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Stagger,

Flats fishing for bonefish in the FL keys is difficult. Most of the videos and pics you see of FFers wading shallow sandy flats and catching multiple bonefish are filmed in the Bahamas.....not Florida. Bones in FL are almost like a different species and a very different game: They're bigger, scarcer, tail in deeper water, and are much tougher to feed a fly. I'd consider a good day with a guide out of Islamorada or Biscayne to be several shots and maybe two or three hookups and one fish landed. You really have to work hard for bones on a fly in FL. I'm not trying to sound discouraging but merely to provide a realistic expectation. One will need to cast far, quickly, and accurately....and do it in the wind. If you're going to give it a try, definitely hire a guide. If you're willing to fish spin gear and live bait you will dramatically improve your chances of hooking a bonefish (or any of the flats fishes down there). Be aware also (this is not as true as it used to be)....guides in the Keys have a reputation for being a bit hard on clients who can't cast well. There has been an effort among the guide community to change this but ask many guides down there what frustrates them and they'll tell yuh it's the newbie FF guys who, when the guides puts 'em on fish, can't make the presentation (and then grumble when they return to the dock with the skunk). There are some DIY spots in the Keys where you can wade without a guide and have a good chance to see some bones. PM me and I'll tell you more about 'em. Also, bonefishing in the Keys is only available in south FL from Miami and down into the Keys.