

Island Journal

Sunday

Took myself sailing for the first time in years. Laughed a lot, goofed up some, had a blast.

Tuesday

M&M called from England; they're inbound soon and craving barbecue! What restaurant on Sanibel has barbecue?

Thursday

S met me on Captiva for a romantic dinner outside. Great jazz, nice wine. Even caught the sunset on the beach before we ate.

Saturday

So many special events this weekend, I can't choose! BIG Arts, Sanibel Music Festival, live theater, jazz...what a delicious dilemma!

Sunday

Long, leisurely breakfast at Sunset Grill. Lots of us squeezed into a round booth and stayed for hours. Who knew breakfast could segue into mid-afternoon happy hour?

Monday

S and I took a moonlit walk on Bowman's Beach. We were the only ones out there—except for some mysterious little critters watching us from the bushes!

Tuesday

Early tennis lesson with T, then mixed doubles with my crew. I love March on Sanibel.

Monday

S surprised me with a weekend sail to Sarasota! Went up with H&E on a nice big sloop. Great fun and so nice to be on the water for days on end. But our bed at home feels like it's moving now!

Wednesday

Walked the beach with P this morning. Ran into M, who was shelling and having pretty good luck.

Friday

Stopped at Fitness Center for a smoothie, then on to the beach for a business meeting. Island life is rough!

Saturday

Randy Wayne White was holding down the fort at Doc Ford's this afternoon. Tried not to act like a character he'd write about.

Monday

Will someone please tell me how baby pelicans learn to invert their dives at the last minute? Wish I had that on slow-motion video...

Friday

I think I saw Denzel Washington in an SUV on the causeway today.

Sunday

No further sign of Denzel. Maybe I imagined him the other day, but he was a regular on the islands for years...

Tuesday

Called Tarpon Bay to reserve a kayak for tomorrow. J lands at noon; we'll be on the water by two o'clock!

Wednesday

Having company is great for making you do fun, touristy things. Sunset at Mucky Duck tonight, Sundial pool bar scheduled for tomorrow, dancing at Tweenies on the books for Friday.

Friday

Lunch at Lazy with J; it was a grouper-fest. TVs were showing spring snowstorms on the Weather Channel. Everyone seemed to really like that.



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