



# NEWS FROM THE ROCK

Seasons Greetings

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Editors Note; Because so many wonderful things are happening in lives that we want to share with you, we had to add two more pages to this edition of the Rocknews!!

*Christmas '08 celebrations with friends & family in Key Largo*



**At Christmas time, we had plenty of company with Mom Powell and the Wallins, and Cynthia Chambers. Of course Jordan and Derek are living here, so they don't qualify as company!!**

**December 31, 2008— A Quiet New Year's Eve in Key Largo**



*The Wallins—Derek, Carey—Mom Powell— Barb and Jake!*



*Mom Powell enjoying 3 of her 4 daughters, r to l, Cynthia, Mary & Barb (Linda was in HI)*

**Mary's Birthday & Needlepointing!**



***A Day on the water with Friends !!***



**Jordan, Derek, Edlin & Alex**

**Angie & Mike's Valentine's Day Wedding!**



**Road trips Indiantown and the KEYS—Joe, Lise and Sasha!!**



**Conchie JOE snorkeling!**

**April Happenings - Sara's Senior Year Art Show**



*l to r, Sara's Dad Joe, Sara & Glenn*



Sara working the show



Sara's Mom Lise and Mary in front of Sara's self portrait!



**N**eedlepoint gang in Memphis, Marsha, Lisa, Mary, Francis & Linda! The gang stayed at the Peabody and visited Elvis at Graceland!!



**Peabody Ducks**



**New Fire Department Probie!**

<< Edlin had the honor of pinning Alex's Badge on !!

We were very proud of Alex Fernandez as he was inducted into the Seminole Tribe Fire Rescue Dept.



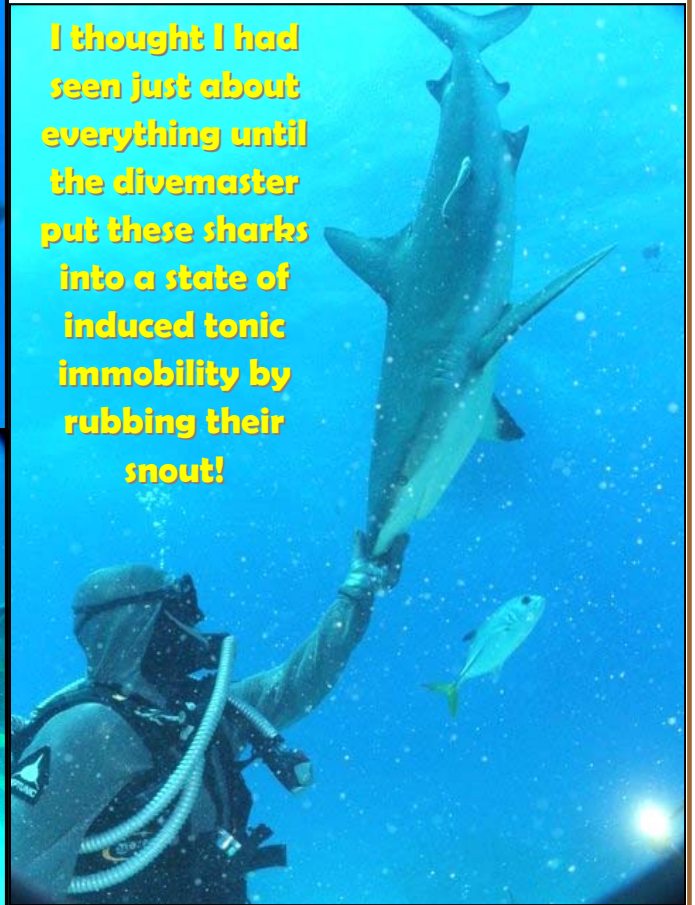
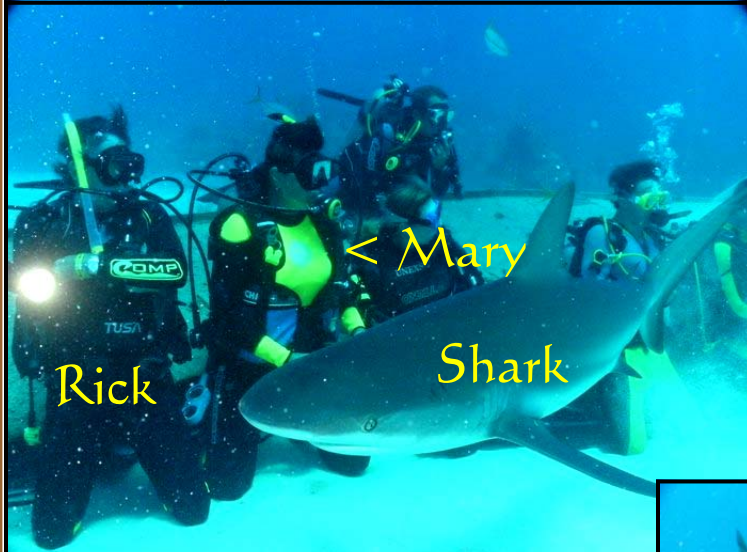
Mary visited Mom Powell in Utah 5 times in 2009!! (left) Cpl. Gloria "POOCHIE" Powell (Ret) was very proud of her 2009 US Army—Certificate of Appreciation for her service!! (above right) POOCHIE is in her WAC fatigues.

# UNEXSO Shark Dive, Grand Bahama Island, June '09



WOW! At least 20 large Caribbean Reef Sharks surrounded us during the dive.

I thought I had seen just about everything until the divemaster put these sharks into a state of induced tonic immobility by rubbing their snout!



Rick gives a tentative thumbs up at the beginning of the shark dive!!

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Nine Sharks are in this picture circling the divemaster during this feeding!

# Summer time in the Bahamas, June '09



Great ISAAC Lighthouse is behind Mary! The Lighthouse was built by the British in 1856 and is 144 feet high!



Cookie



Fred

**Cookie and Fred stayed at the Westin. We went fishin' but Cookie has a jinx on Sundance. When she is aboard—no fish are caught!**



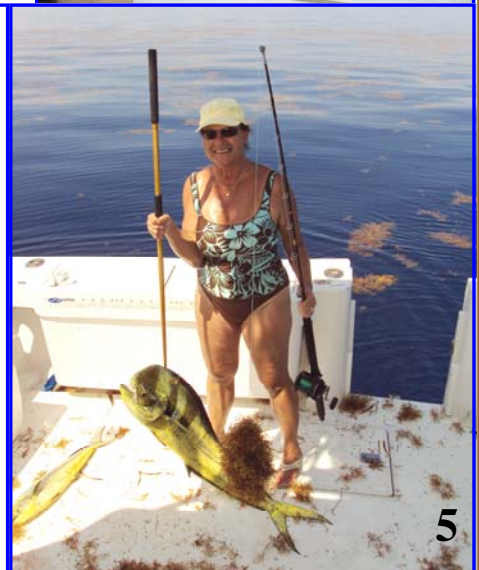
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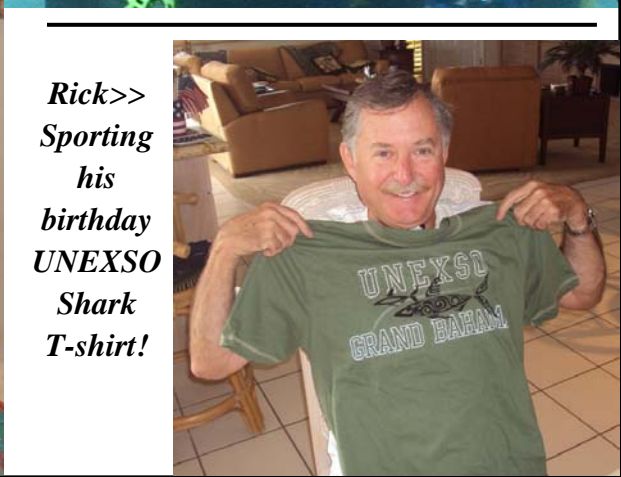
Rick and Pat came over to the Bahamas on their boat "Spirited"!

—>> Mary had a blast catching Dolphin on a weed line when it was flat calm!!





Alex driving "Sundance", during a visit with his Dad Chris and Sarah. Chris and Sarah are being deployed to Afghanistan in 2010!



**JULY—FUN time on the water!**

Jimmy

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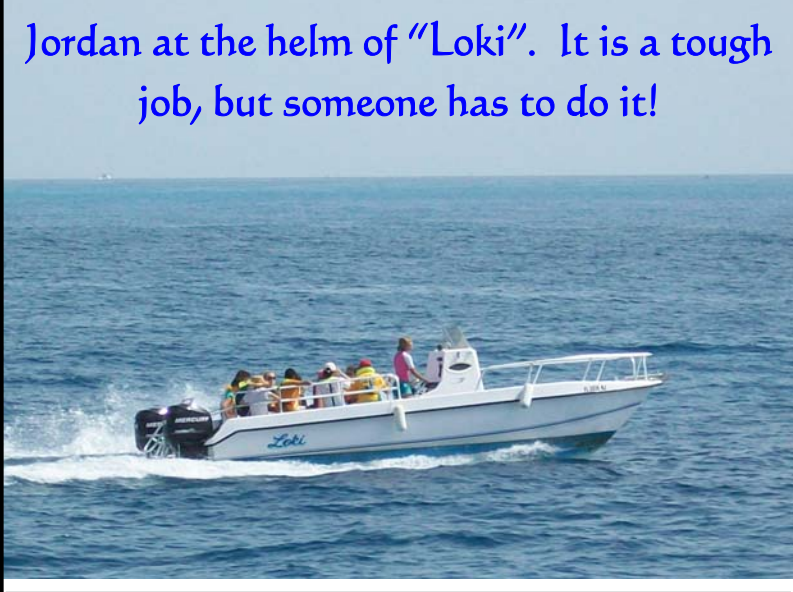
Marsha

Jimmy

Drew & Linda

**Angie SCUBA diving with Mike??**

**Rick>> Sporting his birthday UNEXSO Shark T-shirt!**



Jordan at the helm of "Loki". It is a tough job, but someone has to do it!



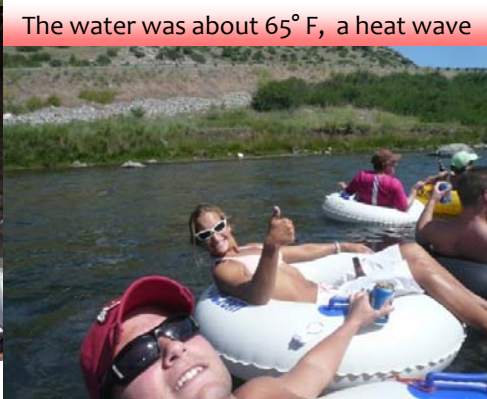
Derek is modeling all his birthday presents, snorkel, dive bags, & dive computer!



**Key Lime Birthday Pie? !!**

# JULY in Bozeman, Montana!

We had a great time at the Powell get together in Bozeman, Montana hosted by Ryan, Heather & Mary DeGraw!!



The water was about 65° F, a heat wave

Jim & Nikki followed by the kids!



The Francis Family get together was in Cocoa Beach, FL. We had a great time with everyone!

# August in Cocoa Beach, FL !



Francis Family Reunion August 9, 2009

# September 5, 2009 Cookie's Birthday in Reston, VA



Oh boy! Happy Birthday to me!!! I made a wish!!

Mary and I visited Cookie and Fred in Sept. 2009 for Cookie's Birthday >>>>

<<< Gracie and Ryan were very interested in the birthday cake!!



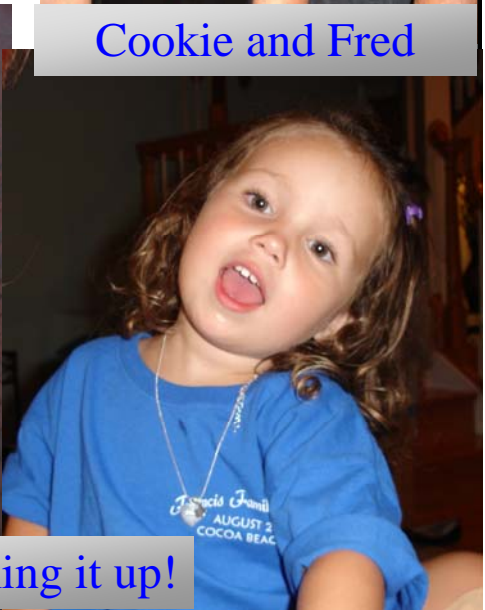
Cookie and Fred



Gracie likes cake!!



Gracie hamming it up!



David and Ryan were excited!



Road trip, Cynthia, Cookie, Heather & Mary



Glenn & Cookie!

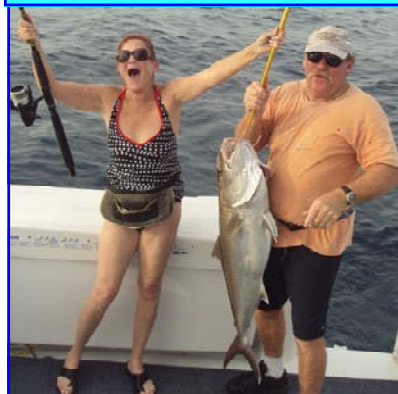


**November 2009—Francis Visit**



**Fun at IslandDolphinCare.org**

(above) Kevin, Hunter & Stephanie!  
(below) Ron Francis (left)—Elaine and Cookie



Cookie finally catches a big fish!



**Thanksgiving 2009**

Glenn, Mary, Fred, Cookie, Derek & Jordan

**Craig & Dave—Im On a Boat & Eatin' Stone Crabs**



Straight flowing on a boat on the deep blue sea  
Busting five knots, wind whipping out my coat  
I'm on a boat

Take a picture, I'm on a boat,  
We drinking Santana champ,  
Cause it's so crisp  
I got my swim trunks  
And my flippie-floppies  
I'm on a boat



We live in difficult times and it is appropriate to remember & honor those that protect our freedoms.



Captain Daniel Gonzalez (center) and other MPs in Bagdad.



Four Star Gen. Petraeus pins on Captain Jennifer Gonzalez bars at her promotion ceremony!!!

Our Niece Jennifer Gonzalez & her husband Daniel Gonzalez were promoted to the rank of Captain in 2009 while deployed.



**Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year  
& Best Wishes  
for 2010  
Glenn and Mary**



On September 11, 2001 our way of life was forever changed because of the attack on America. Support our Troops!



*Family members on ACTIVE DUTY in the US Armed Forces . God Bless America and keep our family safe!*



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