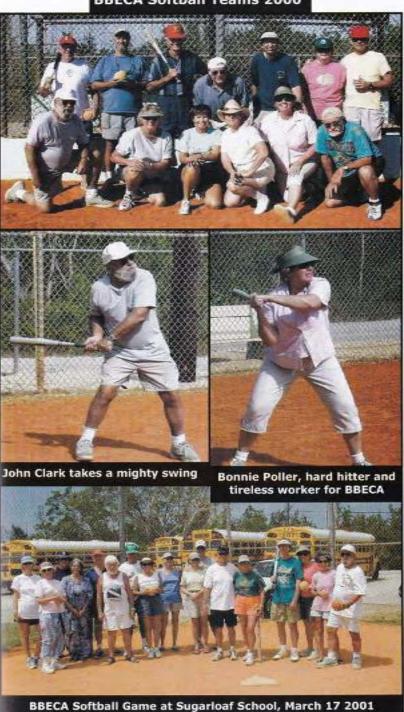
In summary, BBECA has had 26 years of a colorful past. Our "green" island boasts a palmtree lined entrance, and the community is secure, peaceful and neighborly. We expect BBECA to continue its good work long into the future.





Ralph Close at bat; Mary Ann Close pitches and John Clark guards 3rd base

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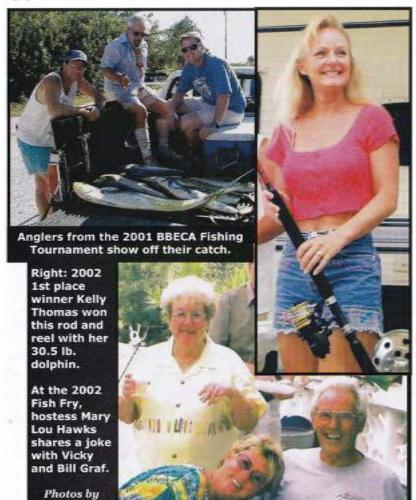
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#### Breezeswept Beach Estates Bylaws

# ARTICLE I - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership in the Breezeswept Beach Estates Civic Association shall be limited as follows:

Member - Any owner of property in Breezeswept Beach Estates.

Associate Member – Any non-property owner who resides in Breezeswept Beach Estates.

Voting Rights – Each paid-up Member shall have a vote in elections, matters involving special disbursement of funds (see Article VI, Section 2) and such other matters as are designated in advance of voting by the Board of Directors. In all other matters, voting shall be by all Members and Associate Members in good standing attending an association meeting. Proxy votes shall not be accepted. Absentee ballots shall be accepted for the annual election and any other matters as deemed appropriate by the Board of Directors.

Section 2 (Amended by unanimous vote on November 15, 2001 at a General Membership Meeting.) All dues are payable annually in advance. The amount of the annual dues shall be \$10 for an individual member and \$20 for a family membership.

#### ARTICLE II - BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 The Board shall consist of the four elected officers (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) plus two to four elected directors.

Section 2 All Board members shall reside in Breezeswept Beach Estates for a substantial part of the year, and shall participate in at least three Board meetings and three General Membership meetings.

Section 3 Two to four elected (non-officer) Directors shall be elected by the General Membership at the time of the election of Officers, the number to be set by the Board.

Section 4 It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Directors to ensure the publication of a newsletter no less frequent than every other month.

Section 5 At the expiration of their term of office, or upon resignation, all members of the Board of Directors shall deliver to their successors all books, papers and property of the Association.

Section 6 The Board of Directors shall appoint an auditor whose duty is to examine and audit all Association financial records at the close of each year's business and report the finding to the Board and to the General Membership at the next meeting.

#### ARTICLE III - OFFICERS

Section 1 President. The President shall preside at all General
Membership meetings of the Association and meetings of the Board. He shall
perform all duties incident to the Office, and initiate such action as may be deemed

likely to increase the usefulness of the Association.

Section 2 Vice President. The Vice President shall act in the absence of the President, and shall serve as Committee Coordinator in planning activities of the Association.

Section 3 Secretary. The Secretary shall keep all books, documents and communications pertaining to the Association, and prepare and maintain an accurate record of the General Membership and Board meetings.

Section 4 Treasurer. The Treasurer shall keep books of account in accordance with good practice, and shall receive and disburse the funds of the Association. The Treasurer shall keep all moneys of the Association in a bank account approved by the Board. At each Board and General Membership meeting the Treasurer shall make available a report of the fiscal status of the Association.

#### ARTICLE IV - COMMITTEES

Section 1 The President shall establish all committees, subject to confirmation by the Board of Directors.

#### Section 2 Authority of Committees

It shall be the function of committees to investigate and make recommendations. They shall report to the Vice President, No special or standing committee shall represent the Association in any manner whatsoever without the specific prior approval or instruction of the Board of Directors.

#### Section 3 Committee Meetings

Meetings of committees may be called at any time appropriate to the Chairman of such committee. It shall be the responsibility of each committee Chairman to record and report on business conducted at committee meetings to the Vice President of the Board of Directors, or to the entire Board at the next Board meeting.

#### ARTICLE V - MEETINGS

Section 1 The Board of Directors shall meet at regular periods, at least once every other month. Absence from three consecutive regular meetings without an excuse deemed valid and so recorded by the Directors shall be construed as a resignation from the Board.

Section 2 A special meeting of the Board of Directors may be called at any time by the President or by three Directors, provided that a reasonable notice is given to all available members of the Board.

Section 3 At all meetings of the Board of Directors, a majority shall constitute a quorum.

Section 4 At all Association meetings, 10 percent of the resident members in good standing shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5 At committee meetings, a majority shall constitute a quorum; except when a committee consists of more than nine members, five shall constitute a quorum.

Section 6 There shall be a general meeting of the Association on the third Thursday of each second month. Special general meetings may be called by the President as needed. Notice of such meetings will be posted at designated locations,

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and if time permits, published in a newsletter or fiver.

Section 7 The order of business at meetings of the Board of Directors and of the Association shall be as follows.

- Call to order
- Copies of previous meeting's attendance, minutes and current 'Treasurer's report made available for review
- 3. Reports of Officers and Directors
- 4. Reports of Committees
- Old business
- 6. New business

Section 8 All questions of parliamentary procedure shall be settled according to Robert's Rules of Order whenever they are consistent with the Charter and Bylaws of this Association.

Section 9 Every member shall be entitled to speak upon any subject brought before the Association for consideration. At the discretion of the President, speaking time may be limited.

#### ARTICLE VI - ELECTIONS

Section 1 Annual Elections – The election of Officers and Directors shall be held annually according to the following procedures:

- An Election Committee shall be appointed at the September Board meeting, and confirmed at the September General Membership meeting.
- Nominations for Officers and Directors shall be initiated at the September General Membership meeting and in the September newsletter.
- A final call for nominations shall be made at the November General Membership meeting.
- All voting for Officers and Directors shall be by mail-in ballots included in the November newsletter if any position is contested.
- 5. Ballots must be received by the Election Committee by December 31st.
- Results of the election shall be presented at the January General Membership meeting and confirmed by voice vote of those present, and the new Board shall then be installed.
- In the event that no positions are contested, the Election Committee shall
  present a slate of candidates for approval by the General Membership at
  the January meeting,

#### ARTICLE VII - DISBURSEMENTS

Section 1 No disbursement of the funds of the Association shall be made unless it has been approved and ordered by the Board of Directors. All disbursements shall be made by check and signed by the Treasurer and President or Vice President.

Section 2 The Board, by majority vote of the Directors, shall be authorized and responsible for the timely approval and payment of all normal expenses of the Association. Any appropriation of money or other property of the Association in an amount greater than \$500 shall be authorized only by a majority vote of those voting members present at a meeting of the Association.

Section 3 All moneys collected from sales of tickets, benefits, raffles, specific donations or other means of raising funds, other than membership dues, shall be promptly deposited into the Association's account, and a record of the transactions shall be submitted to the Treasurer.

#### ARTICLE VIII - AMENDMENTS

Bylaws of the Association as proposed by the Board shall be made, altered and rescinded only by a majority vote of those voting members present at the next general meeting. The revised Bylaws shall be effective immediately following their adoption.





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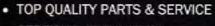
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#### **Declaration of Restrictions**

#### DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS

RAMROD INVESTMENTS, INC., A CORPORATION ORGANIZED AND EXISTING UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, BY: RICHARD B. JAFFE, PRESIDENT.

DECLARATION OF RESTRICTIONS - Dated: December 30, 1959; Filed: December 30, 1959; Clerk's File No. 77006; Recorded in Official Record 172, Pages 69-73.

#### TO WHOM CONCERNED:

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that RAMROD INVESTMENTS, INC., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Florida, the owner in fee simple of the following described land, situate, lying and being in the County of Monroe, State of Florida, to-wit:

BREEZESWEPT BEACH ESTATES, a subdivision located on Ramrod Key, Monroe County, Florida, and recorded in Plat Book 4, at Page 143 (on two sheets) of Monroe County, Florida, Official Records.

#### EXCEPTING ALL OF BLOCK NUMBER 1 THEREOF.

HEREBY MAKE the following declarations as to limitation, restrictions, and uses to which the said land above described may not be put, herewith specifying that said declarations shall constitute covenants to run with the land as provided by law, and persons hereafter acquiring any right, title, or interest in, and to the land above described, or any part thereof, this declaration being for the benefit of and in limitation upon all future owners of land, keeping the said lands desirable, uniform, and suitable for the uses and purposes as herein specified, that is to say:

- The use of said property is strictly limited to single family residential purposes. No businesses or professions may be conducted or practiced on the said property.
- No buildings of any kind whatsoever, shall be constructed upon said property except a single family residence of not more than 2 stories in height, a private garage, and other out buildings incidental to residential use of the property.
- 3. No residence or outbuildings shall be erected or permitted on said property unless they are of new wood frame or of masonry constructions, and all buildings or structures shall be bonded to bedrock. Construction and workmanship shall conform to the Southern Standard Building Code. All materials used in the construction of any building on this property must be new, and no shoddy or used materials may be utilized. The minimum ground floor space of the main structure erected on said property shall not be less

- than 600 square feet for a one or one and one-half story residence and not less than 500 square feet for a two story residence. For purpose of computation 50 percent of ground floor enclosed spaces may be included providing credit for such space does not exceed 100 square feet.
- 4. Building or structures of any kind shall be erected no closer than 15 feet to the front (street) lot line, nor closer than 7 feet to any side lot line, or closer than 15 feet to any rear lot line, EXCEPT that a detached garage or other outbuilding incidental to residential use of the property may be erected no closer that 5 feet to a side lot line.
- 5. Seawalls or bulkhead may not extend beyond the property line of any lot. No structures of any kind may project into a canal, Boat houses, if constructed, must be wholly within the property lines and must conform to side line setbacks as given in paragraph 4 of these restrictions, EXCEPT that they may be constructed within 5 feet of the rear lot line.
- All sanitary facilities must meet the standards set by the Florida State Board of Health and be approved by the Florida State Board of Health, EXCEPT that no cesspools shall be constructed or allowed on said property. All sewage disposal must be by means of septic tanks or a central system or plant.
- No house trailer may be parked upon the said property, nor used as living quarters, thereon.
- No animals, livestock, poultry or insects may be raised, bred, or kept on said property, EXCEPT that house pets may be kept, provided they are not maintained for commercial purposes.
- No sign of any kind shall be displayed to the public view on any lot, EXCEPT one sign of not over 4 square feet advertising the property for sale, or signs used by a builder to advertise the property during the course of construction only.
- 10. No lot shall be used or maintained as a dumping ground for rubbish, trash, garbage or other waste. All containers or other equipment used for the storage or disposal of rubbish, trash, garbage or waste shall be kept and maintained in a clean and sanitary condition.
- 11. All lots shall be kept free and clear of all brush, weeds, lobster traps, nets and other objectionable growths and shall be kept clear and free of all rubbish and other objectionable accumulations which may create a fire hazard, cause the breeding of insects, or create an unsanitary or unsightly condition, and failure to correct any such condition within 15 days after written notice to do so from any owner of land subject to these restrictions shall constitute a breach of this restriction.

The above conditions, limitations and restrictions shall be considered as covenants running with the land and may be enforced at any time during the life thereof by any person owning the land, or an interest therein, in BREEZESWEPT BEACH

#### Restrictions... continued

ESTATES, a subdivision aforesaid, and in the event of successful enforcement thereof in legal proceedings as against the owner or owners herein, his, her, or their heirs, legal representatives or assigns, such owner or owners agree for and on behalf of his, her or their heirs, legal representatives or assigns, to pay all court costs of such proceedings including a reasonable attorney's fee for the person or persons so enforcing such conditions, limitations and restrictions.

Nothing herein contained shall operate to confer any right of reentry or reverter in the event of the breach of such conditions, limitations or restrictions.

The conditions, limitations and restrictions as above set forth shall be binding upon the land subjected thereto until the 20th day of December, AD 1979, on which last mentioned date the same shall be automatically extended for an additional period of 10 years unless by written agreement of the ownership of a majority of the land subjected thereto at said time, it is agreed to change such conditions, limitations and restrictions in whole or in part. And thereafter the same shall be subject to automatic extension for successive periods of 10 years, subject to the same provisions as to termination.

To obtain a copy of Declaration of Restrictions for the Breezeswept Development, go to the County Clerk's Office - Records #172, pages 69 -73. #77006.



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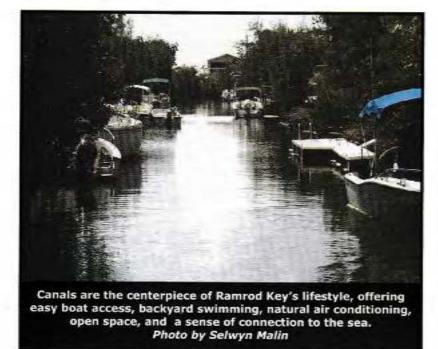
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#### The future of our canals

by John R. Clark

ost of us moved to Ramrod Key to enjoy waterfront living. Water is the essence and the strength of our lifestyle and prosperity. Most of us live along the canals — 237 of our homes are located on canals originally dredged out in 1959 and 1960.

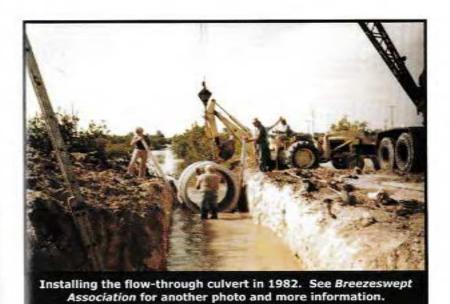


We have another 53 homes on West Indies Drive, along the shoreline of Newfound Harbor. We are water people. Keeping all the waters around us clean and productive is essential to our happiness and health and to maintaining high property values. To do this we must exercise care and vigilance.

For many years Breezeswept canalside home owners have worked to keep the canals clean by avoiding trash disposal in the water and by eliminating pollution from boats in the canals. In our newsletters, we have emphasized the need for residents to avoid dumping fish guts and carcasses, yard wastes, fertilizers and other contaminants in the canals, because these are very polluting. Also concerted effort has been made to keep septic tanks in good working condition and to choose detergents with the lowest levels of phosphate so as to reduce algal growth in the canals. But we still have a long way to go on pollution prevention.

In addition, BBECA experimented with aerators (bubblers) placed on the bottom of the Block 16 and 17 canals (Cayman-Haiti and Haiti-W. Indies) in 1990, apparently with promising results. Water quality seemed better but because purchasing and maintaining the aeration units proved expensive and troublesome, this initiative was short lived.

Another campaign did succeed, partially. In 1979 BBECA member Hubert Davis, an engineer, proposed to open the end of the first canal on Ramrod (Blocks 1 and 3, between Trinidad and Antigua Lanes) to the sea by placing a four-foot diameter culvert under West Indies Drive that extended eastward 160 feet out to Newfound Harbor. This project, completed in 1982, cost about \$15,000 which was raised from Ramrod home owners and businesses.



The culvert opened up the Breezeswept canal system, allowing water to flow through the main canal between open water on the northeast and south, and eliminating the dead end where debris once accumulated.

Several attempts to flush the culvert have been made over the years, most recently in May and June of 2002.

From observations made at both ends of the culvert, it appears that silt . coral rock and other debris have accumulated. blocking nearly half of



water sample in Newfound Harbor. Photo by Selwyn Malin

the culvert. It is supposed that much of the sediment was driven into the culvert by Hurricane Georges. A cleanout is planned for the summer of 2002.

Because of these community efforts to keep our canals clean, Ramrod's nearshore and canal water quality is moderately good. Many of our canals are safe enough for swimming.

As reported in the September 2001 BBECA Newsletter, samples taken by BBECA in July from three canals between Guadaloupe and Dominica showed bacterial contamination levels well below state standards. Fecal coliform was measured at 20 CPU vs the state standard of 800 CPU, and the enterococcus bacteria levels varied from 4 to 36 vs the state standard of 104.

On September 21st, BBECA did further tests in coop-

Canals... continued

eration with the University of Florida, taking three fecal coliform samples from canals and three from Newfound Harbor. The average of our 3 canal samples was 25 MPN fecal coliform, considerably below the state limit. The average of the 3 Newfound Harbor samples was even lower, at 3.3 MPN. These measures indicate that Breezeswept waters have low bacterial contamination.

Note: The University of Florida measures in MPN units (Most Probable Number in 100 ml, of water. This is equivalent to CPU numbers.

In additional work, BBECA measured dissolved oxygen (DO) in the canals and harbor for a full year (Spring 2001 to Spring 2002) in cooperation with the University of Florida and Florida International University/ The Nature Conservancy. DO is critical to all marine life and is a very important standard used by government agencies. The standard is that all waters shall have at least 4.0 PPM (parts per million) of DO. BBECA samples average 6.5 PPM in the canals and 8.25 PPM in Newfound



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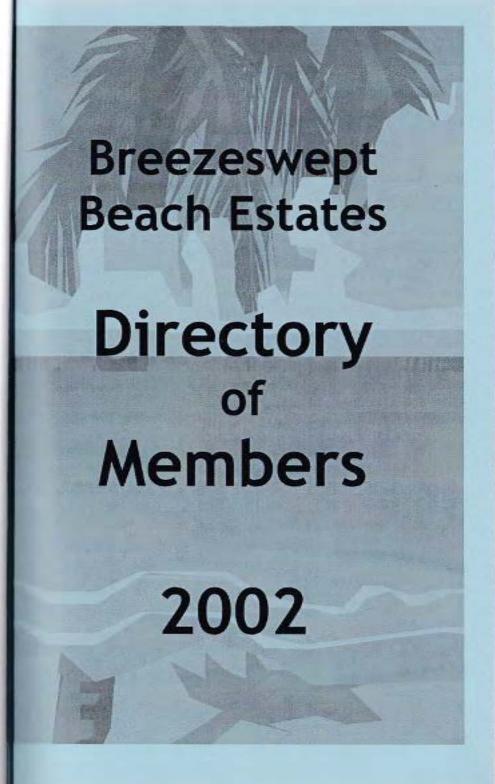
Harbor. The conclusion is that our waters have adequate DO, but our goal is to raise the DO levels even higher by keeping our canals clean and free-flowing. This will result in a major benefit to marine life.

If we can continue to show water quality test results like these, we may be able to avoid having to install costly sewage treatment package plants or having to connect to a central Lower Keys system in the future.

The BBECA Water Quality Committee will continue to monitor water quality in our canals and nearshore waters, thanks to the generous donations from our members.







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GUEVREMONT, DONALD & KATHLEEN

27375 ST. LUCIE RAMROD KEY FL 33042

HAGGERTY, TOM & PAT 872-1076 111 WEST INDIES

RAMROD KEY FL 33042

HALL, GAY & MORTIMER 872-0546 721 WEST INDIES

RAMROD KEY FL 33042

HANNA, BILL 872-7481

27439 JAMAICA RAMROD KEY FL 33042

HARDY, MIKE 872-3743

27308 DOMINICA RAMROD KEY FL 33042

HARPER, BRUCE 872-5525
TAYLOR & SHERRIE BRYE
27371 WEST INDIES



HARRIGAN, DAVID & MARGE 921 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-4375
HARRINGTON, ANNE & JOHN 733 INDIES ROAD 4311 POINT COURT	941-625-7094
PORT CHARLOTTE FL 33948  HATHAWAY, EDITHA 231 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-9316
HAWKS, JIM & MARY LOU 27435 ST. LUCIE RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-7126
HEING, DEAN 743 INDIES ROAD RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
HEMMINGSEN, ED & ARLENE JAMAICA LANE P O BOX 0054	
ADAMSVILLE RI 02801-0054  HEMP, RUTH 27359 HAITI RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-3708
HENKE, TOM 791 WEST INDIES 964 PARKVIEW PLACE	225-359-2233
BATON ROUGE LA 70815  HERSHEY, BILLY & ELENA 763 INDIES ROAD	872-1944
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	

HIGGS, INA MARIE & MICHAEL JAMAICA 1602 E LAS OLAS BLVD FT LAUDERDALE FL 33301 HOLMSTROM, VICTOR & HELEN 321-777-4452 27385 BARBUDA 344 S LAKESIDE DRIVE SATELLITE BEACH FL 32937 HOLMSTROM, VICTOR & THELMA 801-745-6810 27387 MARTINIQUE P O BOX 868 EDEN UT 84310-0868 HOLWADEL, DAVID SUITE 2-1191 27311 BARBADOS 5200 N FEDERAL HIGHWAY FT. LAUDERDALE FL 33308 HOPKINS, SONIA & DUANE 872-0021 27383 ST MARTIN RAMROD KEY FL 33042 HORGAN, FREDERICK & EILEEN 954-565-3779 995 INDIES ROAD 640 NW 21ST STREET FT LAUDERDALE FL 33311 HOUNSHELL, ARIEL & ERNIE 872-0037 27370 ST. CROIX RAMROD KEY FL 33042 HUMMEL, DAN & LAIRSEY 515-0052 410-885-3505

27416 MARTINIQUE

CHESAPEAKE CITY MD 21915

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JAKSIC, MIKE 27386 TOBAGO	8782-7277
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
JOHNSON, ELDON & CATHERINE 27369 HAITI RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-2748
JORGENSON, JACK 27416 TOBAGO	872-7452
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
KALUS, JOE & EMILY 481 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-2987
KAMINSKI, BARBARA & BERNIE	872-4674
541 WEST INDIES #2 PROSPECT HILL HWY BROOKLYN MI 49230	517-467-7111
KENNEDY, JOSIANE 27371 BARBADOS RAMROD KEY FL 33042	292-0029
KENYON, DAVID & PAMELA 27364 DOMINICA	872-0133
67 AIRPORT ROAD SOUTH NEWINGTON NH 03801	
KERR, FRANK & SANDRA 27467 TOBAGO RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-0812
KING, DENNIS & MARJORIE 27353 DOMINICA RAMROD KEY FL 33042	852-2829

KING, TONI & LINDSAY 27467 MARTINIQUE RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-1651
KLINEDINST, TOM & SALLY 123 INDIES ROAD 6420 SUN EAGLE LANE BRADENTON FL 34210	941-758-7810
KLOTHAKIS, GREGORY & OLGA 27351 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	515-0186
KNOX, JAY & CATHERINE 420 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-2296
KOCHIS, RON & SANDY 27367 TOBAGO 185 ROMBOUT ROAD PLEASANT VALLEY NY 12590	872-2994
KRAJOVIC, RICHARD 27469 HAITI RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-4097
KRANTZ, KENT & BARBARA 27382 ANTIGUA 11798 N WHITEVILLE ROAD FARWELL WI 48622	989-386-9530
KRIEGER, JOHN & DEBBIE 27352 ST. MARTIN RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-0077
KROTZ, MARK & BELINDA 131 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-4499

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KRUSCHKA, DON, PAM & NICK 27356 CAYMAN	952-447-8707
2950 S SHORE CIRCLE	
PRIOR LAKE MN 55372	
LAMBERGER, MARK &	872-3767
CHARLOTTE	
27465 GUADALOUPE	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
LANDIS, SALLY	872-9776
ED POORE	
27459 JAMAICA	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
LEE, LORNA "JEAN"	872-9545
27431 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
LEGROU-SOLOMON, ASTRID	718-857-6310
ST MARTIN	
205 WASHINGTON AVENUE	
BROOKLYN NY 11205	
LONG, SALLY	248-687-7144
ANGUILA	
253 HICKORY RIDGE ROAD	
MILFORD MI 48380	
MACDONALD, MARY	872-9711
133 INDIES ROAD	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
MACERI, VERNON & PATTI	954-443-0397
303 INDIES ROAD	
19180 SW 16 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	
DELIER OVER DALLES DE BOSCO	

PEMBROKE PINES FL 33029



MACLAREN, GREG & DAWN INTERNET REALTY FL KEYS CAYMAN	745-9088
P O BOX 420148	
SUMMERLAND KEY FL 33042	
MACONAUGHEY, KIRK & DEBRA 91 WEST INDIES	
2212 SWEETBRIAR DRIVE	
ALEXANDRIA VA 22307	
MADDEAUX, TERRY & YUKI 27303 ANTIGUA	872-3112
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
MAECKELBURG, WERNER & MICHELINE	450-227- 3823
27304 GUADALOUPE	3023
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ST-SAUVEUR-DES-MONTS	
QUEBEC CANADA JOR 1R6	
MAHER, RICHARD & B JANE 27395 ST. LUCIE	872-2934
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
MAIN, JIM	561-562-1049
TOBAGO 700 3 <sup>RD</sup> STREET SW	
VERO BEACH FL 32962	
MAITNER, JOHN & SUSAN	919-303-6226
453 INDIES ROAD	
1800 KEOKUK COURT	
APEX NC 27502	

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MALIN, SELWYN & MARY  27375 BARBUDA  600 WEST 111 <sup>TH</sup> STREET	872-1929 212-749-3852	MAY, JOHN & SAM 27436 TOBAGO 13416 SW 115 <sup>TH</sup> TERRACE	
NEW YORK NY 10025  MANGRELLA, GARY & GIGI 213 INDIES ROAD	872-4212	MIAMI FL 33186  MCBRAYER, WILLIAM & NORMA 27416 CAYMAN 1768 ASCOTT CIRCLE	872-3559
P O BOX 420712 RAMROD KEY FL 33042 MARKER, MARCIA & JIM	785-266-7406	MCCALL, JAMES & JUDY 33 INDIES ROAD	872-2636
27457 MARTINIQUE 800 SE 42 <sup>ND</sup> TERRACE TOPEKA KS 66609		RAMROD KEY FL 33042  MCCLELLAND, SHAWN 27414 ST. LUCIE	
MARTIN, KEILA 27316 TOBAGO RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-2262	RAMROD KEY FL 33042  MCKAY, PAT & CATHE 27324 BARBUDA	872-3094
MARTINEZ, SUSAN 27411 ST CROIX RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-7473	RAMROD KEY FL 33042  MCMAHON, HARRY & MARY 27486 MARTINIQUE	
MASON, RUSTY 27332 ST MARTIN RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-0224	953 NO MT RD GARDINER NY 12525  MCREYNOLDS, AL	972 1241
MATHIS, TINA 27362 ANTIGUA RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-3204	MARY PETENES 331 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-1241
MATURO, PETE & ROSALIA CAYMAN 15 BEE MOUNTAIN ROAD OXFORD CT 06478	203-888-3108	MCSORLEY, CONNIE & BRIAN 2116 ORCHARD PARK DRIVE SPRING HILL FL 34608	352-686-7980
		MESI, PHIL 27322 ST MARTIN RAMROD KEY FL 33042	872-2964

MESSENGER, GEORGE 27440 WEST INDIES 4312 NE 23 <sup>RD</sup> AVENUE FT LAUDERDALE FL 33308	872-2068
METCALFE, DAVID & JANET INDIES ROAD P O BOX 10877	239-436-6673
NAPLES FL 34101	
MILDEN, RICHARD & PEGGY 27368 ST VINCENT 942 SE 9 <sup>TH</sup> AVENUE POMPANO BEACH FL 33060	954-786-1604
MILLER, EDWARD KATY KWONG 27318 JAMAICA P O BOX 430997	872-2045
BIG PINE KEY FL 33043	
MILLER, PEG	872-3876 941-778-3106
993 INDIES ROAD	
2519 AVENUE B BRADENTON BEACH FL 3427	
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MOORE, JIM & ELAINE

BIG PINE KEY FL 33043

27300 TRINIDAD 30752 PALM DRIVE

MORRISON, PAULA INDIES ROAD	
PO BOX 251186	
PLANO TX 75025-1186	
1 DANO 1X 73023-1100	
MORTENSEN, RUSSELL & LEE	872-0272
183 INDIES ROAD	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
MOSES, BILL & SIBYL	
511 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
MUENCH, BILL & JOAN	872-0693
27388 ST VINCENT	072-0093
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
MULLINAX, WILLIAM & DIANE	872-2164
651 WEST INDIES	0/2-2104
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
NECKLES, RICHARD & EDITH	
27418 HAITI	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
NEESE, LARRY & TAMMY	849-8060
27422 ANTIGUA	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
NEWSON, ROBERT & KAREN	872-5621
27384 BARBUDA	0,2 3021
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
NICHOLAS, NICK	937-275-8402
BARBADOS	337 273-0402
111 BRIAR HEATH CIRCLE	
DAYTON OH 45415	

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NOBLE, JEFF & JOAN	941-594-5607
27411 BARBADOS	
1911 MANCHESTER CIRCLE	
NAPLES FL 34109	
O'FLARITY, BETTY	
27389 ST. VINCENT	
908 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE	
NORTH PALM BEACH FL 33408	
O'KEEFE, LOUIS & DIANE	872-2415
280 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
ORLANDO, JOHN & KAREN	744-0950
1122 COATES LANE	
CUDJOE KEY FL 33042	
OWEN, HUGH & BARBARA	872-7064 706-467-3139
WEST INDIES	
1081 DAVISON DRIVE	
GREENSBORO GA 30642	
PARZIALE, ANTHONY & JANE	727-934-9352
27308 ST VINCENT	
4301 FALLBROOK BLVD	
PALM HARBOR FL 34685	
PIENKOWSKI, ROBERT & ALMA	872-0034
811 WEST INDIES	
412 BRIAR PLACE	
ITASKA IL 60143	
POLLER, RON & BONNIE	872-3616
27306 MARTINIQUE	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	

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PONTIN, CHRISTINE & HERB 951 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042

PONTIN, DUKE & BRANDI 971 WEST INDIES PO BOX 717 KAHUKU HI 96731

PROCTOR, DERIDE 27370 WEST INDIES 8424 E COLONIAL DRIVE #5 ORLANDO FL 32817-3912

PROCTOR, KIMBERLY
27370 WEST INDIES
43 CITY GATE LANE
ANNAPOLIS MD 21401-2737

PRYMAS, HARRY & DOROTHY
27433 ANGUILA
29-18 BAY DRIVE
MERRICK NY 11566

PURRMAN, GEORGE 872-0292 27319 JAMAICA RAMROD KEY FL 33042

REDROP, JOHN & LESLIE 872-4433 27311 ST. CROIX RAMROD KEY FL 33042

REHILL, IVAN 3050 SHELLEY LYNN DRIVE FAIRLAWN OH 44333

REMLEY, RICH & JUDY 27338 ST VINCENT RAMROD KEY FL 33042

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RESCIGNO, DONALD & SUSAN	954-476-3534
323 INDIES ROAD	
7909 SW 29TH STREET	
DAVIE FL 33321	
RHODE, HOMER & ANN	872-9166
27313 DOMINICA	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
RIBADENEYRA, PATRICIA	872-2444
NOAH BELEW	
27382 ST MARTIN	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
RICHTER, ROBERT	561-482-4101
MARTINIQUE	
10523 PLAINVIEW CIRCLE	
BOCA RATON FL 33498	
RITTER, CHRISTIE	
27349 HAITI	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
RITTER, TEX & LYNN	910-329-3701
27349 HAITI	
740 TAR LANDING ROAD	
HOLLY RIDGE NC 28445	
ROBERTS, BEN & PATTI	561-433-0053
GUADALOUPE	
838 BRIGHTWOOD WAY	
WELLINGTON FL 33414	
ROSATO, CHARLES	872-4989
27437 MARTINIQUE	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	

ROTHAUSER, CHARLES & GWEN	872-9636
27426 MARTINIQUE	0/2-9030
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
ROWE, DICK & JACKY	872-5658
531 WEST INDIES	0,1 0000
125 PEMAQUID LOOP	
NEW HARBOR ME 04554	
ROZNOWSKI, DANIEL &	872-3191
MARILYN	
27419 HAITI	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
RUBY, JIM & JOAN	872-4867
303 INDIES ROAD	
242 NORTH HAWKINS AVENUE AKRON OH 44313	
ARRON OH 44313	
RUBY, MICHAEL & NORMA	802-265-3644
GUADALOUPE	
1 MEADOW LANE	
FAIR HAVEN VT 05743	
RUSAK, LAURA & RICK	872-1077
27450 BARBADOS	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
SASSOON, PHILLIP	954-781-5839
BARBADOS	
2564 SE 10 <sup>TH</sup> COURT	
POMPANO BEACH FL 33062	
SCHAD, MARK	
LINDA SLOVER	
27342 ST MARTIN	

5545 KIPLINGTON DRIVE CINCINNATI OH 45239

ROB PIERCE

553 INDIES DRIVE

RAMROD KEY FL 33042

SCHNEIDER, BETTY 16191 FOREST OAKS DRIVE FORT MYERS FL 33908	
SCHOEPE, WILLIAM	
TOBAGO	
1003 N PHIPPS WOODS COUNT	
GLEN MILLS PA 19342	
SCHUERGER, GINNY & DICK	872-4419 440-835-3238
571 WEST INDIES	440-835-3238
503 PARKSIDE DRIVE	
BAY VILLAGE OH 44140	
SEAMAN, WILLIAM & ROSANN	321-452-0322
233 INDIES ROAD	
105 ARTEMIS ROAD	
MERRITT ISLAND FL 32953	
SHAUNESSY, JAMES & PAMELA	
27353 MARTINIQUE	
P O BOX 430117	
BIG PINE KEY FL 33043	
SHEA, WILLIAM & DOROTHY	872-1224
274343 GUADALOUPE	732-872-0248
67 S LINDEN AVENUE	
HIGHLANDS NJ 07732	
SHEETS, RICHARD	872-2786
330 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
SHERIFF, LAUREN	515-0063
DOD DIEDOE	

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SHERIFF, RICHARD & KATHLEEN ST MARTIN	410-643-4453
1829 HARBOR DRIVE	
CHESTER MD 21619	
SINGLETON, HENRY & JOANN	
930 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
SMITH, JEANNINE	872-9830
27458 HAITI	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
SMITH, JO & ALANE	
27341 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
SMITH, SANDRA	
315 2 <sup>ND</sup> STREET	
CHICKASAW AL 36611	
SOLOWAY, CHARLES & PAT	872-1906
521 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
SOMMELING, WILLIAM & DAWN	732-270-5182
526 MARTIN ROAD	
TOMS RIVER NJ 06753	
SPURWAY, CO	
27406 MARTINIQUE	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
STAINES, BARBARA	609-266-8256
WEST INDIES	200 0250
10B LIGHTHOUSE DRIVE	
BRIGANTINE NJ 08203	

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STIEFEL, TOM & LORE
831 WEST INDIES
2116 THOMAS VIEW ROAD
RESTON VA 20191

STRAUB, FRANK & CHERYL
27371 ST CROIX
342 W THERESIA ROAD
ST MARYS PA 15857

SULLIVAN, THOMAS & BARBARA
27328 JAMAICA
RAMROD KEY FL 33042

SWANSON, FRED & LAURIE WEST INDIES 8 DOGWOOD KNOLL KILLINGWORTH CT 06419

SWIFT, LINDA 27330 WEST INDIES P O BOX 335 MENDON NY 14506

RAMROD KEY FL 33042

SWIFT, STEVE & JENNIFER 872-3131 27386 MARTINIQUE RAMROD KEY FL 33042

TAPOROWSKI, BRETT & ALANE 872-1733 27479 HAITI

**TATHAM, BERNICE**WEST INDIES
2600 SW 27<sup>TH</sup> AVENUE
MIAMI FL 33133-3005

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TAULBEE, DAVID & LYUBOV 872-1540 27359 JAMAICA RAMROD KEY FL 33042 TEET, JOHN & JOAN 872-3578 27410 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042 TERRY, WAYNE W 27411 MARTINIQUE 1302 GIBSON ROAD BENSALEM PA 19020 THEOHARIDIS, SPERO & 872-4470 MAGDALENE 27378 HAITI RAMROD KEY FL 33042 TIEDEMAN, DON & JANE 872-1719 27310 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042 TISCIO, MIKE 27383 ANGUILA RAMROD KEY FL 33042 TYSON, SCOTT & WENDY 872-3948 27315 BARBUDA RAMROD KEY FL 33042 UPMAL, EDWARD & GALE 872-0366 27412 ANGUILA

RAMROD KEY FL 33042

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VAN DUREN, MARSHA	872-0322
71 WEST INDIES	
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
VREULS, THEO	941-377-2834
27438 HAITI	
7481 RICHARDSON ROAD	
SARASOTA FL 34240	
VANAMAN, LINDA	872-4461
CLIFF GREEN	
27311 ST CROIX	
P O BOX 421180	
SUMMERLAND KEY FL 33042	
VOLKERS, DALE	616-842-7098
27385 ST LUCIE	
16951 ROYAL AVENUE	
SPRING LAKE MI 49456	
WALMA, CURTIS	616-844-5066
723 INDIES ROAD	
11253 SKOGEN	
GRAND HAVEN MO 49417	
WEEKS, TRIPP & KIM	
27438 CAYMAN	
2445 ALEXANDER LAKE DRIVE	
MARIETTA GA 30064	
WHORTON, PAUL & MARCIA	872-3995
27366 CAYMAN	THE RESERVE OF THE PARTY OF THE
RAMROD KEY FL 33042	
WILEY, DAVID & CAMILLE	872-4536
27441 WEST INDIES RAMROD KEY FL 33042	

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27333 ANTIGUA
RAMROD KEY FL 33042

WITTMAN, RAY & MARY 27398 HAITI RAMROD KEY FL 33042

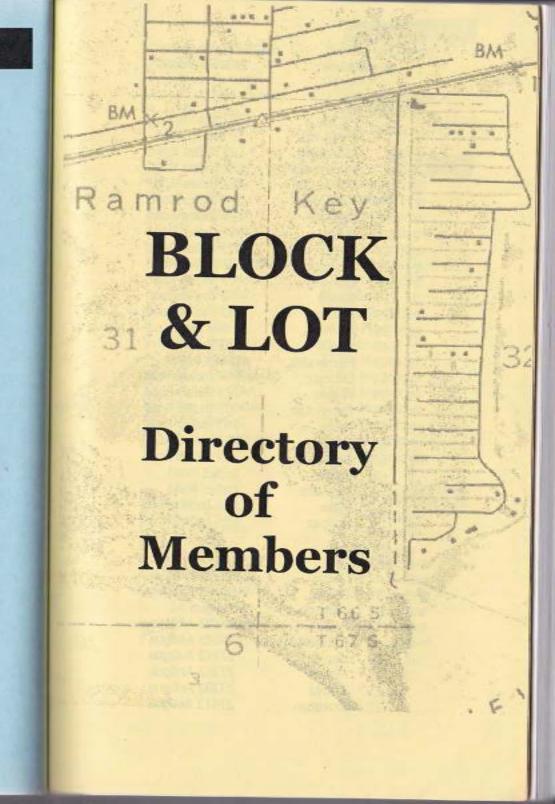
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YATSUK, PETE & JAMIE 330-722-1553
CAYMAN
3057 PONDS FORD DRIVE
MEDINA OH 44256

YO, EDDIE & DAGMAR 621 WEST INDIES 3678 NILE ROAD DAVIDSONVILLE MD 21035

YOUNGE, STEVE & CLARY 27360 ST. CROIX RAMROD KEY FL 33042

ZAMORA, FRANCISCO & MIRTA 305-819-2616 8534 NW 165<sup>TH</sup> TERRACE MIAMI FL 30016 notes & numbers



1	10	Glenn	Looe Key Motel
1	14	Moore	27300 Trinidad

### BLOCK 2

D	LUC	N Z	
2	1	McCall	33 Indies Road
2	5	Andrews	73 Indies Road
2	8	Klinedinst	123 Indies Road
2	9	MacDonald	133 Indies Road
2	14	Mortensen	183 Indies Road
2	16	Mangrella	213 Indies Road
2	18	Seaman	233 Indies Road
2	23	Maceri	303 Indies Road
2	23	Ruby	303 Indies Road
2	25	Rescigno	323 Indies Road
2	32	Crumley	403 Indies Road
2	34	Baugh	423 Indies Road
2	35	Maitner	453 Indies Road
2	38	Morrison	Indies Road
2	45	Sheriff	553 Indies Drive
2	47	Hernandez	Indies Road
2	54	Dobratz	653 Indies Road
2	59	Walma	723 Indies Road
2	61	Harrington	733 Indies Road
2	62	Heing	743 Indies Road
2	63	Hershey	763 Indies Road
2	65	Drouin	783 Indies Road
2	68	Wolfe	Indies Road
2	74	Metcalfe	Indies Road
2	83	Miller	993 Indies Road
2	84	Horgan	995 Indies Road

### BLOCK 3

3	4	Neese	27422 Antigua
3	5	DeWitt	27423 Antigua
3	8	Garrison	Antigua
3	13	Wilson	27333 Antigua
3	16	Maddeaux	27303 Antigua
3	20	Bunch	27342 Antigua
3	23	Mathis	27362 Antigua
3	25	Krantz	27382 Antigua
3	27	Cranston	27412 Antiqua

### **BLOCK 4**

1	Lamberger	27465 Guadaloupe
12	Ruby	Guadaloupe
15	Roberts	Guadaloupe
17	Maeckelburg	27304 Guadaloupe
29	Shea	27434 Guadaloupe
32	Bentley	27464 Guadaloupe
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### **BLOCK 5**

5	2	Brown	27467 Martinique
5	2	King	27467 Martinique
5	3	Marker	27457 Martinique
5	5	Rosato	27437 Martinique
5	6	Terry	27411 Martinique
5	9	Holmstrom	27387 Martinique
5	12	Shaunessy	27353 Martinique
5	16	Richter	Martinique
5	18	Poller	27306 Martinique
5	20	Clark	27326 Martinique
5	23	Fernandez	Martinique
5	26	Swift	27386 Martinique
5	27	Spurway	27406 Martinique
5	28	Hummel	27416 Martinique
5	29	Rothauser	27426 Martinique
5	33	Cichon	27466 Martinique
5	34	Baronowski	27476 Martinique
5	36	McMahon	27486 Martinique

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6	1	O'Keefe	280 West Indies
6	5	Sheets	330 West Indies
6	7	Fell	St. Vincent
6	9	Milden	27368 St Vincent
6	10	O'Flarity	27389 St. Vincent
6	21	Parziale	27308 St Vincent
6	24	Remley	27338 St Vincent
6	29	Muench	27388 St Vincent
6	30	Borland	27398 St. Vincent

7	4	Noble	27411 Barbados
7	5	Brown	
7	7	Kennedy	27371 Barbados
7	9	Nicholas	Barbados
7	11	Holwadel	27311 Barbados
7	14	Dees	
7	16	Eshleman	27330 Barbados
7	17	Bursey	27341 Barbados
7	25	Rusak	27450 Barbados
7	26	Sassoon	Barbados

#### **BLOCK 8**

8	1	Knox	420 West Indies
8	2	Cunningham	27453 St. Martin
8	6	Hopkins	27383 St Martin
8	9	Sheriff	St Martin
8	11	Legrou-Solomon	St Martin
8	15	Mesi	27322 St Martin
8	16	Mason	27332 St Martin
8	17	Schad	27342 St Martin
8	18	Krieger	27352 St. Martin
8	21	Ribadeneyra	27382 St Martin

#### BLOCK 9

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9	2	Cascia	27475 St Lucie
9	3	Hawks	27435 St. Lucie
9	5	Maher	27395 St. Lucie
9	6	Volkers	27385 St Lucie
9	7	Guevremont	27375 St. Lucie
9	18	Eid	St Lucie
9	23	McClelland	27414 St. Lucie
9	25	Colucci	27454 St Lucie

### BLOCK 10

10	2	Belew	27437 Tobago
10	7	Kochis	27367 Tobago
10	14	Martin	27316 Tobago
10	17	Beuchat	27356 Tobago
10	18	Schoepe	Tobago
10	20	Jaksic	27386 Tobago
10	21	Main	Tobago
10	22	Jorgenson	27416 Tobago
10	23	May	27436 Tobago
10	23	Kerr	27467 Tobago
10	24	Emerick	Tobago

### BLOCK 11

11	1	Landis	27459 Jamaica
11	2	Hanna	27439 Jamaica
11	8	Taulbee	27359 Jamaica
11	12	Purrman	27319 Jamaica
11	13	Miller	27318 Jamaica
11	14	Sullivan	27328 Jamaica
11	18	Arnold	27368 Jamaica
11	19	Higgs	Jamaica
11	20	Hemmingsen	Jamaica Lane

### BLOCK 12

27411 St Croix
27371 St Croix
27351 St. Croix
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27360 St. Croix
27370 St. Croix

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13	2	Prymas	27433 Anguila
13	4	Long	Anguila
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14	15	Frey	27334 Barbuda
14	16	Diaz	27342 Barbuda
14	19	Deer	27364 Barbuda
14	22	Newson	27384 Barbuda

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15	7	Gray	27367 Cayman
15	8	Maturo	Cayman
15	9	MacLaren	Cayman
15	12	Fielding	27317 Cayman
15	14	Faus	27326 Cayman
15	17	Flynn	27356 Cayman
15	17	Kruschka	27356 Cayman
15	18	Whorton	27366 Cayman
15	22	McBrayer	27416 Cayman
15	23	Yatsuk	Cayman
15	24	Weeks	27438 Cayman

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16	2	Krajovic	27469 Haiti	
16	5	Roznowski	27419 Haiti	
16	9	Johnson	27369 Haiti	
16	10	Hemp	27359 Haiti	
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### BLOCK 17

17	3	Wiley	27441 West Indies
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17	9	Harper	27371 West Indies
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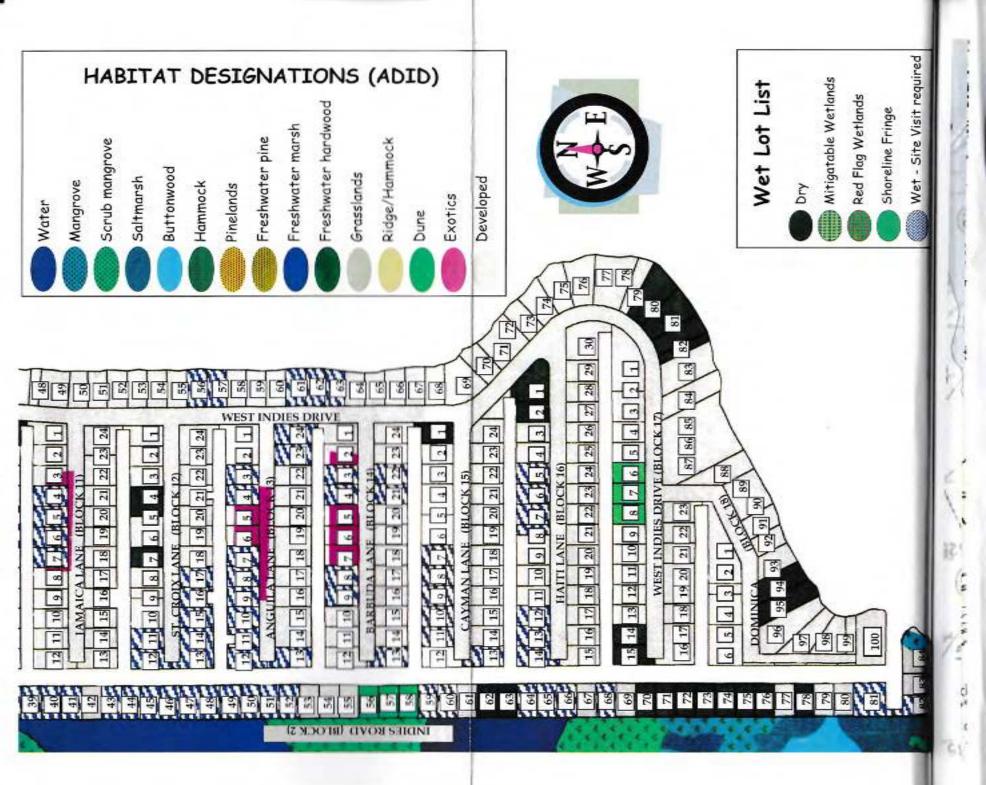


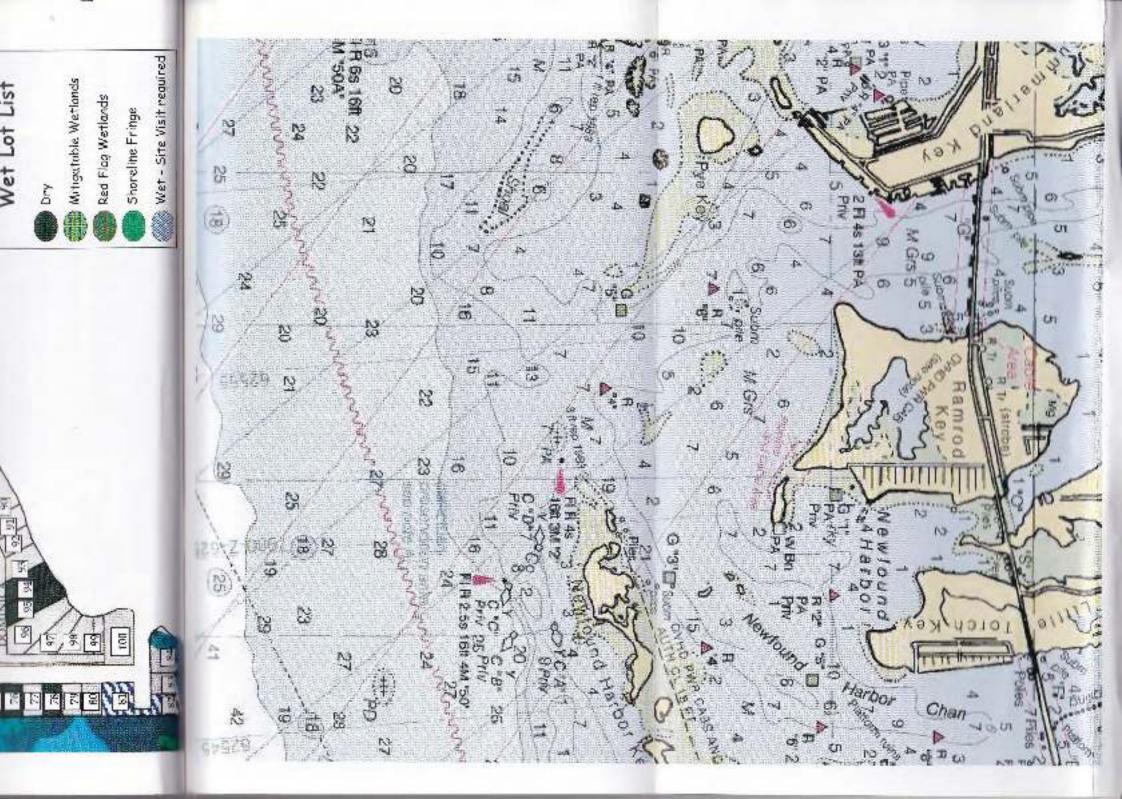


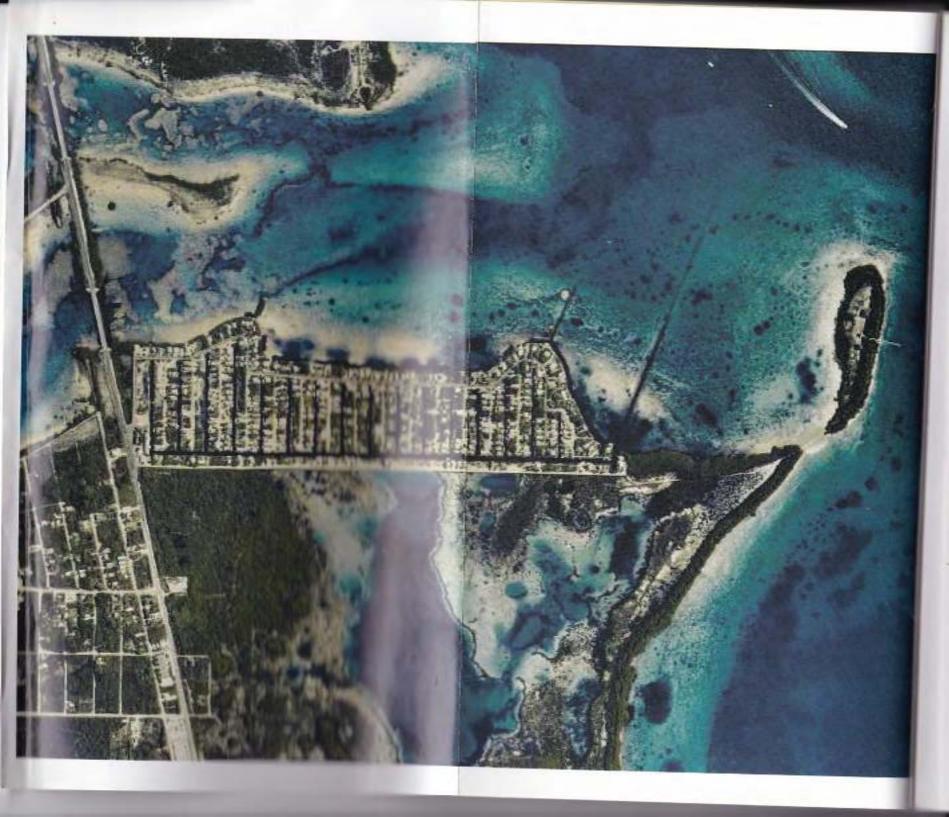
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#### What about wetlands?

ccording to State and County environmental regulators, virtually the entire island of Ramrod falls in a category of "disturbed wetlands" because all 612 lots were created by digging canals and placing the marl and rock on top of a mangrove wetland to elevate the land and because most lots are low to the water. So if you want a permit to place fill on your lot, put

> in a swimming pool, build a house, or otherwise develop an open lot, you are bound to conform to complicated Federal, State, and County wetland regulations.

This conformance means that you have to go through numerous bureaucratic hoops and hurdles applications, inspections, and usually payment of a large fee for "mitigation" (to either the County or the US Army Corps of Engineers) which goes to compensate for the "damage" you are doing to the wetlands environment. The mitigation funds are generally used to restore wetlands elsewhere in the Keys. This can be frustrating to

people who do not recognize that their barren lot has any apparent ecologic value in terms of plants, water, or wildlife. But it is the law and we have to live with it.

If you want to know how your lot is officially classed as a wetland, you can call the County Biologist at 289-2505 or 289-2537. You will then learn which wetland category your lot is in and what difficulties you will face in trying to use it for any purpose. You can also call an independent environmental consultant to get an assessment of your property.

Landscaping, mowing, and tree trimming DO NOT require permits.





Red Mangrove (Rhizophora mangle), common to the Keys and abundant throughout the tropics, from West Africa to Polynesia

#### Wetlands... continued



You are also permitted
(encouraged, in fact) to remove invasive exotics such as Australian Pines
and Brazilian Peppers (aka Florida
Holly). For more information on invasive exotics and other species, read the
section on Trees, Plants & Landscaping.

Indies Drive that was classified a "wetland."

Below: Partially filled lot that cost owners \$3105 in "mitigation" fees and \$191 in permit fees to complete the simple fill.

Photos by Lauren Sheriff



### **Monroe County Ground Fire Protection**

The following guidelines are provided by the County to assist in reducing fire danger to homes within "pineland" habitats. You can contact the County at (305) 289-2505 if you have questions or would like to schedule a biologist to visit your site.

#### No Permit Required:

- Maintenance pruning of native vegetation, unless prohibited by a conservation easement
- Removal of dead vegetation, including palm fronds, branches, leaf litter, or pine needles, unless prohibited by a conservation easement
- Normal maintenance of existing landscaped, nonnatural planting areas
- Removal of up to ten invasive exotic trees such as Brazilian Pepper and Australian Pine

#### Permit Required

- Removal or major pruning of native pineland habitat
- Pruning or removal of plants listed as threatened, endangered, commercially exploited, and regionally important species



- Removal of any trees four inches in diameter or larger
- Removal of more than ten invasive exotic trees
- Vegetation causing structural damage may be removed with a permit



#### Trees, Plants and Landscaping

Editor's Note: The following text was excerpted from articles written by Merili McCoy, long-time Key West resident and currently a City Commissioner. An excellent source of information about native Keys trees and shrubs, including many photographs, can be found in J. Paul Scurlock's "Native Trees and Shrubs of the Florida Keys."

"One cultivation of trees is the cultivation of the good, the beautiful, and the ennobling in man."

This is a quote from the writings of J. Sterling Morton, a newspaper editor, and politician, who lived over 100 years

ago. Morton influenced our nation and many other countries with a very simple idea: PLANT TREES. He proposed a special day be set aside dedicated to tree planting and increasing awareness of the importance of trees.

In 1970, this day became an official national day, Arbor Day. Because of differing weather conditions, many states have adopted their own Arbor Days, and the third Friday of April is Florida's official Arbor Day.

The virtues of trees are many. I often refer to them as Nature's special housekeepers and recyclers. There's that famous exchange of soaking up the carbon dioxide we create and all that oxygen they give back. Their leaves are just about the greatest dust catchers we have, sound attenuators

or noise absorbers, and the leaves they drop provide refertilization and water retention with the resultant mulch.

The web site of the National Arbor Day Foundation has some interesting statistics: U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) says that the net cooling effect of a young healthy tree is equal to ten room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. Trees can boost the market value of your home by six to ten percent, and landscaping with trees can increase the value as much as 20 percent. The USDA Forest Service claims that trees properly placed around buildings can reduce air conditioning needs by 30 percent.



The Cabbage
Palmetto, also called
Cabbage Palm,
Palmetto Palm,
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Another natural service trees provide, according to the USDA, is improved water quality due to reduced stormwater runoff and erosion. By retaining rainwater, trees promote recharging of the ground water supply.

Trees are good for your health, too! Texas A&M University has discovered in laboratory research that visual

Trees are good for your health, too! Texas A&M University has discovered in laboratory research that visual exposure to settings with trees produced significant recovery from stress within five minutes, as indicated by changes in blood pressure and muscle tension.

#### Best trees for the Keys stand up to salt and wind

The Florida Keys have evolved with plant life that deals with the harsher facets of coral islands, contrasted with beneficial frost-free warmth and sunshine. This includes their ability to withstand the occasional intrusion of salt water, spray and air, and to use tropical storms and showers to deal with the inevitable dry spells.

In the small tree range the **Geiger Tree**, Cordia sebestena with its bright orange blossoms is the most well known. It grows fifteen to 25 feet and features a light, rough green leaf that is occasionally supper for a little beetle, but does no harm to the tree. The White Geiger, a cousin, is an attractive, bushy tree with white blossoms. You can see a pair of them by the Graveyard gate on Windsor Lane.

Strong Bark and my most favorite, the Wild Cinnamon both grow compactly to 15 or 20 feet. Strong Bark has a weeping profile with fragrant flowers and a good example can be found on United and Packard. Wild Cinnamon is a little less salt tolerant. The flowers are small, but they grow in clusters with a maroon colored flower that appears in

Spring and Summer.

The famous Stopper family gets its peculiar name from two sources.



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Pioneers brewed a tea from the leaves to stop diarrhea, and a growing pattern as an almost impassable front line of hammocks. Early Conchs used it as a Christmas tree. Its compact growth can reach fifteen or twenty feet. The red or Simpson Stopper has small blooms that attract butterflies. Stay away from the White Stopper; it tends to have a "skunky" smell.

The smallish **Jamaican Caper** gets to ten and maybe fifteen feet, pyramidal in shape. It's fragrant flowers appear twice a year with a creamy white bloom that ages to pink and finally maroon.

Darling Plum, first of our mediums, and how can you resist a tree with a name like that, grows 20 to 25 feet, wide profile, with dark purple fruit that brings numerous birds to your yard.

Crabwood's attractive bark attracts lichens, with no harm to the tree, giving us interesting patterns. Another one of those califerous trees, it's slow growing and can get anywhere from 15 to 30 feet.

The popular Black Ironwood has an open, upright

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canopy, reaching as high as 30 feet, but can average as low as 20 feet. Our Bubba trees adapt naturally to their location and settle at a height that can be sustained in their particular location. There is a good example at Flagler and Walton streets.

I always wanted to know where the name "Blolly" came from. I am sure it was of Bahamian origin, as are many of our common tree names. Blollys get compared to the northern Weeping Willow, though not related, but similar in growth. This tree's 20 to 30 feet are worth any trouble you have in getting and planting it. It's mainly grown for its shape, and has inconspicuous flowers.



The Autograph Tree, Clusia rosea (also called Pitch Apple, Balsam Apple, Signature Tree, Monkey Apple, Scotch Attorney and Copey) has large, thick leaves, supposedly used during the Spanish American war to carry messages. The leaves can withstand names and initials written on them for the life of the leaf, and it is said the famous "Message to Garcia" was written on one of the leaves. Easily shaped, the Autograph can get to 25 feet if you let it. The pink and white waxy flower (which lasts for only one day) is spectacular, as well as the seed pod which is a favorite of decorators. It takes the wind and salt well.

Our first large tree, is the well liked **Gumbo Limbo**. It is commonly called the Tourist Tree because of the peeling reddish bark, which produces a soothing tea for the skin. Growing 35 to 45 feet with a nice canopy, it is not considered a slow growing tree, but it takes time to get to that size. It is very drought tolerant and medium salt tolerant. An interesting facet of this tree is it's ability to be planted upside down and still grow. Locals sometimes call it "Quick Stick" – not to be confused with the Gliricidia, native to Tropical America and used in Cuba as a fence post on country roads. The Gliricidia has great sweetpea type pinkish blooms and grows to about 20 feet. There is a good example of a large Gumbo Limbo just inside the wall at St. Mary's inner parking lot.

Trees... continued

Jamaica Dogwood, another of my favorites, grows steadily to reach a height from anywhere of 35 to 50 feet. It has lovely pink to green flowers along its stems and is quite hardy. There is a good example on Flagler between 19th and 20th. There is also a nice one on 12th street, a block from

Plentiful in the Caribbean and one of our top natives, the Mahogany makes a good shade tree, with a broad, dense canopy. During hurricanes, all its leaves are lost, which protects it by reducing wind resistance.

Flagler.

The **Key Lime**, a native of Mexico, was planted by sailors ensuring their source of a scurvy cure. It is said to be the only citrus that grows true to seed. Guavas, Bananas, Soursop, Sugar and Star Apples, Citrus, Egg fruit, Sapodilla, coconuts and date palms were just a few that our forefathers found would grow on our islands. Grapes and sugar cane, many herbs like Oregano and Basil, grew well. Cabbages, peas and yams were found in vegetable gardens.

#### **Lethal Yellowing**

The rapid progress of Lethal Yellowing amongst our coconut palms is another result of the drought, which makes the palms vulnerable to the virus that kills them. As soon as you have determined a tree is dying, cut it down. Be sure and clean your saws and clippers with alcohol, for they can spread the disease to other susceptible palms. Native palms do not get the blight, and the Maypam and Malayan coconuts are resistant. Another tip, hold off on your new planting until the rainy season comes.



#### Sprout your own coconut palms

by Catie Clark

You can easily grow vour own Malayan Dwarf Palm. the one that is resistant to vellowing disease, You start with a coconut that has recently fallen from a diseaseresistant tree, and that already has a



Newly-sprouted Malayan Palms on Ramrod Key. Photo by Selwyn Malin

green bud, and follow these instructions:

- Use 3-5 gallon containers (typical plastic plant pots) filled with a mixture of half potting soil and half of our native marl (screened to remove the larger stones)
- Plant the nut so the bud faces up and bury it about halfway into the improved soil mix. Place the container in direct or filtered sunlight.
- Water every 2 or 3 days until the sprout is over a foot tall (takes about 6 months)
- 4. Transplant the palm into a hole, and fill with a mixture of topsoil (or potting soil or compost), mulch and marl screenings. You can use "store-bought" mulch or make your own from seaweed that has been washed with fresh water.
- Water regularly, and fertilize after 6 months. For fastest growing time, continue to water and fertilize on a regular schedule.

Be sure to keep your new palm away from weed killers and other chemicals. For more information about coconuts, contact the Monroe County Extension Service at 294-4501 and ask for Jeff Stott.



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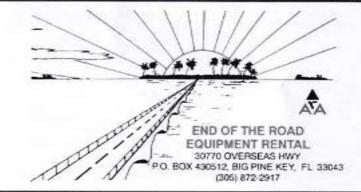
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#### Hurricanes

learly the biggest threat to Ramrod residences is a major hurricane, Class 3 or higher. Although we are protected somewhat by the wave attenuating action of the coral reef and outer islands, we can still get hammered pretty hard by wind and storm surge. Hurricane Georges that hit us on September 25, 1998, is a prime example of losses and hardships from wind damage and salt water flooding.



The 55-ton Southern Cross forced aground on Ramrod Key by Hurricane Georges, September 25, 1998

There is no shortage of advice to homeowners by newspapers, television, radio, leaflets at retail store counters, and even the "Conch Republic Wonderbook" (a free telephone book) gives detailed information, including tracking maps and location of shelters. Monroe County Emergency Management in Marathon provides extensive information to residents on hurricane preparedness and supplies all Post Offices with brochures during hurricane season. You can call them direct at 289-6018 for a brochure or with specific questions. Therefore, we do not repeat all the basic hurricane preparedness information here.

But there are some things not covered in all this information that are of particular relevance to Ramrod residents. For example, boats are usually quite safe in the canals if tied properly; therefore, if you are on open water it's a good idea to arrange, in advance, a place on a canal to tie your boat when a hurricane threatens. Do this early because you may find canal transit difficult as people often tie their boats with ropes across the canal to the other side.

Also, water supply is important so that we can immediately wash down cars, floor areas, etc when the salt water recedes. The FKAA reminds us that even if the water is flowing, beware of possible contamination because of broken pipes north or south. We will be notified of any such problems by radio or TV by FKAA so that we can avoid drinking any contaminated water. (We are fortunate to have a main pumping station on Ramrod operated by diesel power in case of electric failure.)

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If you plan to evacuate, you must do so at least 24 hours in advance of a strike. Residents who tried to evacuate Ramrod much later than that in Hurricanes Georges found the highway closed and had to return to their homes. So you have to follow the predictions of the National Hurricane Center carefully, along with local agency advice, to make your personal decision on whether Ramrod may or may not be struck, and whether to leave or stay. But if you leave, do it real early.



This house on Jamaica Lane suffered extensive damage during Hurricane Georges and had to be demolished.

Photo by Selwyn Malin

If you decide to stay and ride out the storm, be prepared! Review hurricance preparedness information, and be ready as far in advance as you can. Last-minute trips to the grocery store, hardware store or gas station can be very trying, as supplies will be limited and lines will be long. Remember that it is very likely that we will lose power during and/or after a major storm, so it is a good idea to make as much ice as you can in the days before. Freeze water in plastic containers or baggies, and pack your freezer as full as possible with the ice to keep food frozen for as long as possible. Fill all the coolers you have

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Hurricanes... continued

with ice, too. As many locals who stayed during and after Georges can tell you, ice was very hard to come by.

Just after Hurricane Georges, Ramrod residents were fortunate to find a Salvation Army assistance setup at a vacant lot on Summerland Key that provided unlimited good meals, drinking water, and cleanup supplies like squeegees, brooms, mops, and buckets to all who needed them. This was a godsend to many of us who were hit hard by the storm.

Those of us who hired "public adjusters" to deal with insurance matters after Hurricane Georges benefited greatly. These adjusters share about 10 percent of your settlement but, because they know the game so well, they have a major advantage over your trying to deal directly with insurance companies. They save you the aggravation of negotiating yourself, and can usually get a higher settlement. One such public adjuster, Smolka & Associates of Dania, Florida, successfully represented 26 homeowners on Ramrod after Hurricane Georges in 1998.



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As long as telephones are working you can call Emergency Management for information at 800-955-5504. During the storm buildup you will get taped messages, but when the storm is close on us you will be able to make direct voice contact with a staff person, we are told.



#### Hurricane Georges and its effects on the Florida Keys

The following information was excerpted from a document prepared by Jack Settelmaier, Science and Operations Officer for the Key West National Weather Service, and Wayne Presnell, Warning Coordination Meteorlogist

urricane Georges (pronounced "Zhorzh") was the first hurricane to directly affect the Keys since

1987 and only the second since 1966. Fortunately, there were no deaths directly related to the hurricane.

Hurricane Georges approached the Florida Straits after moving off the shore of the north-central Cuban coast on September 24, 1998. It maintained its consistent west-



northwest movement at 12-15 mph until it neared the Lower Keys. Georges then began to move more toward the west with the northern portion of the eye moving over Key West between noon and 1:30PM on September 25. Georges continued to move west from Key West with its eye passing over the Dry Tortugas, 65 miles west of Key West. It eventually made landfall again near the Louisiana and Mississippi coasts after traversing the Gulf of Mexico.

Georges was a minimal category 1 hurricane when it emerged over the Florida Straits. It gained strength before hitting the Keys, becoming a minimal category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds near 100 mph. Georges was a large hurricane with the tropical storm force winds extending out to 175 miles from the center. The northeast and southeast quadrants of Georges were the strongest, as



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evidenced by most of the damage in the Keys occurring with easterly, southeasterly, and southerly winds.

The greatest damage in the Keys occurred between Cudjoe Key and Big Pine Key, mile marker 30, where the strongest winds of hurricane Georges were estimated to be 105 mph sustained with gusts to 125 mph. Residents of these areas were without electricity for approximately 2 weeks.

#### Maximum sustained winds/gusts (mph)

Key West Airport	69 from NE / 87 from NE (did not record highest winds due to power failure)
Boca Chica	92 from SE / 105 from SE
Cudjoe - Big Pine Keys	105 from SE / 125 from SE (estimated)
Marathon EOC	110 from SE
Sombrero Key C-MAN Buoy	92 from SE / 108 from SE
Duck Key	81 from SE / 97 from SE

The greatest storm surge flooding occurred on the south coasts of the Keys with the most destructive storm surge flooding damage being located between Cudjoe and Big Pine Keys. The storm surge was estimated to be up to 6 feet in these areas.

#### Estimated Storm Surge (feet above normal tide)

Key West to Boca Chica Key	3-4 ft.
Big Coppitt to Sugarloaf Key	4-5 ft
Cudjoe to Big Pine Key	5-6 ft.
Marathon to Grassy Key	4-5 ft.

The lowest pressure measured during the hurricane, 974.4 mb, occurred at the Dry Tortugas C-MAN station when the eye passed over around 6 PM 9/25/98.

The northern part of the eye passed over Key West between noon and 1:30 PM 9/25/98. However, the pressure data was unavailable due to power failure.

#### Total Rainfall

Key West Airport	8.38 inches
Sugarloaf Key (south side)	8.65 inches
Cudjoe Key (north side)	8.20 inches
Duck Key	1.95 inches
Tavernier	8.41 inches



Hurricane-related damages were an estimated \$200 million in the Florida Keys. Of the total 1536 homes that were damaged or destroyed, 614 were mobile homes and 75 were houseboats. A total of 173 homes were considered destroyed.

Editor's Note: For more information on Hurricane Georges and other hurricanes, including forecasts and tracking information on the Internet, go to the National Weather Service Tropical Prediction Center at nhc.noaa.gov.

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#### **Good Neighbor Hints**

homes, there are bound to be disputes between neighbors about things such as loud music and other noise, bright lights shining into neighbor's windows, careless boat operation in canals, and dog problems - excessive barking, running free in the streets, aggression, and "doo-doo" on streets and in yards.

It is the policy of BBECA to not get involved with problems between neighbors. We expect people to work out their problems amicably or, if absolutely necessary, to contact the Sheriff's Office. But most problems can be avoided if everyone observes a few common-sense rules of behavior. So if your neighbor asks you to fix a problem, please listen calmly and try to accommodate him or her. It works! Here are some tips to help all of us be *Good Neighbors:* 

#### Caretaking

- Do not dispose of trash, yard waste, or fish innards in the canals.
- Ensure that your septic tank is functioning correctly.
- Don't litter the roadside. Pick up any litter you see and dispose of it properly.
- Remove invasive exotic plants such as Brazilian Pepper and Australian Pines from your property.
- Use native trees and plants to the maximum in your landscaping to minimize the amount of watering you have to do and to avoid the spread of harmful exotic plants.
  - Never dump trash on a neighboring
     lot.
  - Volunteer to help our Landscaping & Beautification Committee maintain the Coconut Palms and other plantings at our entrance along Trinidad and West Indies.

#### Lighting



Outdoor lighting can improve visibility and safety, as well as enhancing appearance of your property. But too much of a good thing can be a nuisance to your neighbors.

Ron Poller offers the following tips to ensure that your outdoor lighting is attractive and economical.

Glare. If you can see a bright bulb from a distance, it's a bad light. With a good light you can see mainly the lighted ground underneath, not the dazzling bulb.

Light invasion.

Bad lights shine onto neighboring properties, and into bedroom windows reducing privacy, hindering sleep, and giving the area a "trashy" look.

Energy waste. Bad outdoor lights waste energy by spilling light where not needed, like into the night sky. (Fact: The United States wastes a billion dollars a year needlessly lighting the night sky.)

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#### Canal etiquette

BBECA has initiated ongoing projects to perform water samplings and investigate means to improve tidal flow through the canals, as reported in *The Future of Our Canals (page 46)*. But everyone's cooperation and concern for water quality is needed to really make a difference. Here are some guidelines to observe to help keep our canals clean and safe for boating and swimming.

Rainwater runoff into canals from over-fertilized yards, and the use of phosphate dish washing products cause nutrient pollution. In our newsletters, we have asked residents not to put fish innards, yard waste, or other materials in the canals. This may seem innocent enough to the individual resident, but if you consider the aggregate effect of wastes from hundreds of homes, little problems become big ones: overgrowth of algae, jellyfish, bacteria and turbid water. No one likes to look at trash-filled or scummy water, and certainly no one would want to swim in it!



IF YOU WOULDN'T WANT TO SWIM WITH IT, DON'T THROW IT IN THE WATER!

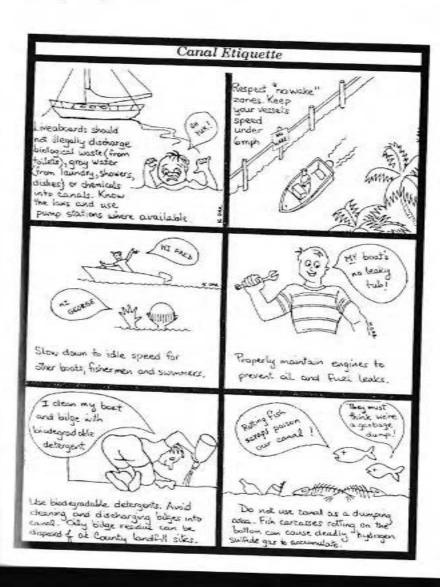


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#### If you rent...

Be sure to inform your tenants of the basic rules of the neighborhood:

- . Dogs must be leashed, and "doggie doo" must be picked up and disposed of properly
- Don't throw anything in the canals
- Observe speed limits on roads
- No boat wake in canals (use idle speed)
- Observe "Canal Etiquette" (see Boating Information in the Community Services section)
- No excessive noise or overly bright outdoor lighting
- Set out garbage and recycles the evening before pickup day, and remove containers from curbside as soon as possible after pickup

Please make sure that your renters are aware of garbage and recycle pickup days. If they leave prior to those days, please ensure that your rental agent takes care of it.





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#### Waste Disposal

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services to the residents and businesses of our community. If you have any questions or need any additional services, WMI can be reached at 296-8297.

Household garbage is collected two times per week (currently Monday and Thursday) at curbside. Furniture, bikes, lawnmowers, (no gas or oil), and other household items may also be set out on garbage

day. Garbage and yard waste cans must be standard, covered, plastic, or metal containers, not over 32-gallon size, and weighing no more than 50 pounds. No homemade cans or drums are allowed. Containers must have usable handles.

Badly rusted cans with jagged or sharp edges and deteriorated plastic must be replaced. WMI asks that you help prevent pollution by placing plastic trash bags in your cans to contain loose garbage.

Recyclable materials are collected once per week (currently Wednesday) at curbside. All recycle material must be placed inside your blue bin, as only these "official" bins will be handled. You may pick up additional blue bins at the WMI office or call for one to be delivered. The following materials may be recycled:

- Green, brown and clear glass bottles or jars (no tops or lids)
- Plastic types 1 & 2 (milk & soda bottles, etc.)
- Metal and aluminum cans (lids tucked inside)

- Household batteries (Must be placed in a clear plastic bag!)
  - · Newspaper (including all inserts)
  - Cardboard boxes and small pieces of cardboard (includes cracker boxes and other similar grocery item boxes, folded flat)

All materials (jars, bottles, plastic containers and cans) should be clean. Newspaper and cardboard may be put into a brown paper bag and placed on top of your blue bin. Large pieces or large amounts of corrugated cardboard that will not fit inside your recycle bin must be flattened & bundled, and you must contact WMI at 296-8297 for pick up.

Yard waste is collected once per week (currently Wednesday) at curbside. Leaves, weeds, grass cuttings, palm fronds, and tree branches less than 4 inches in diameter are accepted. You may place materials in trash cans or tie them into bundles.

- Cuttings must not extend more than 1 foot above the top of the can.
- Bundled materials must be cut into 4 foot lengths (maximum) and securely tied with twine or string (no metal ties).



 Bundles must not exceed 4 feet in diameter and must weigh no more than 50 pounds. Do not place yard waste in plastic bags.

Free mulch is available from WMI; you can order truckloads by calling 1-800-926-0997.

Oversize yard waste, such as large tree limbs or trunks of trees which exceed 7 inches in diameter, must be cut to 6 foot lengths or less, and placed curbside in a single pile, in an open area away from low-hanging trees or wires. Call 296-8297 for pick-up.

Unbundled yard waste can be picked up for a service charge. All limbs must be less than 6 feet in length and placed curbside in a single pile, in an open area away from low-hanging trees or wires. This service is provided for homeowners only, and does not include waste from lot clearing. Call 296-8297 to request a pickup or for more information. Payment for this service must be made prior to the pickup; you may charge to a credit card.

Appliances & Tires: Call 296-8297 for a special pick-up.

Hazardous Waste (car batteries, paint, acid, and other hazardous materials): Contact Monroe County Recycle at 292-4434.

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**Do-It-Yourself:** You can dispose of all kinds of trash yourself at the County dumpsite on Cudjoe Key by turning north on Blimp Road and driving about one mile to the dump. You will be charged by the weight of the material you bring.

#### **Boating Information**

Launching: By courtesy of the owner, Joe Glenn, Ramrod residents are allowed to launch their trailer boats free at the boat ramp at the Looe Key Reef Resort Motel. Just inform the clerk at the Motel office that you are a Ramrod resident and pick up the key to the ramp.

Boat US: BBECA has a special arrangement with Boat U.S. whereby we get a discounted membership rate (\$9.50 in 2001) and enjoy the services of this top notch organization. There are many benefits. For details, contact our Boat US coordinator (currently Tom Sullivan at 872-4888), or contact Boat US directly at 800-395-2628 and mention our group ID: GA 82677B.

Navigation Aids: BBECA installs and maintains the channel markers along our entrance channel using donations from our members to the Channel Marking Fund. The current Chairman of the Channel Marking Committee is Paul Gerson. Please call Paul at 872-2780 if you have



questions or would like to volunteer for the Committee.

The Channel
Marking committee
also is responsible
for the "NO WAKE"
signs inside the canal
system. It is essential that boats and
other watercraft
maintain idle speed
when moving
through the canals.
Also, please do not
"double park" boats
in the canals (which



Boat entering Ramrod canals guided by the BBECA markers. Photo by Selwyn Malin].

are only 30 feet wide) so that others can pass safely.

Tides: You can accurately gauge the tide levels for Ramrod Key and Niles Channel by making the following corrections to the Key West tides reported in newspapers, websites or on the Channel 16 local weather report: Low Tide, add 1¼ hours; High Tide, subtract ¼ hour.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary works with the Coast Guard to promote boating safety and education for the public. Activities include Courtesy Marine Examinations, Public Boating Education, Operations, and Fellowship. Auxiliary volunteers teach boating safety courses, conduct boating safety exams, and assist boaters on the water.

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The Auxiliary's Flotilla 13-3 operates out of Big Pine with a number of residents on Ramrod Key. If interested, please come to a meeting at the AARP building on Big Pine on the second Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM.

For a courtesy safety check on your boat, an Auxiliary member trained in vessel safety will come to your dock. Call the safety coordinator (currently Dallas McDonald at 872-0613) to schedule a check. If your boat meets all the safety requirements, a decal is issued certifying that your boat meets Coast Guard requirements.

#### **Mosquito Control**

The Florida Keys Mosquito Control District is responsible for combating mosquitoes on Ramrod Key. This is evidenced by the frequent appearance of spray planes and helicopters (using Dibrom at ¾ ounce per acre) and spray trucks (using Permethrim) during the biting season. Mosguito Control also tries to kill larval



The old familiar yellow DC-3 Mosquito Control planes no longer fly low over our islands.

mosquitoes in breeding ponds and pools by helicopter, using a bacterial agent (B.I.T). Mosquito Control is very responsive to resident problems. Call 292-7190 or 800-276-7493 to report mosquito invasions. Also, if you have health problems like asthma you can list your phone number with them and they will call you in advance of any spraying so you can take precautions such as closing up.

#### Mosquito Facts

- Only female mosquitoes attack. and that itchy welt that develops is a reaction to the mosquito's saliva.
- During a single bite, the average mosquito
- drinks roughly 5 millionths of a liter of blood.
- A mosquito can smell her human prey from 60 to 140 feet away.
- Mosquitoes lay 100 to 300 eggs at a time, on water or on damp soil. Their breeding sites are often hidden in planters, in gutters, under leaves and in tiny puddles, where wind and insecticides can't reach them.
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#### **Mangrove Trimming**

On December 19, 2001 the Monroe County Commission adopted an ordinance "prohibiting the owners of real property from causing, suffering or permitting trees or other vegetation from their property to interfere with vessels traveling upon navigable canals." This ordinance requires canal front property owners to keep their shoreline vegetation (including mangroves) trimmed back to the canal bank, and calls for prosecution of violations as misdemeanors, punishable by fines up to \$500 or up to 60 days imprisonment.

Prior to this, trimming of mangroves required a permit from the Department of Environmental Protection, which BBECA acquired several years ago. The volunteer mangrove trimming team went through the canals on a barge (see photo) to assist property owners. If you need assistance trimming your canal front trees, call the Association president to find out if a trimming project is planned or can be initiated.





#### BBECA mangrove trimming team, October 2001

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major crime problem seems to be burglaries at vacant homes. This can be countered by taking a few precautions before you leave:

- Have a neighbor pick up any newspapers left on your property
- · Leave an automobile under or next to your house
- Install a timer light to go on at dark
- Leave a radio on
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- Chores house and yard tasks including such jobs as seasonal cleaning, essential errands, yard work, lifting and moving, simple household repairs, pest control and household maintenance
- Homemaking housekeeping, meal planning and preparation, shopping assistances, and routine household activities.
- Personal Care bathing, dressing, emotional security, eating and assistance with securing health care
- Respite Care relieves the primary caregiver, and addresses the special needs of Alzheimer's clients.
- Meals offers both Senior Center meal sites and balanced meals delivered.

The Elder Helpline for Monroe County In Home Services is 292-4583.





General Welfare: Certain households can get help paying electric bills, rent, transportation, and medical assistance. To learn more about these services, and others, call 292-4408.

Transportation: The County provides bus rides for the elderly, disabled and needy. All buses are equipped to carry wheelchairs. If you need transportation to work, the doctor, grocery store, or appointments, call 292-4424 for more information about this program.

Senior Employment: The SCSEP program provides temporary work experience and training for persons 55 years of age and older who meet certain financial and eligibility guidelines. Call 292-4593 for more information on the program.

Bayshore Manor: A living facility offering daytime, short term and residential services for elders to assist families in caring for love ones. Call 292-4533 for details.

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holds regular business socials, usually out of doors at local business locations, with food and beverages and often entertainment. There is a nominal charge for nonmembers, but everyone is welcome! Visit their website at lowerkeyschamber.com for more information, including a schedule of events, and a list of local attractions.



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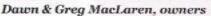
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