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LAST YEAR'S BANQUET WAS AT KING'S CROSSING COUNTRY CLUB...A NICE PLACE.
UNLIKE LANDRY'S RESTAURANT WHERE WE HAD NEXT TO NO SPACE.

BOB MCNEILL GOT THERE EARLY FOR TESTING TO SEE IF HE COULD BE UNDERSTOOD.
AFTER A LITTLE PRACTICE WITH THE MICROPHONE, HE DISCOVERED HE COULD.

I THOUGHT THAT WE WERE GOING TO HEAR A MAN OF FEW WORDS IF ANY,
BUT HE TURNED OUT TO BE A MAN OF MANY.

OUR VICE COMMODORE WAS LARRY FRANK, A FRIENDLY SORT OF A GUY
IN CHARGE OF INCREASING THE MEMBERSHIP, HE GAVE IT THE OLD COLLEGE TRY.

ONE THING YOU CAN SAY ABOUT LARRY IS HE CAN ALWAYS BE HEARD.
WITH HIS RESONATING VOICE YOU CAN MAKE OUT EVERY WORD.

SO BOB MCNEILL USED LARRY'S VOICE WHEN HE WANTED TO GET THINGS ACROSS.
BUT WITH A GAVEL BOB LET YOU KNOW HE WAS THE BOSS.

G.L. BOLAND WAS THE REAR COMMODORE AND HIS WORK SOMETIMES DID CEASE.
IT CAME TO A HALT UNTIL HE FOUND SOMEONE WITH PARTICULAR EXPERTISE.

HE GOT THE AIR CONDITIONING FIXED AND THE ICE MACHINE REPAIRED.
HE WORKED HARD AT HIS JOB BECAUSE HE REALLY CARED.

THE SECRETARY OF THE CLUB ALWAYS SEEMS TO CONDUCT HERSELF WITH FLAIR.
THE PERSON I'M TALKING ABOUT IS OF COURSE, SHARON BLAIR.

AND HER HUSBAND, JOE, HAS REDONE OUR SITE ON THE INTERNET.
ACTUALLY IT IS A WORK IN PROGRESS AS HE HASN'T FINISHED WITH IT YET.

OUR TREASURER'S REPUTATION HAS CERTAINLY GROWN.
WHEN JIM WHITWORTH FIRST JOINED THIS CLUB, HE WAS BASICALLY AN UNKNOWN.

BUT WITH A WIFE LIKE SYLVIA, THAT WASN'T GOING TO LAST.
WHEN YOU SEE THEM THERE TOGETHER, THERE IS REALLY QUITE A CONTRAST.

OUR BOWSPRIT EDITOR WAS NONE OTHER THAN DESMOND BARTHOLOMEW KLINE.
HE IS A MAN OF MANY TALENTS AND THAT IS ALWAYS A GOOD SIGN.

JO-ANNE, THE COMMODORE'S WIFE, WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL OF THE BOOKING'S
FOR ALL THOSE VOLUNTEERS TO DO THE FRIDAY NIGHT COOKING'S

THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WENT TO BOB BLACKMON, KNOWN TO US AS THE JUDGE.
WHEN ASKED TO GIVE A SPEECH HE IS NEVER ONE YOU HAVE TO NUDGE.

THE ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN, BOB ALWAYS HAS SOMETHING TO SAY.
JUST THINK ABOUT THE TALK HE GAVE TODAY.

RAY HERRINGTON RECEIVED THE TERRY HARKRIDER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD.
NOT ONLY WAS HE COMMODORE, BUT HE WORKED ON MANY PROJECTS EQUALLY HARD.

THE CRUISERS OF THE YEAR HAD THAT ATTITUDE OF **WE CAN DO**.
THEY ARE NONE OTHER THAN, FERNANDO AND MARY HELEN CANTU

ONE THING WE KNOW THAT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR
IS THAT IN 2001, HAL PETERSON WAS OUR ROGERS HALL COOK OF THE YEAR.

THE YOUNG YACHTSMAN'S AWARD WENT TO TWO GOOD RACERS TO ADMIRE.
THEY WERE CHRIS HOLLEY AND ERIK DIRKSMEYER

I HEARD IN JANUARY THAT JIM WHITWORTH HAD A LEAK IN HIS BOAT.
JIM!!!! I HOPE YOU USED YOUR HEAD TO KEEP THE GOLDEN HIND AFLOAT.

IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO SAIL TO PORT ARANSAS WITH A FRIEND
EVEN THOUGH ON THE JAN. CRUISE WITH HAL PETERSON, YOU RAN OUT OF WIND.

NOW D. B. KLINE CAN TESTIFY THAT THE SUN WAS OUT THERE IN FULL FORCE
AND DID HE, IN JANUARY, GET SUNBURNED? WELL, OF COURSE.

NOW I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL WITH SUNBURN AND IT WAS NO FUN,
FORTUNATELY FOR D.B. HIS BURN WAS MEDIUM INSTEAD OF WELL DONE.

AND THE VIKING QUEEN WAS THERE TO TESTIFY TO THE FACTS STRAIGHT AND TRUE.
THE QUESTION WAS ON THE JANUARY CRUISE, WHERE WERE YOU?

I ASKED BOB MCNEILL ABOUT BEING AROUND A COMMODORE & MEASURING HIS SPEED.
HE SAID, DO NOT WALK IN FRONT OF THE COMMODORE AS HE MIGHT WISH TO LEAD.

THIS I UNDERSTOOD AND THOUGHT IT WAS AN EASY THING TO SWALLOW.
HE THEN SAID, DO NOT WALK BEHIND THE COMMODORE AS HE MIGHT WISH TO FOLLOW.

I HAD A FEELING ABOUT WHAT WAS WRONG AND WHAT WAS RIGHT.
HE THEN SAID, DON'T WALK BESIDE THE COMMODORE. BEST TO STAY OUT OF HIS LIGHT

THANKS, BOB. I'LL JUST WALK WHERE I WANT TO WALK AND WON'T THINK ABOUT IT.
I'LL JUST PRETEND I KNOW WHAT I'M DOING AND WON'T DOUBT IT.

THERE WAS A LOT OF WIND COMING BACK FROM THE CRAB N,
AND THE LAST OF IT WAS IN THE MARINA RIGHT ON THE CHIN.

THE ODIN'S ENGINE QUIT & THE DELASSEN'S DRIFTED TO WHERE THE ROCKS WERE AT.
AS FOR MY OWN BOAT THE BLUE PELICAN I HAD BEEN THERE AND DONE THAT.

LONG AGO, WHEN I WAS BLOWN ON THE ROCKS, IT WAS FROM THE OUTSIDE.
I THOUGHT THE NEXT DAY I WOULD BE PICKING UP PIECES OF A BOAT THAT HAD DIED.

AFTER THIS ADVENTURE, JAN SAID HE THOUGHT ABOUT IT A LITTLE CLEARER,
BUT THIS IS NOT ALWAYS TRUE WHEN THE ROCKS ARE GETTING NEARER.

EVEN THOUGH HE KNEW IT HE SOMETIMES WONDERED HOW HE GOT THERE.
AFTER HIS BOAT WAS HAULED OUT, HE SAW ALL THE WEAR AND TEAR.

IN ODIN'S CASE I THINK THE BOAT WAS DECLARED A TOTAL LOSS.
WITH TWO HOLES IN THE HULL, IT HAD LOST MOST OF ITS GLOSS.

IN MARCH LINDA EARLS AND DOTTIE CHILES TEAMED UP TO COOK FAJITAS
I JUST WONDERED IF THEY HAD SERVED THEM WITH MARGARITAS

JUST ABOUT THE TIME I WAS HOPING LANDRY'S RESTAURANT WOULD JUST BURN,
WELL THAT'S WHEN MOST PEOPLE'S VIEWPOINT TOOK A 180-DEGREE TURN.

THIS WAS ABOUT ACCEPTING LANDRY'S ALTERED BUILDING PLANS FOR THE MARINA.
JUST SO LONG AS THEY DON'T TURN IT INTO A CIRCUS ARENA.

LATER ON WE WONDERED ABOUT ALL THE PROJECTS THAT LANDRY WOULD EMBARK.
WE THOUGHT WITH THREE RESTAURANTS ON OUR T-HEAD, WHERE WOULD WE PARK?

THE CLUB HAD A SPRING CRUISE TO SHAMROCK ISLAND PLANNED,
BUT THE REASON WE DIDN'T GO WAS EASY TO UNDERSTAND.

YEP, THE PLANS TO GO ON THAT CRUISE WENT DOWN THE DRAIN.
MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO SAIL IN WINDS JUST UNDER A HURRICANE.

LATER THE CLUB'S FALL CRUISE TO SHAMROCK WAS CANCELLED BY FRIDAY NOON.
MOST PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT TO SAIL IN THE RAINS OF A PREDICTED MONSOON.

THE PIER PARTY IN APRIL WAS A HUGE SUCCESS.
THIS WAS A FACT AND NOT JUST A GUESS.

D.B. KLINE RETURNED THE MARGARITA MACHINE FROM WHERE IT HAS BEEN.
PROBABLY MOST OF TIME BESIDE HIS BED ALWAYS PLUGGED IN.

ON BOARD THE KAY LEE THE PELL'S WERE SERVING BOILED SHRIMP,
AND FROM THE SIZE AND QUANTITY THEY WEREN'T ABOUT TO SKIMP.

I SAID TO ROY THAT HIS SHRIMP WOULD LOOK GOOD ON A HOOK,
AND HE BROUGHT A LARGE ONE OUT SO I COULD TAKE A LOOK.

DEBBIE SAW I WAS EATING THE SHRIMP AND ALSO INCLUDING THE SHELL.
SHE TOLD ME OF ANOTHER PERSON WHO SOMETIMES DID THAT.....ROY PELL.

I THOUGHT THAT EATING SHRIMP IN THE SHELL MEANT THEY WEREN'T DE-VEINED.
AND THINKING ABOUT WHAT YOU WERE ALSO EATING MIGHT MAKE YOU PAINED.

I WENT ABOARD DEITER'S BOAT AND HAD A DRINK MADE FROM PINEAPPLE JUICE.
I THINK THERE WERE OTHER THINGS IN IT TO MAKE YOU FEEL LOOSE.

NOW THAT MIGHT NOT BE THE TRUTH AND I MIGHT GO OUT ON A LIMB,
BUT THAT'S MY DECISION AFTER HAVING FOUR OF THEM.

HE WAS SERVING A MEAT CALLED STEAK TAR-TAR THAT TASTED FAIR,
BUT I THINK I WOULD HAVE CALLED IT STEAK RARE- RARE.

DIETER MIGHT HAVE COOKED THAT STEAK FOR 5 SECONDS UNDER A Q-BEAM.
BUT MOST PEOPLE WHO LIKED STEAK TAR-TAR BELIEVE THAT WAS A LITTLE EXTREME.

I ACTUALLY LIKED MY STEAK COOKED MORE THAN THAT.
JUST GIVE ME A MEDIUM WELL T-BONE AND DON'T TRIM THE FAT.

I WENT ABOARD THE CALEDONIA FOR SOME PORK DIPPED IN PEANUT BUTTER SAUCE.
WHY YOU WOULD COMBINE THESE TWO GREAT FLAVORS IS A LOSE.

I GUESS WHAT PEOPLE LIKE IS ACCORDING TO THEIR TASTE.
AND THE NEIL'S THAT MADE IT WERE MAKING SURE NONE OF IT WENT TO WASTE.

AFTER DARK I WAS JUST STANDING AROUND ON B PIER.
SIPPING ON A MARGARITA AND BEING GLAD IT WASN'T BEER

WHEN A WOMAN CAME UP TO ME AND LATER CLAIMED SHE HADN'T BEEN DRINKING.
AT THE TIME IT HAPPENED, SHE TOLD ME WHAT SHE WAS THINKING.

SHE WANTED RIGHT THEN TO CONDUCT A MAN OVERBOARD DRILL.
AND GUESS WHO WAS THE INTENDED VICTIM THAT WAS ABOUT TO TAKE A SPILL?

I WASN'T REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO DOING THE SIDESTROKE.
IT WAS ABOUT THAT TIME THAT I REALIZED IT WAS ALL A JOKE.

THE CLUB SAILED TO THE SPINNAKER HOLE TOWARDS THE END OF MAY,
BUT CAPTAIN RON AND DOTTIE ARRIVED THERE EARLY BY A DAY.

I THINK I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO ACTUALLY SAILED INTO THE HOLE.
AT THE ENTRANCE YOU HAVE TO LOOK OUT FOR A SHOAL.

BY EARLY SATURDAY AFTERNOON ELEVEN BOATS WERE THERE.
BUT BY DARK ONLY TEN WERE ANCHORED. THE OTHER ONE WAS WHERE?

NOW THE KELLY'S OWNED THAT BOAT THAT KEPT COMING AND GOING.
THEY WERE THERE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, BUT AT NIGHT NOT SHOWING.

THEY BROUGHT OUT ICE FOR THOSE AMATEURS THAT WERE RUNNING LOW.
THE VAUGHNS NEEDED IT IN THEIR DRINKS WHILE THEY LISTENED TO ENYA IN STEREO.

THE JUDGE & HIS CREW COOKED KING RANCH CHICKEN & SEVERAL KINDS OF DESSERT.
IF I TRIED A FEW OF THE DIFFERENT SWEETS I FIGURED IT COULDN'T HURT.

NOW BOB BLACKMON LOOKED LIKE A KING RANCH FOREMAN OR JUDGE ROY BEAN.
AND THE FOOD, WELL IT WAS THE BEST I'D EVER SEEN.

AND IT TASTED PRETTY GOOD, TOO.
BUT WITH NINE DESSERTS, IT WAS SOMETHING I COULD NEVER GET THROUGH.

I SOMETIMES THINK ABOUT THE VERA CRUZ RACE,
AND HOW FAR DOWN THE MEXICAN COAST LINE IS THAT PLACE.

AND EVERY TWO YEARS JUST WHO FROM THE BYC IS GOING TO GO.
IT MIGHT BE JUST ONE BOAT OR IT COULD BE SIX OR SO.

IN 2002 IT WAS JIM WHITWORTH WHO SAILED DOWN ON THE LEAKY GOLDEN HIND.
OH, YEAH. I THINK HE FIXED THAT SO HE WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN LEFT BEHIND.

CAN WE ASK JIM ABOUT THE VERA CRUZ PARTIES OR THE WATER YOU DON'T DRINK?
WE CAN ASK, BUT THE ANSWERS WILL BE FROM SECOND HAND INFORMATION, I THINK.

NO, JIM DIDN'T MAKE IT ALL THE WAY DOWN ON THIS TRIP.
DID HE GET LOST, OR DID HE MAKE ANOTHER KIND OF A SLIP?

ACTUALLY ONE OF HIS CREW HAD AN ACCIDENT AND JIM DECIDED TO TURN BACK,
INSTEAD OF SAILING ON WITH THE REST OF THE RACING PACK.

JIM WITHWORTH IS A GOOD SKIPPER, I MEAN, WE KNEW THAT, DON'T WE?
IT WAS RUMORED BEFORE THE ACCIDENT HE HAD A PERFECT TRIP ABOUT TO BE.

WHAT IF JIM HAD SAILED DOWN ON THE LEAKY GOLDEN HIND & IT HAD SANK?
WOULD THE SURVIVING CREWMEMBERS MADE JIM HAVE TO WALK THE PLANK?

OF COURSE THEY WOULD HAVE TO FIND A PLANK AND A NEW BOAT TO DO IT OFF OF.
AND WOULD ANY OF THE CREW HAVE BEEN WILLING TO GIVE JIM A SHOVE?

WE CAN'T GO BY WHAT IFS; NO WE CAN'T GO BY THOSE.
WE HAVE TO LIVE IN THE PRESENT BY WHAT HAPPENS AS IT GOES.

AND WHAT HAPPENED THIS TIME WAS JIM SHOWED THAT HE HAD GOOD TECHNIQUE.
HE HAD AN ADVENTURE WITH A GOOD CREW AND HE MANAGED TO FIX HIS LEAK.

THERE WAS A CRUISE UP THE COAST TO THE ARMY HOLE.
GETTING IN THERE WITHOUT GOING AROUND WAS EVERYONE'S GOAL.

AND CRUISING IN THE SUMMERTIME, WELL, IT CAN GET AWFULLY HOT.
AND WITH MOSQUITOES ON TOP OF THAT, WELL THANKS A LOT.

THE PELL'S ON KAY LEE ANCHORED OUT JUST TO GET AWAY FROM THOSE MOSQUITOES
LATER THEY SIPPED ON THEIR DRINKS OUT WHERE MORE WIND BLOWS.

ROY COULDN'T GET HIS GENERATOR TO WORK; THE WOES OF THE MODERN CRUISER.
WHEN DEBBIE ASKS FOR AIR CONDITIONING, HOW COULD HE REFUSE HER?

AND ALL HE NEEDED WAS A WORKABLE GENERATOR OR SOME ELECTRICAL PLUGS.
A FAN WOULD HAVE HELPED JUST TO BLOW AWAY FROM THOSE DAMN BUGS.

THE LEAKY GOLDEN HIND WAS THERE. OH, I GUESS THAT WAS FIXED.
BETTER THAT WAS DONE THAN TO GET DEEP-SIXED.

ESPECIALLY WHEN JIM CAUGHT 5 SHARKS NEAR THE INTRACOASTAL.
IT WAS ALMOST ENOUGH FOR HIS WIFE, SYLVIA TO GO POSTAL.

JIM SAID THE FISHING WAS GREAT AND IT WAS HARD TO BEAT.
HE ASSURED ALL THE SWIMMERS THAT ALL THE SHARKS WERE LESS THAN 8 FEET.

THE CHILES LEFT THE ARMY HOLE EARLY BECAUSE THEY HAD OTHER PLACES IN MIND.
THEY SAILED UP TO OFFATS BAYOU LEAVING THEIR FELLOW SAILORS BEHIND.

ON THE WAY BACK NORTH OF PORT OCONNER A LARGE ALLIGATOR SWAM ALONG SIDE.
WHEN DOTTIE SAW IT SHE WAS VERY SURPRISED BUT FINALLY TOOK IT IN STRIDE.

SHE FIGURED AS LONG AS SHE WASN'T IN THE WATER IT WAS OKAY.
WHILE LATER TAKING A COCKPIT SHOWER SHE FELL IN THE VERY SAME DAY.

SHE CAME OUT OF THE WATER REAL FAST AND THOUGHT IT WAS VERY RUDE
FOR CAPT. RON TO LAUGH AT HER TRYING NOT TO BECOME ALLIGATOR FOOD.

SOME BYC PEOPLE WENT TO THE BASTILLE PARTY IN INGLESIDE.
HAVING A GOOD TIME OVER THERE CAN NOT BE DENIED.

I SAW LARRY AND CARLA AND ANDY FICKEN, AS WELL.
THAT TIME OF YEAR TERI WOULD BE IN MAINE ENJOYING A COOL SPELL.

I SAW MARTHA RESPONDEK & LARRY AND MARTHA ISBELL AND JIM.
AND AT BAHIA, IF YOU WANT TO, YOU CAN GO TO THE POOL FOR A SWIM.

KEITH AND CAROL HAD A POTLUCK DINNER AND BROUGHT IN A BAND.
LATER THE BASTILLE FORT WENT OFF WITH FIREWORKS, BUT NOT ON LAND.

I HEARD THAT TO REGISTER FOR THE NAVY REGATTA THAT IT COULD BE DONE ONLINE.
HEY, USE A COMPUTER. THAT SOUNDED GREAT. THAT SOUNDED FINE.

BUT I HAD TROUBLE AND D.B. WAS BILLING ME \$20.00 FOR GIVING COMPUTER ADVICE.
AND ALL OF A SUDDEN THE WHOLE MESS WAS TURNING TO BE NOT SO NICE.

AND PAYING D.B. MULTIPLE BILLS OF \$20.00 DIDN'T SEEM TO BE RIGHT.
BECAUSE NONE OF HIS ADVICE WORKED IN TRYING TO GET TO THE NAVY SITE.

THE THING OF IT WAS I DIDN'T EVEN WANT TO RACE.
BUT THE BILLS KEPT COMING, I GUESS, JUST IN CASE.

BECAUSE NOTHING HE SAID WORKED HE TOLD ME, I DIDN'T HAVE TO PAY THE BILL.
BUT IF I WANTED TO PAY IT, HE WOULD BE WORKING ON THE SOLUTION STILL.

ON THE REGATTA I DIDN'T RACE OVER, BUT CRUISED OVER INSTEAD.
WITH A COUPLE FROM SAN ANTONIO, WE TOOK THE SHORT CUT AND STAYED AHEAD.

THE WINDS WERE TOO LIGHT FOR THE TRIMARANS FROM ROCKPORT TO SET THE PACE.
EVERYONE JUST ANCHORED OUT WHEN THEY ARRIVED AT THE NAVY BASE.

THOSE NAVY GUYS KNOW HOW TO THROW A PARTY. THAT'S FOR SURE.
THERE WERE HULA GIRLS, FANTASTIC FOOD, AND BY DINNER A LOWER TEMPERATURE.

ED KLASH TOLD HIS WIFE, SUSIE, THE NAVY REGATTA WAS AT THE INGLESIDE BASE
THE PERSONNEL OVER THERE WEREN'T SURE OF WHAT WAS THE CASE.

AT LEAST SUSIE HAD A SCENIC DRIVE TWICE AROUND THE BAY,
AND WHO KNOWS WHAT TO HER HUSBAND SHE FINALLY HAD TO SAY.

I SAW BOB & JOANN MCNEILL, LARRY & CARLA FRANK & THE DELASSEN'S AS WELL.
AS USUAL HAL PETERSON WAS NOT THERE, BUT I DID SEE ROY AND DEBBIE PELL.

HAL PETERSON USED TO RACE ALL THE TIME WITH AN ALL GIRL CREW.
FOR HAL, IT JUST SEEMED LIKE THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

I SAW BOB & CHARLENE FOREST AND MARTHA RESPONDEK WITH LARRY.
I ALSO SAW RAY & MARY HERRINGTON AND CLOSE TO ME, ANDY FICKEN WITH TERI.

I MET A WOMAN FROM SWEDEN WHO WAS BLOND AND HAD LIGHT BLUE EYES.
THAT SHE HAD A GREAT SMILE AND WAS EXTREMELY ATTRACTIVE WAS NO SURPRISE.

I HEARD AT THE BASE THAT THEIR INTERNET SITE WAS ONLY ONLINE FOR A DAY OR SO.
IT WAS REMOVED EARLY BECAUSE THEY HAD TROUBLE WITH IT FROM THE GET-GO.

DURING DINNER THE WIND CAME UP QUICK AND BLEW FOR A SPELL.
ALTHOUGH SOME BOATS DRAGGED ANCHOR, IT ALMOST ALL TURNED OUT WELL.

THERE WAS A COLLISION THAT THE VICE COMMODORE COULDN'T SEEM TO ABORT.
A J80 WHILE TRYING TO RE-ANCHOR UNDER SAIL RAMMED HIS BOAT IN A PORT.

LARRY HAD A NEW PLACE FOR AIR TO BLOW THROUGH OR WATER TO LEAK IN.
HE HAS FIXED IT NOW BUT OF COURSE HE COULDN'T FIX IT THEN.

HARRY & SANDY WELCH COOKED MEXICAN FOOD & THEIR DESSERT WAS A DREAM.
I REALLY LIKED THE MANGO FRUIT WITH BRANDY SERVED UP IN VANILLA ICE CREAM.

JUST THINKING ABOUT IT MAKES ME SAY, "WOW!"
I SURE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A BOWL OF IT RIGHT ABOUT NOW.

JIM WHITWORTH SENT HIS COMPUTER TO THE DOCTOR JUST TO MAKE SURE.
HE HAD TO KNOW IF HIS TERMINAL WAS TERMINAL OR IF THERE WAS A CURE.

JIM WHITWORTH IS NOT LIKE BILL GATES, BUT HE HAS LEARNED A LOT.
IN THE COMPUTER BUSINESS WORLD HE IS KNOWN AS A LITTLE SHOT.

IN SEPTEMBER THERE WAS A CRUISE TO INGLESIDE AND THE WEATHER WAS GRAND.
IF WE ASKED HAL PETERSON ABOUT IT, HE WOULD SAY IT WAS ALL PLANNED.

AFTER ANCHORING CAPTAIN RON SAID HIS BOAT HAD SWUNG OVER 360 DEGREES.
OH, RON. TELL ME ANOTHER STORY, PLEASE!!!

SO HE DID. DOTTIE HAD CHASED A CORK IN THE COVE BUT THE LINE BROKE AGAIN.
I HAVEN'T HEARD TWO STORIES LIKE THAT IN I DON'T KNOW WHEN.

HAL COOKED UP BRISKET WITH THE FIXINGS AND HAD A GOING AWAY CAKE.
IT SEEMED THAT COLE CATLIN WAS SOMEONE THAT THE COAST GUARD WAS TO TAKE.

THE OAKLEYS BROUGHT THEIR HOUSEBOAT, BUT IT REQUIRED POWER OF 50 AMPS.
I THINK THEIR ONBOARD ELECTRICAL NEEDS WERE FOR MORE THAN A FEW LAMPS.

SO, I BELIEVE THAT THEY HAD TO RUN THEIR GENERATOR FOR MORE THAN A SPELL.
MAYBE THEY SHOULD HAVE EXPLAINED HOW IT WORKED TO ROY PELL.

I DIDN'T SEE BOTH MARTHA'S. I GUESS THEY DIDN'T MAKE IT.
I HEARD MARTHA ISBELL WAS AT HOME WITH A VIRUS TRYING TO SHAKE IT.

AND THE OTHER MARTHA, WELL, SHE MIGHT HAVE JUST BEEN FASHIONABLE LATE.
BUT AFTER THE SUN WENT DOWN I DECIDED I COULDN'T WAIT.

THE BOLAND'S LEFT EARLY. THEY DIDN'T WANT TO BE THE MOSQUITOES DINNER.
THEY BOTH THOUGHT THAT BLOOD LOSS WAS NOT THE WAY TO GET THINNER.

THE VICE COMMODORE, LARRY FRANK, COULDN'T MAKE THE CRUISE, IF I RECALL.
HE CELEBRATED HIS DAUGHTER'S 20TH BIRTHDAY BY SHOPPING WITH HER AT A MALL.

THE IDEA WAS TO USE CARLA'S MONEY TO HELP HIS DAUGHTER BUY A DRESS.
WHEN HIS DAUGHTER PICKED IT OUT, HE AGREED WITH HER BY SAYING, YES.

FROM HURRICANE ISADORE AND LILI YOU PROBABLY JUST WANTED TO HIDE,
BUT AT LEAST ALL WE GOT FROM BOTH OF THEM WAS A LITTLE HIGH TIDE.

G.L. BOLAND & RALPH BOWEN WERE SUPPOSED TO COOK, BUT RALPH COOKED ALONE.
AFTER DINNER HE WAS PRESENTED WITH A SHIRT THAT SAID, PISS AND MOAN.

THAT HAD TO DOE TO RALPH'S ATTITUDE INSTEAD OF OUR REACTION TO HIS FOOD.
THE SHIRT DIDN'T SEEM TO ALTER RALPH'S PREDICTABLE GOOD MOOD.

THE WITHWORTH'S AUGUST TRIP TO CHINA, MONGOLIA AND SIBERIA SEEMED NICE.
IF THEY HAD GONE IN JAN, SIBERIA WOULD HAVE BEEN COVERED IN SNOW & ICE.

IN MOST OF THOSE COUNTRIES, SYLVIA TOOK PICTURES, PHOTOGRAPHS, OF KITTY CATS.
SHE BOUGHT MANY SOUVENIRS INCLUDING ONE OF THOSE WOLF FUR COVERED HATS.

IN AUG., THE WATER IN SIBERIA'S LAKE BAYKAL IS 60 DEGREES & DEFINITELY FRESH.
YOU REALLY KNOW IT WHEN THE COLD WATER HITS THE FLESH.

SYLVIA WENT IN THE LAKE SEVERAL TIMES, BUT FOR JIM ONCE WAS ENOUGH.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY, ONE WAS SMART AND ONE WAS TOUGH.

AS TO WHICH ONE WAS WHICH, HEY, HEY!! I DON'T KNOW.
THAT WAS PROBABLY DECIDED BETWEEN THE TWO OF THEM A LONG TIME AGO.

I BELIEVE THE CHANCES FOR US TO GO THERE WOULD BE SLIM
SO I'M GLAD WE GOT TO EXPERIENCE IT THROUGH THE EYES OF SYLVIA & JIM.

LIKE DIETER JURGENS, THE DELASSEN'S COOKED UP A FOOD I CAN'T PRONOUNCE.
AND I CONFESS I ATE MORE OF IT THAN JUST ONE OUNCE.

NOW I LIKE AMERICAN FOOD BUT DON'T GET ME WRONG,
EVER NOW AND THEN, BRING THE FOOD I CAN'T PRONOUNCE ALONG.

WHEN CHARLIE & ANITA CATLIN COOKED DINNER, CHRISTA ALSO TURNED 13.
THE WORLD IS CHRISTA'S OYSTER, IF YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN.

FOR HER, EVERYTHING IS THERE JUST FOR THE PICKING.
JUST FIND SOMETHING SHE LIKES AND WITH IT KEEP STICKING.

NOW TO THE CATLIN'S DINNER, IT WAS PERFECT IN EVERY WAY.
THE TURKEY, POTATOES, SALAD & CHRISTA'S CAKE...DELICIOUS, WHAT ELSE CAN I SAY?

USUALLY WHEN ON A CRUISE, CROSSING THE BAY IS SOMETIMES NOT AN EASY THING.
BUT ON THE KELLY CRUISE HAL PETERSON CAME OVER WING AND WING.

ALL THE OUTBOARDS THE JUDGE HAS EVER USED ALL HAVE HAD THE SAME INFECTION.
THEY WON'T RUN WHEN YOU NEED THEM & ON THIS CRUISE IT WAS NO EXCEPTION.

SO TO GET TO THE KELLY'S THEY HAD TO RELY ON WHAT THEY LEARNED TO DO.
THEY HAD A FEW DELICATE MOMENTS, BUT THEY GOT THROUGH.

THE CLUB MEMBERS HAVE LATELY BEEN EARLY TO FADE OUT AND THAT'S FINE.
BUT ON THE KELLY CRUISE IT HAPPENED AT SEVEN PM INSTEAD OF NINE.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT ABOUT OWNING A SECOND BOAT, OR EVEN WOULD YOU?
THE SEA SCOUTS FOUND FINDING THE RIGHT SECOND BOAT SOMETHING HARD TO DO.

THEY WENT THOUGH A GULF COAST 20, TWO FLUSH DECKED CAL 25'S, AND A J-24.
SOME THING'S THEY WANTED LESS OF AND SOME THING'S THEY WANTED MORE.

IT IS A GOAL THAT THE JUDGE & THE SEA SCOUTS WON'T MIND WORKING TOWARD.
THAT IS FINDING THE PERFECT SECOND BOAT AND A DEPENDABLE OUTBOARD.

THE BOAT OWNERS WERE UNHAPPY WITH LANDRY'S AND OTHER THINGS AS SUCH.
SO THE HARBOR BOAT LIGHTS THAT WERE LIT WERE NOT SO MUCH.

THAT DIDN'T STOP THE JUDGE AND THE SEA SCOUTS FROM DISPLAYING THEIR LIGHTS.
AND IT ALL HAPPENED ON ONE OF THE BEST LIGHT WINDED EARLY DECEMBER NIGHTS.

THE VICE COMMODORE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS GREAT, JUST TO SAY THE LEAST.
WE HAD SNACKS BY CANDLELIGHT THAT ADDED UP TO A FEAST.

THE RULES FOR OPENING THE PRESENTS SEEMED TO BE MADE UP AS WE WENT ALONG.
I'M SURE THERE WAS A RIGHT WAY, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN EVEN A WRONG.

ELAINE ROBERTS OPENED THE FIRST PRESENT AND IT WAS SOME KIND OF A STRAP.
BY WHICH SOMEONE COULD HOLD SOMETHING, BASICALLY IN THEIR LAP.

FORTUNATELY FOR HER SOMEONE ELSE ACTUALLY WANTED IT.
WHAT SHE FINALLY GOT WAS THE ULTIMATE MASSAGE KIT.

THERE WERE SEVERAL DIFFERENT TYPES OF TOOLS AND TWO TYPES OF CLOCKS;
THE MOST POPULAR GIFT WAS A NUT FILLED WOODEN BOX.

ON ITS COVER A SAILBOAT WAS CARVED INTO THE WOOD.
AS A GIFT TO RECEIVE, SEVEN DIFFERENT OWNERS THOUGHT IT WAS GOOD.

IT SEEMED LIKE, IT MUST HAVE BEEN MARTHA RESPONDEK'S WISH
TO WIND UP WITH A CERTAIN CERAMIC FISH.

SHE GOT IT, SHE LOST IT, BUT BY CHANCE SHE GOT ITS TWIN.
SHE WAS DETERMINED THAT SOME WAY SHE WAS GOING TO WIN.

IT WAS A VERY GOOD PARTY AND I AM SORRY IF IT WAS ONE THAT YOU MISSED.
AS FOR PARTIES TO ATTEND, NEXT YEAR BE SURE TO ADD IT TO YOUR LIST.

THE COMMODORE'S NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WENT OFF RATHER WELL.
IN THE ART OF FOOD PREPARATION JOANN MCNEILL DID EXCEL.

IN THE TOY BOAT RACES SHARON BLAIR WON A PACKAGE OF GRAPEFRUIT.
AND THE LOUD MUSIC FROM A WEDDING AT CCYC WAS AN ADDED OFFSHOOT.

LARRY FRANK HAS SOMETHING THAT BOB MCNEILL & RAY HERRINGTON DON'T.
AND IT IS SOMETHING THAT BOB AND RAY PROBABLY WON'T.

IT COULD BE SEVERAL THINGS, BUT IT'S A BOAT AND A SAILBOAT AT THAT.
I KNOW WHAT BOB'S SITUATION IS, AND RAY IS HAPPY JUST TO STAND PAT.

BOB MCNEILL HAS CAPTAINED SUPER TANKERS AND THAT'S A FACT.
HE WAS IN KUWAIT AT THE START OF IRAQ'S INVASION & HE KNEW HOW TO ACT.

THE AMERICAN EMBASSY SUGGESTED TO BOB THAT HE IMMEDIATELY LEAVE.
THE KUWAIT HARBOR MASTER FOUND THE THOUGHT OF A WAR HARD TO BELIEVE.

BOB HAD TO THREATEN TO CUT HIS OWN DOCK LINES TO GET LINE HANDLING AID.
WHEN OTHERS SHOWED FEAR, CAPT. ROBERT MCNEILL WAS NOT AFRAID.

AFTER CLEARING KUWAIT'S WATERS HE GOT A MILITARY ESCORT.
IT FELT GOOD TO BE FINALLY HEADING FOR A FRIENDLY PORT.

SO, I GUESS COMMANDEERING YOUR BOAT IS SOMETHING THAT HE COULD
BUT I DOUBT THAT THIS IS THAT SOMETHING THAT HE WOULD.

LARRY FRANK IS OUR NEW COMMODORE AND WE COULD GIVE HIM THREE CHEERS.
BUT WHAT HE REALLY NEEDS IS A WHOLE BUNCH OF VOLUNTEERS.

PEOPLE TO HELP HIM OUT WHEN EVER HE NEEDS THEM.
PEOPLE TO HELP HIM SOLVE ANY UPCOMING PROBLEM.

IT IS DIFFICULT, STILL DIFFICULT, TO BELIEVE WHAT I CAN CLEARLY SEE,
THAT WE ARE TRULY IN THE YEAR 2003.

THE CLUB HAS COME ALONG WAY AND HAS SO MUCH FURTHER TO GO.
LET'S TOAST THE BAY YACHT CLUB. CHEERS! AND NOW ON WITH THE SHOW.

TOM ARNOLD,
JANUARY 11, 2003.