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and the entire REEF Committee
on another ‘EPIC’ success
Dear Ransom Everglades Community,

It is with great pleasure that we bring back the Ransom Everglades Epic Fishing (REEF) Tournament, a special event we were forced to cancel last spring because of COVID-19.

In its ninth year, REEF allows students, faculty, alumni and RE friends the opportunity to gather on the breathtaking bay in our backyard, and fish for a good cause. When the flag drops, there’s nothing better than the rush to cast lines and enjoy the natural environment that drew Paul Ransom to Coconut Grove more than 120 years ago.

REEF brings out serious anglers and beginners. It gives participants the chance to test skills and reconnect with old friends while engaging in friendly quests to land the biggest fish. 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 chairs Robbie Barnett ’23, Finn Falk ’25, Tyler Grossfeld ’27 and Jack Harris ’23. Their participation in this important event reflects their loyalty to their school and determination to give back. I am also grateful to Alumni Co-Presidents Enrique Conde ’97 and James Weaver ’90, who have inspired our alumni with their energy, commitment and passion for their alma mater.

I also appreciate everyone who boards a vessel in this year’s REEF fleet. I wish you all fair winds and following seas, biting fish and a day of fun and friendship!

Enjoy!

Penny Townsend
Head of School
Dear Alumni and Friends,

Welcome to our ninth Annual Ransom Everglades Epic Fishing Tournament! REEF is a special event that we all look forward to. Last year due to COVID-19, we took a break and are coming back strong this year. Nothing can keep our devout committee members and anglers away. 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 chairs Robbie Barnett ’23, Tyler Grossfeld ’27, Finn Falk ’25 and Jack Harris ’23; and the REEF tournament committee members. A very special thank you to David Gardner of Executive Printers of Florida for being with us as a presenting sponsor since our inaugural REEF tournament.

REEF fulfills our school’s mission of giving back to the community. Funds raised today will continue to 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.

We wish you all the best of luck on the water today. Thank you again for your support!
Go Raiders!

Best regards,
Enrique Conde ’97 and James G. Weaver, Jr. ’90
Co-Presidents, Alumni Association Board
Ninth Annual REEF Committee

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Dear REEF Supporters,

Welcome back! It is hard to believe it has been two years since we have been together on the beautiful bay. We are so grateful for the support of our community despite the ongoing challenges presented by the pandemic. Thank you for sharing in our enthusiasm for the return of this great event. Fortunately, with our amazing Miami weather, we can leverage being outside and keep our distance on the water.

For those of you who are new to the tournament, this event began in 2012 as an effort to provide alumni, students, faculty, and parents, both past and present, a special opportunity to take part in a fun-filled day as we give back to the school. This year, in an effort to maintain social distancing, things will look a little different. Unfortunately, we won’t be eating fish tacos on campus with a live audience at the awards ceremony. That being said, the purpose of REEF, namely, to bring the RE community together to support the school and our community partner Breakthrough Miami, remains unchanged. Many of you are fishing for the ninth year, and we thank you for your annual commitment to this tournament. We certainly hope that the following year we will be back to cooking on campus, but for now, we will do our best to continue the tradition with the necessary modifications.

We would like to thank individuals who have helped keep this tournament running smoothly despite the pivot to online meetings. David Gardner of Executive Printers of Florida is our presenting sponsor for the ninth 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 alumni, who support all efforts related to this event. We thank all of our sponsors who have never said “no” when we ask. A special thank you to the Diaz Family (Veronica ’95, Gonzo ’99, Lucas ’97) and Diaz Marine for once again providing our official committee boat.

Robbie Barnett ’23, Finn Falk ’25, Tyler Grossfeld ’27 and Jack Harris ’23, the current student chairs, have rallied the student body and continue the great tradition of student support, which began with our founding student chair Nathaniel Johansson ’14. We thank our weigh-masters Susana and Luis Llanes, parents of alumni, who plan to have the scale ready and their masks on as they help the anglers one by one this year. This event would not run smoothly without our amazing waterfront staff and athletics department. We thank them wholeheartedly for their help and expertise. We also recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts of the members of the entire Advancement office: Vicki Carbonell Williamson ’88 and Erika Valdes, and Suzanne Kores in communications. A special welcome to RE’s Director of Advancement Melanie Hoffmann, who will be experiencing her first ever REEF event this year.

Over the past year, our head of school, faculty and staff have worked tirelessly to maintain our uncompromising tradition of educational excellence in profoundly changed circumstances. Thank you, Penny Townsend, for leading this charge and in boating terms, for “righting the ship while navigating the uncharted waters” that this year presented.

The tournament promotes the sustainable use of our ocean resources along with responsible fishing practices. This year, we would also like to welcome STEM faculty member Dr. Stump and the Marine Field Research students, who will examine the stomachs of the fish brought back to explore microplastics.

To our fellow anglers, we want to thank all of you for your ongoing support of the RE community. We are proud to bring you this version of the tournament, and we know you will have a great time. Onward!

Your fellow Raiders,
Peter Diamond ’92
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**Special thanks to** Head of Ransom Everglades School Penny Townsend and the entire RE faculty and staff.

**Special thanks to our volunteers. We can’t do it without you!**
The Ransom Everglades waterfront is named after Harry Anderson ’38, a world-class sailor who remained involved with our school and sailing program for more than 80 years. He was a pillar for sailing activities and one of the founding fathers of our competitive sailing team.

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. 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, 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.

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REEF Rules

7:30 a.m. Shotgun start from the bayside end of Dinner Key Channel
2:30 p.m. Lines out
2:30 p.m. Weigh-in begins at RE docks
4:30 p.m. Weigh-in closes (no late admittances accepted) and Live Results Shared
4:30 p.m. Awards Ceremony (winners announced on the RE Alumni Facebook page) View live results at: bit.ly/REEF21Results

1. BOUNDARIES – None
2. All anglers must comply with State of Florida fishing-license regulations.
3. All fish submitted to the tournament weigh 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 weight 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 ninth annual R.E.E.F. Tournament takes place on Saturday, May 8, 2021.

Organized by the Ransom Everglades Alumni Association, the REEF Tournament engages the entire RE community to support projects that fulfill the school’s mission to give back. Anglers of all ages are invited to tackle the waters of Biscayne Bay in this friendly fishing competition. Proceeds from REEF continue to benefit the Ransom Everglades Waterfront, which support RE and community-wide athletic opportunities and is used year-round for classes, competitions and community service. Similar to past years, a portion of the REEF proceeds will benefit our community partner, Breakthrough Miami.

Tournament guidelines will be shared in a virtual captain’s meeting on May 7. REEF will officially kick off with the traditional shotgun start at 7:30 a.m. on May 8, and culminate with a socially distanced weigh-in on campus followed by virtual results.
Events

Friday, May 7, 2021

6:30 p.m.
Virtual Captains Meeting
Join us at
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Virtual Raffle

Saturday, May 8, 2021

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
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As a graduate of Ransom Everglades School, Kevin Grossfeld is passionate about the school’s ongoing mission:

“to produce graduates who believe that they are in the world not so much for what they can get out of it as for what they can put into it.”

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We thank our Head of School Penny Townsend and the RE faculty and staff for their tireless efforts this year.

Welcome back to all the REEF anglers!

The Oberstein-Harris Family

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Marine Education Initiative (MEI) will be collecting fish at the 9th annual R.E.E.F. tournament weigh-in. Since 2007, MEI has provided over 5,000 meals to those in need in South Florida.

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