

Hello, I would like to nominate my wife Bonnie Karen. She took over the running of my one man charter boat business 10 years ago. Since then we now run three boats employ 3 Captains plus me and are the only Charter Boat company in SW Florida to be inducted into TripAdvisor's Hall of Fame, which requires 5 consecutive years of winning the Certificate of Excellence. We have won the Certificate the last 7 years in a row thanks to her.

She literally spends 14 hours a day scheduling, talking to future and former customers, following up on every trip to get ideas on how to improve. We had no Social Media presence, she has dominated in that regard and now we are constantly being complimented on our social media posts. It's important to note she had no social media presence or experience and figured it all out on her own. We don't even advertise anymore because of the success she has had on social media.

I am so proud at how hard she has worked to build this company, and at the same time it breaks my heart to watch her working so hard EVERY DAY from the moment she wakes up until she goes to bed often into the late hours of the night. She never has a day off! In addition, she homeschool's our two boys for the last 10 years and since I am often with customers on the water she has even taught our children how to operate our boats and takes them out whenever she has the opportunity.

I may run the boat, but everything this company is and has accomplished is because of her. We were the First company in the 10,000 Islands/Everglades to offer Shelling Tours which has been the biggest success of our company.

Now she is working with public officials to try and find a way for us to continue to work because the State has closed the uninhabited Barrier Islands and that has put us out of business. She is truly an amazing women whose love of the water was one of the many reason I asked her to marry me 21 years ago.

Thank you for the consideration. Her information is listed below.

Respectfully,

Capt. Jesse Karen