EIGHTH ANNUAL REEF RANSOM EVERGLADES EPIC FISHING TOURNAMENT

May 11, 2019

Journal
Jeffrey Miller ’79
Congratulates the
2019 REEF Committee Co-Chairs

Peter Diamond ’92
Kevin Grossfeld ’95
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and the entire REEF Committee
on another ‘EPIC’ success
Dear Ransom Everglades Community,

Ransom Everglades School is special for so many reasons – a dedicated faculty, amazing students, an incredible alumni community – yet if there is one element of our campus experience that truly sets us apart, the Ransom Everglades Epic Fishing Tournament showcases it.

In its eighth year, REEF shines a spotlight on the beautiful bay in our backyard, the experiential element of an RE education that for more than 100 years has distinguished our school, providing an outdoor classroom unlike any other.

It’s also a great place to hold a charity fishing tournament. REEF brings out serious anglers and beginners, offering a chance to test skills and reconnect with old friends for a good cause. Year after year, members of Miami’s boating community and many RE alumni turn out to enjoy this event and all that it offers, and to help make a difference in our community.

The event has raised more than $150,000 for the benefit of Breakthrough Miami, which serves underserved students and operates on our campus, and RE’s valuable waterfront.

I’d like to thank our longtime REEF Committee Chairs Elana Oberstein-Harris ’93, Peter Diamond ’92, Pearce Klevan ’97 and Kevin Grossfeld ’95, as well as student chair Magnus Oberg ’21. Their participation in this important event reflects their loyalty to their school and determination to give back. I am also grateful to Alumni Board Chair Agustin “Konky” Arellano, Jr. ’90, who has inspired our alumni with his energy, commitment and passion for his alma mater.

I also appreciate every angler who arises early for this special event. I am truly disappointed that I will not be able to attend as I am traveling to Connecticut for a memorial service for one of my dear friends and mentors. I hope you all enjoy the early-morning serenity, the beauty of the dawn skies and the bay’s magnificence.

Most of all, I hope you catch some really big fish. Happy fishing!

Penny Townsend
Head of School
Welcome to the 2019 Ransom Everglades Epic Fishing Tournament! REEF is a special event that we all look forward to. It provides a fantastic opportunity to get our community together each year on our beautiful campus, enjoy our amazing waterfront and spend time with RE alumni and friends. We are extremely grateful for the passion and commitment of so many alumni, students, parents, faculty and staff. The RE Alumni Board would like to extend a special thank you to all of our generous sponsors; tournament chairs Peter Diamond ’92, Elana Oberstein-Harris ’93, Pearce Klevan ’97 and Kevin Grossfeld ’95; honorary tournament chairs Andy Ansin ’81 and Jeffrey Miller ’79; student chair Magnus Oberg ’21; and the REEF tournament committee members.

REEF fulfills our school’s mission of giving back to the community. Funds raised today will support investments in our waterfront to allow for athletic and academic programs, classes, competitions and community service activities.

Funds raised from this year’s event will also support Breakthrough Miami, an academic enrichment program that ensures that motivated, under-resourced middle school students have access to excellent high school opportunities.

This year's shirts will be neon pink. Color selection was once again led by alumni chair Peter Diamond ’92. We hope you enjoy a great day on the water! Thank you again for your support of our school and the alumni association.

Best regards,

Agustin “Konky” Arellano ’90
President, Alumni Association Board
Eighth Annual REEF Committee

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Hello Fellow REEF Supporters,

It is hard to believe we are entering our eighth year on the water together. It is that special time of year when we can honor the ocean and the life within it and support the school simultaneously.

As you all know, the purpose of REEF is to bring the RE community together in a fun and festive atmosphere to support the school, Breakthrough Miami, and the ocean. Fishing is a means to feed mankind, which has been practiced for thousands of years. Our recreational fishing community is comprised of some of the strongest advocates for ocean conservation and responsible fisheries. Each year, REEF supporters are individuals and organizations that have great respect for ocean health, and their responsible fishing practices reflect the positive message of this event.

For the past seven years of the tournament, we have been fortunate to partner with:

- **Biscayne National Park** – The superintendent at the time, Mark Lewis, was a guest speaker at our first Captains Meeting.

- **Guy Harvey Ocean Foundation** – We have recognized this foundation’s outstanding effort in the conservation of marine life every year since the tournament’s inception.

- **Nova Southeastern University** (Fisheries Research Laboratory / NSU Oceanographic Center) – Nova has been an incredibly valued partner with us every year of the tournament’s existence. Over the years, their scientists have presented at multiple Captains Meetings, and every year possible, they have brought in a team on tournament day to collect samples for their scientific research. RE students get to see these marine scientists do their work right on site – engaging them, helping them appreciate the various species, and highlighting the importance of protecting those species, etc.

- **Beneath the Waves** – This is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization working to protect our oceans. Motivated by its mission – to conserve sharks and the habitats they occupy – scientists conduct cutting-edge research and use their findings to form environmental policy and educate the public.

- **Miami Waterkeeper** – Through community outreach and education, science and research, and legal advocacy, this agency is committed to ensuring swimmable, fishable, drinkable water for all, protected marine systems and habitats, and a sea-level-rise ready Miami. RE is lucky to have REEF committee member Roger Baumann ’85 on the board of trustees of this organization along with Kenny Broad ’84, Wirth Munroe (RE Parent) and Marcelo Fernandes ’84. This organization’s board also boasts two RE grads, president Lauren Horner ’95 and H. Weitz ’95.

- **RE MAC (Marine Awareness Club) and RESEA Club** – These Ransom Everglades’ student clubs that connect our school further to the ocean have been wonderful partners. In addition, we partner with a multitude of other great organizations that may not have a direct connection to marine life, but certainly do to the ocean: Shake-A-Leg Miami, The Monica Burguera Foundation, etc.

Furthermore, we would like to thank individuals who have helped keep this tournament running smoothly. David Gardner of Executive Printers of Florida is our presenting sponsor for the eighth year in a row. We extend a special thank you as well to our Honorary Chairs Andy Ansin ’81 and Jeffrey Miller ’79. We express our heartfelt gratitude to both of these trustee alums, who support all efforts related to this event.

Magnus Oberg ’21, the current Student Chair, has rallied the student body and continues the great tradition of student support, which began with our founding Student Chair Nathaniel Johansson ’14. We thank our weigh masters Susana and Luis Yllanes, parents of alumni, who always have the scale ready. We recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts of the members of the entire advancement office, who return after a long Alumni Weekend to support yet another event on campus. Vicki Carbonell Williamson ’88, Erika Valdes, Suzanne Kores are experts on the tournament regulations by now!

Once again, we welcome our Head of School, Penny Townsend, and her husband, Mike. We, the alumni community, would be “lost at sea” without your support. We are grateful that you have come to embrace this as an annual tradition. Finally, this event would not run smoothly without our amazing waterfront staff and athletics department. We thank them wholeheartedly for their help and expertise.

We want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the RE community and for all that you do for our Mother Ocean. The Ransom Everglades EPIC Fishing Tournament promotes the sustainable use of our ocean resources. We encourage everyone to enjoy our natural resources, and to do so in a way that will allow future generations to enjoy them as well.

Your Fellow Raiders,

Peter Diamond ’92
Kevin Grossfeld ’95
Pearce Klevan ’97
Elana Oberstein-Harris ’93
REEF 2019 Alumni Chairs
Peter Diamond ’92, Pearce Klevan ’97, Elana Oberstein-Harris ’93

Magnus Oberg ’21, REEF 2019
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**Special thanks to** Head of Ransom Everglades School Penny Townsend and the entire RE faculty and staff. Additional thanks to our student volunteers, SAGE Dining Services and Breakthrough Miami.

**Special thanks to our myriad volunteers. We can’t do it without you!**
The Harry Anderson ’38 Watersports Center

The Ransom Everglades waterfront is named after Harry Anderson ’38, a world-class sailor who remains involved with our school and sailing program. He has been a pillar for sailing activities and one of the founding fathers of our competitive sailing team.

The Harry Anderson ’38 Watersports Center

The late 1930s saw Ransom Everglades competing for the first time in a regatta. At that time RE was the Adirondack-Florida School, and our students competed in the 1938 Inter-Scholastic Nationals held in Marion, Massachusetts, hosted by Tabor Academy. That sailing tradition is still alive today and our sailing team has competed in many national championships – including a school-record three championships this school year alone! Our docks have experienced a substantial transformation to accommodate all the activities that take place on a daily basis at our wonderful facility. Early in the morning, we start with ninth-grade Bay Studies, a class that prepares students for their five-day Outward Bound experience in the 10,000 Islands area of Everglades National Park. The Outward Bound trip is a life-changing adventure that takes place during the fall semester.

In the spring, students have the opportunity to kayak and learn how to sail. This part of the class has a 50-percent sailing component and 50-percent kayaking component. The students learn sailing basics on Laser Bugs and then master the skills on Hobie Getaways. Marine Science labs are conducted daily in the waters of Biscayne Bay; our students do plankton runs, water sampling, sea grass studies, sea-life observation, mangrove studies and snorkeling over the sea beds. Our 10th-grade students also have the opportunity to learn to sail during a nine-week class that teaches sailing basics, preparing them to handle any sailing vessel under 18 feet in length.

Our varsity sailing team practices after school, and we also offer a learn-to-sail program for younger students. Our junior varsity team practices two days a week. During the spring, northeastern colleges, universities, and high schools charter our fleet for training, giving us the opportunity to have joint practices with nationally ranked teams. Our crew team also uses our facilities on a weekly basis; this is a young program that has grown exponentially in recent years. The rowers’ intense practices and dedication have earned them top results at the state level.

The sixth grade’s Day on the Bay takes place each year in November and the entire class enjoys a day of canoeing, Hobie Cat sailing, snorkeling over sea grass beds, and island exploration. Science department faculty members conduct an eco-tour of the bay, emphasizing the history of our school as well as the Coconut Grove waterfront. Our waterfront is also involved in community service. The Sail Explore Adventure Club (SEA Club) and the Marine Awareness Club (MAC) introduce Breakthrough scholars to sailing, fishing and snorkeling on a monthly basis. RE’s VSO x ARC Carnival is a yearly event that gives children with special needs the opportunity to enjoy sailing.

The waterfront truly lives up to Paul C. Ransom’s vision of outdoor learning, providing experiential learning adventures every day while offering students the most beautiful classroom on campus.
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Get engaged with Breakthrough Miami.
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7:30 a.m. Shotgun start from bayside end of Dinner Key Channel
2:30 p.m. Lines out
2:30 p.m. Weigh-in begins at RE Docks (scale will open at noon for early entries)
4:30 p.m. Weigh-in closes (no late admittances accepted)
4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony (winners announced on the RE Alumni Facebook page at www.bit.ly/reef2019

1. BOUNDARIES – None
2. All anglers must comply with State of Florida fishing-license regulations.
3. All fish submitted to the tournament weight master must comply with the current State of Florida regulations applicable to the submitted species.
4. Rod and reel only – no hand lines or electric reels allowed. (Spear fishing permitted.)
5. In the event of a tie, the first fish weighed will be declared the winner.
6. All fish presented for weigh-in must be fresh, in edible condition and caught during the fishing hours the day of the tournament.

Prize Categories

Single Heaviest Dolphin
(Awarded to Individual Angler)

Heaviest Combined Weight (3 Dolphin)
(Awarded to the Boat Captain)

Single Heaviest Non-Dolphin (Wahoo, Kingfish and Tuna)
(Awarded to Individual Angler)

Lady Angler

Junior Angler
(Awarded to Individual Angler under the age of 16)

About the Tournament

The Eighth Annual R.E.E.F. Tournament will take place on Saturday, May 11, 2019. The fishing tournament is organized by the Ransom Everglades Alumni Association with the support of the RE students, parents and the entire school community to raise funds for special projects that fulfill the school’s mission of giving back to the community. We will be supporting the Ransom Everglades Harry Anderson ’38 Watersports Center this year. The Watersports Center greatly expands our athletic opportunities as well as our ability to serve Miami-Dade community. The state-of-the-art facility is used for classes, competitions and community service. The center’s use extends beyond the Ransom Everglades community and into our city, reaching organizations such as Breakthrough Miami and others. As in years past, a portion of the event proceeds will benefit Breakthrough Miami.
Events

Friday, May 10, 2019

6:30 – 8 p.m.
Captains Meeting
Monty’s Coconut Grove
2550 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133

Raffle prizes will be given at the Captains Meeting
(Attendance for 2 from each team, unless otherwise specified.
Team representative must be present to win.)

Saturday, May 11, 2019

7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Fishing Tournament

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Weigh-In – Anderson Watersports Center
Snacks provided for fishermen
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5:30 p.m.
Awards Ceremony
Winners announced on the Ransom Everglades Alumni Facebook page at
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