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LAST YEAR'S BANQUET WAS AT THE TEXAS STATE AQUARIUM AND THAT'S A FACT.  
THEY SAY THAT THE BANQUET IS THE COMMODORE'S LAST BIG OFFICIAL ACT,

IF THAT IS THE CASE THEN NANCY WRIGHT WENT OUT WITH A BLAST.  
IT WAS UNLIKE ANY BANQUET WE HAD EVER HAD IN THE PAST.

IT WAS SAID THAT ON THIS BANQUET A LOT OF MONEY WAS SPENT  
THERE WAS HARDLY ENOUGH MONEY LEFT TO PAY THE BARGE'S SLIP RENT.

THERE WERE MANY DOOR PRIZES ALTHOUGH NO ONE LEFT WITH A DOOR.  
WHAT THEY DID RECEIVE WAS WORTH A WHOLE LOT MORE.

AS A COMMODORE, NANCY WRIGHT LEFT OFFICE AND CAPT. RON CAME IN.  
ACTUALLY IT WAS TIME FOR CAPT. RON'S LEGEND TO REALLY BEGIN

IN THE YEAR 2000 RON CHILES HAD TO PROVE SOMETHING TO YOU.  
THAT ALL THOSE SAILING ABILITY RUMORS WERE ACTUALLY TRUE.

OUR VICE-COMMODORE WAS NONE OTHER THAN CAROLYN HAYNES.  
NOW THERE'S A WOMAN WITH BEAUTY AND BRAINS.

WHICH IS MORE THAN I CAN SAY ABOUT THE PERSON WHO REPLACED HER.  
OF COURSE DICK LEONARD IS NO AMATEUR.

HE'S GOT THE BRAINS, BUT HOW ABOUT THE BEAUTY?  
ALTHOUGH HIS WIFE, DEANNE LEONARD, BELIEVES HE'S A CUTIE,

I DON'T THINK IT SHOULD BE ME THAT SHOULD SAY IT WAS SO,  
BUT I WILL SAY TO DICK, "WELCOME ABROAD, BRO!"

OUR SECRETARY LAST YEAR WAS NONE OTHER THAN MELISSA BOWEN  
IT WAS A JOB THAT YOU CAN GROW IN.

LAST YEAR A SECRETARY, THIS YEAR, TOO, MAYBE NEXT YEAR A DIRECTOR.  
LATER ON AS A VICE-COMMODORE, WE MIGHT ELECT HER.

AND THE TREASURER AGAIN WAS.....GUESS WHO?  
IT WAS MARY HERRINGTON AND SHE SAYS HER JOB IS DEFINITELY THROUGH.

SHE HAD THAT JOB FOR FOUR YEARS RUNNING AND I MEAN RUNNING.  
SHE SAYS IT IS TIME TO KICK BACK AND ENJOY SOME SERIOUS FUNNING.

THE BOWSPRIT EDITOR IS MY GOOD FRIEND, DESMOND BARTHOLOMEW KLINE.  
I'M SURE GLAD THAT HIS JOB WAS NEVER MINE.

ROY & DEBBIE PELL ALWAYS CLAIMED THEIR BOAT WAS SOMEWHAT FAST,  
BUT ON THE 1999 CRUISES, THEY ALMOST ALWAYS GOT THERE LAST.

ONE REASON FOR THEIR ARRIVAL TIME IS YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE MARINA LATE.  
FOR IF YOU DO YOU THAT WILL SEAL YOUR FATE.

SO FOR THIS THEY RECEIVED THE CRUISER AWARD OF THE 1999-YEAR.  
AS TO WHO RECEIVED THE COURAGEOUS CRUISER AWARD, THAT WAS CLEAR.

IT WAS DEBBIE PELL, FOR HELPING TO BRING BACK THEIR NEWLY ACQUIRED BOAT.  
NOW THERE'S SOMETHING HERE I WOULDN'T WANT TO MISQUOTE,

BUT I'VE HEARD DEBBIE PELL GETS SEASICK JUST STANDING ON THE DOCK.  
AND YOU KNOW HOW BOATS ARE, THEY TEND TO ROCK.

SO HOW DOES DEBBIE PELL PERCEIVE THINGS WHICH ARE OUT ON THE OCEAN?  
SHE SEES EVERYTHING OUT THERE IN PERPETUAL MOTION.

DEBBIE PROBABLY TRIED ALL SEASICKNESS REMEDIES KNOWN TO EXIST  
ONE OF HER BEST FRIENDS NOW IS A PROBABLY A DRUGGIST.

WHAT WE NOW KNOW ABOUT DEBBIE PELL IS SHE IS SOMEONE TO ADMIRE  
SHE SHOWED WHAT YOU COULD DO WHEN YOU HAVE A STRONG DESIRE.

IS HAL PETERSON, HAGAR THE HORRIBLE OR IS HAL ANYONE OR ANYTHING?  
IF SHARON PETERSON IS THE VIKING QUEEN, HAL HAS GOT TO BE THE VIKING KING.

ONE THING WE KNOW, HAL IS DEFINITELY THE KING OF THE COOKS.  
HE DIDN'T RECEIVE THE 1999 ROGER'S HALL CHEF AWARD BY HIS GREAT LOOKS.

HAL WAS ALSO PRESENTED WITH THE 1999 COMMODORE'S TROPHY AWARD  
AS A MEMBER HE IS ONE THAT IS AT LEAST FIVE-STARRED.

IN THE BYC, HAL IS SOMEONE WE CAN'T DO WITHOUT, IN ANY CASE.  
AS YOU CAN SEE, HE REPRESENTS MUCH MORE THAN JUST A PRETTY FACE.

JO ANNE MCNEILL WON LAST YEAR'S AWARD NAMED AFTER TERRY HARKRIDER.  
WHEN IT CAME TO HELPING SHE WAS ALMOST ALWAYS A PROVIDER.

THE YOUNG YACHTSMAN'S AWARD WENT TO DOUG WEAKLY.  
HE ACCEPTED IT AS HE DOES EVERYTHING.....MEEKLY.

HE HAS RACED ON MANY A FINE RACING YACHT.  
I WISH I KNEW ALL THE THINGS ABOUT SAILING DOUG HAS FORGOT.

THE WEATHER FOR THE JANUARY CRUISE TO PORT ARANSAS WAS A LITTLE COLD.  
THE CREWS OF THE TWO SHIP 3 BOATS THAT SAILED OVER WERE BRAVE AND BOLD.

ON ST. PATRICK'S DAY THERE WAS CABBAGE AND CORNED BEEF,  
AND PHYLLIS'S IRISH STEW WAS TERRIFIC BEYOND BELIEF.

ON THIS HOLIDAY IT COULD CLEARLY BE SEEN  
THAT INSTEAD OF PURPLE, MARTHA RESPONDEK WAS WEARING GREEN.

YOU COULD SAY HAL & SHARON PETERSON ARE TWO OF A KIND.  
WHILE HAL LOOKS FOR THE PERFECT SAILBOAT HE'LL PROBABLY NEVER FIND.

UNLESS OF COURSE JOINT VENTURE JUST HAPPENS TO BE THE ONE.  
THEN FORTUNATELY HIS SEARCH IS ALREADY DONE.

THEY SAY WHAT DOES NOT KILL YOU MAKES YOU STRONGER.  
MAYBE ON COMMODORE RON'S NEXT SPRING BREAK CRUISE HE SAIL LONGER.

ON THIS ONE THEY CLEARED THE PORT ARANSAS JETTIES ON SUNDAY AT 10:00AM  
ALONG WITH RON AND DOTTIE, WAS THEIR DAUGHTER KIM.

HOMER WAS ALSO THERE AND IS THE NAME OF THEIR NEW AUTO HELM.  
HOMER PUTS THEIR SAILING INTO A NEW REALM.

AS THE DAY WORE ON THE LIGHT NORTH WINDS BEGAN TO PICK UP SPEED.  
BY THAT TIME THERE WAS NOTHING TO DO BUT PROCEED.

THIRTY KNOTS OF WIND IS DIFFERENT IN THE GULF THAN IN THE BAY.  
UNLESS YOU'VE BEEN OUT THERE IN IT....WHAT CAN I SAY?

IT IS REALLY HARD TO MAKE ANYONE TRULY UNDERSTAND  
WHAT IT IS LIKE BEING OUT THERE IN A STORM WHEN YOU CAN'T SEE LAND.

AND YOU KNOW THE WATER IS PROBABLY OVER YOUR HEAD.  
AND YOUR PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS NOT TO WIND UP DEAD.

DOTTIE CHILES HAD ENGAGED IN THE FINE ART OF PRAYING.  
AS TO WHAT IT WAS THAT SHE WAS SAYING?

IT WAS ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE BOAT VS. THE SIZE OF THE WAVES THAT WERE TALL.  
OH, I KNOW....THEY SEA IS SO GREAT AND MY BOAT IS SO SMALL.

MANY PEOPLE OUT IN THE GULF DON'T REALLY HAVE A CARE,  
UNLESS LIKE DOTTIE, THEY DEVELOP A BAD CASE OF MAL DE MER.

AFTER DOCKING IN PORT ISABEL THEY THOUGHT IT WAS THE PLACE TO BE.  
THEY ALSO THOUGHT ABOUT THEIR BOAT'S NAME BEING PROPERLY....HOME FREE.

THE WIND ON THE TRIP BACK UP THE ICW WAS ON THE NOSE.  
IT WAS ALSO ON THE BACK OF THE NECK, AROUND THE EARS & ON THEIR CLOTHES.

THE TRIP FROM PORT ISABEL TO PORT MANSFIELD WAS SIMPLE ENOUGH.  
SOMETIMES ON THE ICW MOTORING INTO HEADWINDS CAN BE ROUGH.

THE NEXT DAY IT WAS FOGGY AND THEY COULDN'T SEE FAR IN FRONT OF THE BOAT.  
SO THEY RETURNED TO PORT MANSFIELD, AS SAFETY IS THEIR KEY NOTE.

ON FRIDAY THEY MOTORED FROM PORT MANSFIELD TO THE SPINNAKER HOLE.  
THEY HAD PLANNED THEIR DAY AND SATISFIED THEIR GOAL.

FROM THERE, CAPTAIN RON WAS ON FAMILIAR GROUND...AH FAMILIAR WATER.  
HOPING HIS NEXT BIG CRUISE WOULD BE AGAIN WITH HIS WIFE AND DAUGHTER.

BERTHED NEXT TO THE CLUBHOUSE IS A MUMM 36 SAILBOAT.  
A MAGNIFICENT CRAFT, BUT IT TAKES 7 FEET OF CALM WATER TO MAKE IT FLOAT.

THE OWNER SAID HE WANTED DONE A HAUL OUT,  
AND WHO BETTER TO HELP HIM BUT A SCOUT.

SO THE JUDGE AND CREW VOLUNTEERED TO SAIL IT TO THAT FULTON TOWN.  
JUST BEFORE ARRIVING THEY HAD SOMEWHAT OF A LETDOWN.

JUST OUTSIDE THE HARBOR AGROUND THEY WENT.  
FOR THE CREW AND THE JUDGE A BOAT OUT WAS SENT.

I GUESS SOMEONE GOT THE MUMM OFF FOR SHE IS BACK IN HER SLIP,  
AS FAR AS THE JUDGE DOING IT AGAIN, I THINK IT IS SOMETHING HE'LL SKIP.

THE SPRING GENERAL MEETING WAS RELATIVELY QUICK AND MILD.  
OF COURSE IT WAS, ROGER WRIGHT WAS NOT THERE TO MAKE IT WILD.

AND DIETER JURGENS COOKED A MEAL THAT WAS SIMPLY GREAT.  
WELL, NONE OF DIETER'S MEALS ARE SIMPLE, BUT THEY ALL ARE FIRST RATE.

AND ALSO THERE LOOKING AT ME WAS AN EVIL, EVIL EYE.  
IT BELONGED TO DESMOND BARTHOLOMEW KLINE AND OH MY.

D.B. SAYS BY HIM THERE WERE TWO IMAGES OFTEN SEEN.  
AS FOR HIM FINDING HIS WAY, HE JUST WENT IN BETWEEN.

IN THE SPRING WHAT WE ARE FAMOUS FOR IN CORPUS CHRISTI IS WIND,  
AND THIS LAST YEAR, WE HAD PLENTY OF THAT, MY FRIEND.

AT SHAMROCK ISLAND THE SHALLOW WATER IS NOT SO DEFINED,  
BUT THE BOTTOM CONSISTS OF WEEDS AND SAND AND IS GENERALLY KIND.

ON THE WINDY APRIL CRUISE THERE, THE WHITWORTH'S DISCOVERED THIS,  
BUT IT IS SOMETHING JIM AND SYLVIA SAID THEY'D RATHER MISS.

THE MAY CRUISE WAS TO ROCKPORT, ACTUALLY KEY ALLEGRO, TO BE PRECISE.  
IT WAS WINDY ON SATURDAY BUT THE WEATHER ON SUNDAY WAS NICE.

SATURDAY NIGHT THE CRUISERS WERE IN INGLESIDE COVE, A SAILOR'S DELIGHT,  
BUT A WIND SHIFT OCCURRED RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT.

CAPT. RON KNEW HE HAD ANCHORED CORRECTLY, BUT HAD OTHERS DONE THE SAME?  
HE WAS HOPING OUT FROM THE DARKNESS NO ONE WOULD CALL OUT HIS NAME.

OF COURSE HE WAS UP AND DOWN CHECKING ALL NIGHT ANYWAY.  
AS WHETHER DOTTIE WAS PRAYING AGAIN? I CAN NOT SAY.

THE WIND ON SUNDAY WAS LESS AND IN THE AFTERNOON IT GOT A LITTLE WARM.  
AND THE AIR CONDITIONED LA PALAPA RESTAURANT HAD IT'S CHARM.

I ORDERED A BLUE CRAB SOUP, BUT WITHOUT THE CRAB.  
I DIDN'T WANT ANYTHING IN IT THAT WAS GOING TO GRAB.

THE WHITSETT'S WERE THERE AND I THINK THEY ORDERED FRIED SHRIMP,  
BUT ON THE NUMBER THEY RECEIVED I THINK THE RESTAURANT DID SKIMP.

THE SAIL BACK WAS BELIEVED TO BE THE BEST PART OF THE SAILING TRIP.  
AS FOR THE RESTAURANT IT IS A PLACE FROM NOW ON I'LL THINK I WILL SKIP.

THE VERA CRUZ RACE IS AN EVENT THAT MUST BE WELL PLANNED.  
YOU MUST MAKE SURE YOU CRAFT IS WELL EQUIPPED AND WELL MANNED.

IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT, IT IS A LONG, LONG WAY TO VERA CRUZ.  
IF YOU MAKE IT, GREAT! IF NOT, YOU GET THE BLUES.

ROY PELL RACED ON IT AT LEAST FOR THE FIRST 45 MILES.  
AFTER THAT ROY'S FACE WENT TO FROWNS INSTEAD OF SMILES.

ON ROY'S BOAT THERE WAS PREDICTED BEHAVIOR TAKING PLACE.  
HECK OF THING GETTING SEASICK ON THE VERA CRUZ RACE.

ROY'S DINGHY TURNED HIS BOAT INTO SOMEWHAT OF A WRECK.  
THE WEIGHT OF RAIN IN IT PULLED HIS DAVITS OUT OF HIS BOAT'S DECK.

IF HE HAD PULLED THE PLUG, HE MIGHT HAVE FINISHED THE RACE.  
WELL, MAYBE NOT. SOMETHING ELSE MIGHT HAVE HAPPENED IN ANY CASE.

BRANDON WARD IS A GREAT SAILOR. THAT MUCH IS CLEAR.  
HE WAS OLD ENOUGH TO SAIL TO VERA CRUZ, BUT NOT TO DRINK BEER.

HE REBUILT A RANGER 26 AND HE DID IT REAL GOOD.  
MOST PEOPLE WOULDN'T HAVE DONE IT EVEN IF THEY COULD.

I WOULD JUST BET THOUGH HE MUST HAD A LITTLE BIT OF FRUSTRATION,  
BY CHOOSING TO RACE INSTEAD OF GOING TO HIS OWN HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

THERE WERE SOME THAT THOUGHT BRANDON SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ALLOWED TO GO.  
AND IF SOMETHING HAD HAPPENED, THEY WOULD HAVE SAID I TOLD YOU SO.

BUT BRANDON TOOK FIRST PLACE IN HIS DIVISION PROVING HIS BOAT WAS QUICKER,  
BUT THEN IN MEXICO WAS HE OLD ENOUGH TO DRINK ANY LIQUOR?

HE WAS A MAN OF COURAGE AND ACTION IN EVERY ONE'S EYES  
BY GETTING A STANDING OVATION WHEN HE RECEIVED HIS PRIZE.

BRANDON'S BOAT WAS THE SMALLEST TO SAIL IN THE RACE THAT YEAR.  
FOR THAT HE RECEIVED ANOTHER TROPHY & BY THAT TIME HE HAD A BEER.

I ASKED D.B. ABOUT MEXICO'S DRINKING AGE AND WHETHER HE DRANK THERE.  
HE SAID HE DIDN'T KNOW WHAT IT WAS, NOR DID HE CARE.

D.B. HAS NEVER HAD PROBLEMS BUYING ALCOHOL, YOU SEE.  
EVEN THOUGH HE IS ACTUALLY YOUNGER THAT HE APPEARS TO BE.

DOUG WEAKLY SAILED ON ACCRUED INTEREST AT THE NEW OWNER'S REQUEST.  
THEY CAME IN SECOND ALTHOUGH THEY DID THEIR BEST.

THEY WERE RACING AGAINST THE INFAMOUS BRANDON WARD  
I THINK THEY FOUND THAT A LITTLE BIT HARD.

LARRY GENSCH HEARD THAT AT THE RACE'S END THERE WAS QUITE A PARTY.  
SO HE RACED HIS YACHT THE PLAYPEN, A HUNTER 40.

ALTHOUGH FROM GEORGETOWN, TEXAS HE DOESN'T KEEP HIS BOAT THERE.  
TRYING TO NAVIGATE HIS HUNTER 40 IN THE SAN GABRIEL RIVER WOULD BE A BEAR.

BUT HE DID DECIDE ON JUST WHERE HE WANTED TO DEPART.  
HE SAILED UP TO GALVESTON, WHICH WAS THE MAIN START.

AT THE RACE'S END HE WON A FIRST PLACE TROPHY IN CLASS A.  
HE SAILED A GREAT RACE, WOULDN'T YOU SAY?

DOUG WEAKLY SAID THE TRIP BACK WAS THE SAME AS DOWN...BUMPY AND ROUGH.  
I GUESS THAT TROPICAL WAVE WAS STIRRING THINGS UP IN THE GULF.

I CAME DOWN ON THE WEEKEND AFTER THE FOURTH OF JULY.  
KING HAL PETERSON WAS COOKING BONELESS RIBS AND THAT'S WHY.

THAT IS WHEN BAHIA MARINA HAS THE FALLING OF THE BASTILLE.  
THAT'S A GREAT PARTY TO GO TO AND THAT'S FOR REAL.

I SAW ANDY FICKEN THERE AND WITH A POTLUCK DINNER THERE WAS PLENTY TO EAT.  
MEANWHILE TERI WAS VACATIONING IN MAINE TO GET OUT OF OUR TEXAS HEAT.

I DON'T KNOW IF COMMODORE RON THOUGHT HE COULD DO IT IN ONE TACK,  
BUT IN THE SUMMER HE THOUGHT HE WOULD SAIL UP TO GALVESTON AND BACK.

IF YOU REMEMBER SOMETIMES IN THE SUMMER A LOT OF WIND WAS BLOWING.  
SO THEY DECIDED FOR MOST PART UP, ON THE ICW THEY WOULD BE GOING.

THEY MADE THE JUMP FROM FREEPORT IN GULF WATER THAT WAS BLUE.  
WHEN THEY REACHED GALVESTON THEY HAD QUITE A VIEW.

THE HOUSTON SHIP CHANNEL HAD BEEN CLOSED & MANY SHIPS WERE ABOUT TO GO IN.  
SHARING THE CHANNEL WITH 16 LARGER BOATS MADE DOTTIE'S HEAD SPIN.

EVEN WITH DOTTIE'S EYES CLOSED, CAPT. RON MADE IT IN FINE.  
LATER ON THEY RETURNED HOME IN THE GULF BY FOLLOWING THE COASTLINE.

THE COMMODORE HAS SOME ADVICE THAT MIGHT COME AS A SURPRISE  
WHEN VIEWING A SUNSET, MAKE SURE IT IS NOT A SUNRISE.

WHEN LOOKING AT A SUNSET THE GENERAL DIRECTION TO LOOK IS WEST,  
AND FOR A SUNRISE, LOOKING EAST IS BEST.

IF YOU ARE A GAMBLER YOU COULD WIN ALL YOUR BETS  
BY SAYING THE SUN APPEARS TO BE GOING DOWN IN ALL SUNSETS.

THE COMMODORE REMINDS US THAT THE SUN ISN'T MOVING AT ALL.  
BETTING THAT THE EARTH IS MOVING WOULD BE YOUR BEST CALL.

JUST REMEMBER THAT A SUNRISE HELPS BRING ON THE LIGHT.  
AND THAT A SUNSET HELPS BRING ON THE NIGHT.

THE COMMODORE REMINDS US THAT ALSO SETTING IN THE WEST IS THE MOON,  
AND THAT ALL SUNSETS OCCUR IN THE LATE AFTERNOON.

AND ONE MORE FACT TO HELP YOU FIND WHERE YOU ARE,  
THE COMMODORE TELLS US THE SUN WE ARE LOOKING AT IS REALLY A STAR.

THE JULY CRUISE TO ISLAND MOORINGS WAS THE PERFECT SPOT.  
BOTH THE WEATHER AND THE BYC PARTY WERE REALLY HOT.

THE OCCUPANTS OF THE MARINA DIDN'T SEEM TO MIND.  
AND CARLA AND LARRY FRANKE'S STRAWBERRY MARGARITA'S WERE A PERFECT FIND.

HAL PETERSON HAD TRANSMISSION PROBLEMS, BUT SLOWLY MADE IT IN.  
IT LOOKED LIKE HE NEEDED TO GET HIS BOAT FIXED AGAIN.

SLEEPING IN THE CLUBHOUSE WITHOUT PERMISSION RUNS YOU INTO THE FORCE.  
THAT IS THE REAR COMMODORE, LAST YEAR IT WAS JERRY VAUGHN, OF COURSE.

NOW I HAVE DISCOVERED PEOPLE SLEEPING OR DOING OTHER THINGS THERE.  
BUT YOU MUST GET PERMISSION BY MAKING THE REAR COMMODORE AWARE.

THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE'S GOING TO GRANT PERMISSION FOR WHAT YOU'VE PLANNED.  
BUT BY DOING NOTHING YOU RUN THE RISK OF GETTING A REPRIMAND.

THE NAVY REGATTA SEEMS TO BE THE SOCIAL EVENT OF THE SEASON,  
BUT AS FOR CERTAIN PEOPLE NOT GOING, THEY CAN ALWAYS FIND A REASON.

ANDY FICKEN FOUND THERE WAS MORE WIND OUT THERE THAN HE THOUGHT.  
AND ALSO THAT GAVE HIM A CHANCE TO WEAR THE T-SHIRT THAT HE BOUGHT.

I GUESS YOU COULD SAY ON THE DAY OF THE INGLESIDE CRUISE IT WAS SUNNY.  
AND OVER THERE WAS THE VIKING QUEEN COLLECTING ALL THE MONEY.

I SUPPOSE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOR DINNER, BUT ON THE OTHER HAND, MAYBE NOT.  
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FOR TRIBUTE, FIRST A LITTLE, THEN LATER ON A LOT.

THE KELLY'S MADE THE INGLESIDE CRUISE AFTER A SIX-YEAR DROUGHT.  
THEY RE-DISCOVERED WHAT CRUISING WITH THE CLUB WAS ALL ABOUT.

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A REMINDER FOR GWEN AND HER SPOUSE.  
THAT THE SEPTEMBER CRUISE WAS GOING TO BE AT THEIR HOUSE.

GWEN TOLD ME THAT SHE HAD TO HAVE A NAP IN ORDER TO STAY UP PAST EIGHT.  
ON THE BAHIA SOCIAL GET TOGETHER SHE WANTED TO CONCENTRATE.

WHAT PAT KELLY HEARD ABOUT HIS ENGINE MIGHT HAVE PRODUCED A FEW HOLLERS,  
BECAUSE TO MAKE IT RUN RIGHT WAS GOING TO COST A FEW DOLLARS.

HE THINKS, "BREAK OUT ANOTHER THOUSAND" ARE WORDS FOR THE LETTERS B.O.A.T.  
AND WITH THAT I THINK MOST BOAT OWNERS WILL PROBABLY AGREE.

SHOULD PAT TAKE OUT A HOUSE MORTGAGE OR JUST FLOAT A GIGANTIC LOAN?  
ANYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE THOUGHT UP CAUSED HIM TO GROAN.

THE COMMODORE ASKED ME WHERE THE WIND CHILL FACTOR WAS IN THE SUMMER?  
ALL HE SAW WAS THE HEAT INDEX AND IT WAS A BUMMER.

I INFORMED HIM OF A CERTAIN FACT JUST SO HE WOULDN'T FORGET.  
IF HE WANTED TO EXPERIENCE A WIND CHILL, HE JUST NEEDED TO GET WET.

AFTER THAT WOULD HAPPEN, HE MIGHT EVEN GET COLD.  
I THINK IT WAS SOMETHING HE WOULD HAVE LIKED TO BEHOLD.

PAT KELLY WROTE A LETTER ABOUT THE VIRTUES OF CLUB CRUISING,  
BUT AFTER NOT DOING IT FOR SIX YEARS, IT SOUNDED SORT OF CONFUSING.

THE KELLY CRUISE TURNED OUT OK, BUT IT COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER.  
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I KIND OF SUSPECTED SEEING ANOTHER LETTER.

ONE OF THE PROBLEMS TURNED OUT TO BE SOMETHING CALLED BAYFEST.  
TO GO ON THE KELLY CRUISE OR GO THERE WAS YOUR TEST.

NOW PAUL EARLS WENT AND WITH HIM WAS HIS CREW,  
BUT HIM SAILING A BOAT TO A CRUISE WAS **LONG** OVER DUE.

KING HAL & SQUIRE PAT KELLY WERE IN THE HOT TUB WITH A LITTLE ROOM TO SPARE.  
WHEN THEY GOT OUT OF IT, THERE WASN'T HARDLY ANY WATER LEFT IN THERE.

WHEN LARRY GENSCH CAME IN FROM THE GULF HIS ENGINE WOULDN'T START.  
TALK ABOUT FINDING IN YOUR THROAT YOUR HEART.

SO FROM THE GULF TO HIS SLIP IN THE MARINA HE SAILED,  
AND TWICE ON HIS AFTER DARK APPROACH TO HIS SLIP HE FAILED.

I AM SURE YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE THIRD TIME BEING THE CHARM.  
HE FINALLY GOT IN WITHOUT DOING HIS BOAT, THE PLAYPEN, ANY HARM.

I WENT TO THE OCTOBER ELECTION MEETING THINKING IT WAS GOING TO BE SHORT.  
NOT DREAMING THAT JERRY VAUGHN HAD WORKED UP SUCH A REPORT.

I DON'T THINK WE NEEDED ROGER WRIGHT THERE, BUT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN FUN.  
WITH HIM AROUND, WHO KNOWS WHAT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE.

THERE WAS TALK & A VOTE ON WHAT SHOULD BE THE PRICE OF A SOFT DRINK,  
AND LEADING THE DISCUSSION OF A PRICE INCREASE WAS ROY PELL, I THINK.

THERE WAS ALSO A VOTE ON THE RAISING OF THE CLUB DUES,  
WHENEVER THIS HAPPENS I THINK ABOUT WHICH MEMBERS WE MIGHT LOOSE.

WHILE DOING THE ELECTIONS AN ERROR, ERROR, ERROR, ERROR WAS DETECTED,  
BUT WITH CAPTAIN RON'S PERSISTENCE WE FINALLY GOT MELISSA BOWEN ELECTED.

I CAME DOWN IN NOVEMBER BECAUSE HAL PETERSON WAS SERVING ROAST PORK.  
IT WAS SO TENDER YOU COULD CUT IT WITH A FORK.

I FINALLY GOT MY BOAT, THE BLUE PELICAN, BACK IN.  
AS IT BEING IN THE WATER LAST? I DON'T REMEMBER WHEN.

ON NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup>, HE WAS SAILING DOWN THE ICW WHILE ALSO TRYING TO READ A BOOK.  
AFTER FINISHING AN INTERESTING PART, HE GLANCED UP TO TAKE A LOOK.

HIS HEADING WAS WRONG AND HE WAS COMPLETELY TURNED AROUND.  
IT WAS JUST ABOUT THIS TIME WHEN HIS BOAT WENT HARD AGROUND.

HE WAS BEING BLOWN ON, SO HE TO GET HIS MAINSAIL AND JIB DOWN.  
IT SEEMED LIKE A CIRCUS AND HE WAS THE CLOWN.

HE STARTED HIS ENGINE AND JUMPED OVERBOARD BY TAKING A SHORT LEAP,  
AND SURPRISINGLY LANDED IN WATER THAT WAS A MERE TWO FEET DEEP.



HE PUSHED OUT FROM THE BOW, BOARDED THE BOAT & PUT THE ENGINE IN REVERSE.  
AND THINKING TO HIMSELF THAT THINGS COULD HAVE BEEN A LOT WORSE.

HE THEN NOTICED THAT THE COCKPIT WAS A TOTAL, MUDDY MESS.  
THAT'S WHAT HE GOT FOR NOT PAYING ATTENTION, I GUESS.

DID I SAY HE? DID I SAY HE?????????  
WELL, THE IDENTITY OF THIS PERSON IS.....ME.

THE VICE-COMMODORE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS ON A CALM AND PEACEFUL NIGHT.  
INSTEAD OF WEARING PURPLE MARTHA RESPONDEK WAS WEARING RED AND WHITE.

DURING THE GIFT OPENINGS I WAS TAKING NOTES FOR THIS POEM AND FOR ME.  
LATER ON I NOTICED ONE GIFT HAD FOUR OWNERS INSTEAD OF THREE.

I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS TOO MUCH AS TO WHICH ONE.  
AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY WE WERE HAVING TOO MUCH FUN.

THE ONE THING THAT COULD CLEARLY BE SEEN  
WAS THAT NO ONE DARED TO TAKE THE AUTO GLASSES FROM THE VIKING QUEEN.

WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE THERE WAS A BONUS GIFT UNDERNEATH THE TREE  
IT WAS A BOOK ON SHIPS AND IT OPENED BY D.B.

THE BETTING AT THE COMMODORE'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WAS FAST AND FURIOUS.  
WHILE LOOKING AT THE SAILBOAT RACES, I BECAME A LITTLE CURIOUS.

FROM THE LOOK ON MARY HERRINGTON'S FACE, IT SEEMED SORT OF FUNNY,  
IT WAS ALMOST AS IF SHE WAS ACTUALLY BETTING ALL OF RAY'S MONEY.

UPSTAIRS RALPH BOWEN WAS THE WHEELER AND DEALER OF BLACKJACK.  
AFTER LOSING A LOT OF MONEY, LARRY FRANKE WON ALL OF IT & MORE BACK.

AFTER MIDNIGHT ALL DOTTIE WANTED WAS A SHIP'S BELL, NOT GOLD, NOT PEARLS,  
BUT AS IT TURNED OUT THE OWNER OF IT BECAME LINDA EARLS.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT, THE IDEA SORT OF SOUNDS REMOTE,  
BUT RAY HERRINGTON IS ONE OF THE FEW COMMODORES WHO HASN'T OWNED A BOAT.

I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS. I DON'T THINK IT MATTERS ONE BIT.  
IT IS NOT AS IF WE'RE DEMANDING THAT HE QUIT.

WE'RE NOT DEMANDING THAT HE QUIT, ARE WE?  
AFTER ALL WE'VE DONE HERE, HOW SMART WOULD THAT BE?

AND IT'S NOT AS IF HE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO SAIL.  
MAYBE HE IS JUST SMARTER THAN THE AVERAGE MALE.

WITH THAT IN MIND THE CLUBHOUSE WILL BECOME HIS BOAT FOR THIS YEAR.  
THERE WON'T BE ANY DOUBT HIS BOAT WILL BE THE BIGGEST ON B PIER.

LET'S JUST HOPE AS A SKIPPER HE WON'T HAVE TO PROVE IT.  
THAT DURING THIS YEAR'S HURRICANE SEASON HE WON'T HAVE TO MOVE IT.

BY THIS TIME RAY ALREADY HAS MOST OF HIS ADMINISTRATIVE CREW,  
BUT IF HE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO.

WE SURVIVED THE YEAR 2000 AND THIS YEAR HAS ALREADY BEGUN.  
SO LET'S TOAST THE BAY YACHT CLUB AS WE START THE YEAR 2001.

TOM ARNOLD