



# BIMINI BAY MONTHLY

Your Neighborhood News

## Parade of Homes Awards & Boat Show

We have exciting news to share with our Bimini Bay residents!

At the 2008 Parade of Homes Awards Banquet, among many of Tampa's most prestigious builders, Bimini Bay's beautiful new "Islamorada" model home swept both awards in our category: **"THE GRAND AWARD"** & **"BEST HOME ON THE BLOCK!"**

Congratulations to Schmidt Brothers Homes!



Schmidt owners with awards

April's "Boat Show & Backyard BBQ" was a great success! We had excellent community participation, with two Alafia Marine boats sold. A flood of newcomers visited the Islamorada



Vineyard residents Cheryl & Mark Miller with Marie Hughes

and enjoyed barbecue, burgers and gourmet desserts!

The bounce house was a huge hit with the kids (and with many of the "big kids"), and

Maui Wowi's delicious smoothies made an excellent addition to one of Florida's beautiful, sunny spring days.



Future resident T.A. Martinez with a Maui Wowi smoothie

Thank you to everyone who made these events a success!



Bounce house kids having fun

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May 2008



## Bimini Bay Events

- May 11—Mother's Day
- May 12—Bimini Bay Church: Eugene May
- May 19—Bimini Bay Church: The Hurons
- May 26—Memorial Day
- May 31—Bimini Bay "Survivor Challenge"



## Capt. Aaron's Corner: Your Local Fishing Guide

"It's Breaking Loose!"

Bait, Bait, Bait! Spring is in full swing & the baitfish have arrived! If you find the bait this month, you'll surely find fish. The edge of the flats (where the manatee signs run parallel to shore) should be very productive in May for an array of species: snook, small sharks, maybe even a tarpon. Fish early mornings when the weather is good, the tide is moving, & the water is calm for spotting fish. Slap some greenbacks against the side of your boat, release them & let them swim in circles to attract big fish to you. Don't be surprised if a cobia, snook, or school of mackerel show up behind your boat! **Hot Spot:** Flats between Apollo Beach & Bahia Beach.

Offshore, the "King" will reign supreme over all others! The semi-annual Kingfish run peaks in May & is your best shot at this speedy fish. Troll spoons, live pilchards, & blue runners around artificial reefs & any hard bottom where bait is stacked up 10 miles offshore. Remember: Find bait schools & kings won't be far behind. **Hot Spot:** Troll "The Betty Rose" to "South County Reef". **This month's tip:** Small hooks inshore. If your leader is 25 lb. test or less, you don't need larger than a 1/0 circle hook.

To:

**Bimini Bay Resident**

**“DID YOU KNOW?”**

**We'd LOVE your feedback! If you have a suggestion for the community or our newsletter, e-mail Summer at: [summer@schmidtbrothershomes.com](mailto:summer@schmidtbrothershomes.com)**



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Together with his sons Aaron and Gabe, Andrew Schmidt founded Schmidt Brothers Homes, Inc. in 2002. Schmidt Brothers exists to build high-quality custom homes and communities with Excellence, Integrity, and superior Customer Service to the glory of God.

If you ever have a question, concern or suggestion, please do not hesitate to contact us. We are here to serve you and are continuously striving to make Bimini Bay the *best* place to live!

## **Up and Coming Events!**

Get ready for some summer fun here at Bimini Bay!

In late April, Bobby and Barbara Sanders from Tennessee moved to 6413 Grenada Island Ave. We hope you enjoy your newest neighbors & welcome them to the community!

In order for our new & established residents to get to know each other, Bimini Bay is hosting the “Survivor Challenge 2008” on Saturday, May 31st! This event promises to be a blast, with friendly competition, fun challenges, & an incredible “Grand Prize”—a **brand-new kayak** courtesy of Schmidt Brothers Homes! For details, look for our upcoming flyer.



Also keep your calendars open for June’s “2nd Annual Bimini Bay Luau”, which was a tremendous hit last year!

## **Famous Key West Conch Chowder**

- ½ lb. salt pork, finely chopped
- 2 medium onions, finely chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1 large green pepper, finely chopped
- 28 oz. can tomatoes, drained & chopped
- 6 oz. can tomato paste
- 1 tsp. poultry seasoning
- 10 bay leaves
- 2 T BBQ sauce
- 1 tsp. oregano
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- ½ tsp. freshly ground black pepper
- 2 lbs. conch

- 2 quarts hot water
- 1 T vinegar
- 3 lbs. white potatoes, peeled & sliced

In large skillet, fry salt pork over medium heat. Add green pepper, garlic & onions; sauté until tender. Add next 8 ingredients. Simmer over low heat for 10 minutes.

With a heavy mallet, thoroughly pound conch to break up tough connective tissue; cut into bite-sized pieces. In a 6-quart Dutch oven, combine hot water & vinegar; bring to a boil. Stir in conch and the tomato mixture; simmer about 2 hours. Add sliced potatoes & simmer 20 to 30 minutes until potatoes are tender. Remove bay leaves before serving. Serve hot.

This recipe is courtesy of the A & B Lobster House in Key West.