Sunday

Lazy, lazy. Read the *NY Times* while Nemo napped. I love the slow pace of fall on the islands....

#### Tuesday

Rereading *True Tales of Old Captiva* to balance out all the "progress" around us.

#### Thursday

Tide was so low, I could see all sorts of things lying on the bottom under our dock. More crabs than I could count.

## Friday

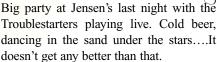
Neighborhood hawk is back and hanging out daily in K's orange tree. Does he have a food source in there, or is he hiding?

## Saturday

#### L & M over for dinner; conducted my annual Tropical Fruit Marinade experiment. Cracked out the vanilla ice cream and homemade mango chips for dessert...It's an act of love, sharing my stash.

Sunday

Kayaked to Buck Key. Noted six herons, three manatees, seven otters, and one sunburn—mine!



An unexpected invite to go out for a sunset trip with M & E. We were the only boat on the water.

#### Wednesday

Sunday

Trying not to devour all the mango chips I dehydrated in August, but they taste so good I can't resist!

## Saturday

Early tennis with the girls, then off for an exploratory county drive with S. Going to check out the changes in Alva, Buckingham, Estero.

# Tuesday

Met TR for a beach walk to start the day. Tide was low, and lots of coquinas.

## Wednesday

S & I met M & E at the Duck for sunset and dinner. We hatched a plan for a party.

## Friday

Big storm rolled in about 4. S met me on the causeway to watch the windsurfers take advantage of Mother Nature. Lots of wild rides going on.

# Saturday

Palm fronds everywhere from last night's wind. (Saved me some work!) Puttered around in the yard, then skipped out for movies and air conditioning.

#### Monday

Island is very quiet; perfect for getting the best table in the restaurant of choice.

#### Wednesday

Slightly tropical weather has Nemo getting fidgety; too much low pressure?

# Thursday

Roseate spoonbills feeding under Blind Pass bridge at sunset. What a treat!

# Saturday

A banner day: The otters showed up to play on our dock this morning.

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