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LAST YEAR'S BANQUET WAS TRULY GRAND.
AND AT KING'S CROSSING COUNTRY CLUB WE OFFICIALLY CHANGED COMMAND.

EVERY YEAR A NEW COMMODORE AND STAFF IS ELECTED,
THAT IS WHEN WE ALL WONDER ABOUT THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN SELECTED.

ME, I'M STILL WONDERING ABOUT A COMMODORE 13 YEARS BACK.
I OFTEN THINK ABOUT JUST WHAT WAS HIS PLAN OF ATTACK.

ROGER OVERCAME SO MUCH TO PUT US WHERE WE ARE NOW.
I DON'T KNOW IF NANCY EVER ASKED HIM HOW.

I SURE NANCY HAD HER OWN WAY OF GETTING THINGS DONE.
AND SHE DID A GREAT JOB, JUST ASK ANYONE.

COMMODORE NANCY WRIGHT'S REIGN WAS A DEFINITE PLUS.
SHE BROUGHT PEOPLE TOGETHER, ALTHOUGH THE CITY FORCED SOME AWAY FROM US.

SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT NANCY'S VOICE WAS A LITTLE TOO LIGHT.
TO THOSE PEOPLE, I ASK, ARE YOU SURE YOU ARE TALKING ABOUT NANCY WRIGHT?

THE VICE-COMMODORE LAST YEAR WAS RON CHILES.
WITH A RUM DRINK IN HIS HAND, HE IS ALL SMILES.

BECAUSE OF THAT, HE IS SOMETIMES REFERRED TO AS CAPTAIN RUM.
IT ALMOST MAKES ME WISH I HAD SOME.

THE VICE COMMODORE'S JOB IS DIFFICULT AS YOU MIGHT KNOW.
TAKE CARE OF THE MEMBERSHIP AND MAKE IT GROW.

SO WE ALL TRIED TO HELP RON WHENEVER WE COULD.
THE FACT IS THAT THIS JOB IS EVERYONE'S JOB IS JUST UNDERSTOOD.

THE REAR COMMODORE WAS OF COURSE NONE OTHER THAN ROY PELL.
AS YOU CAN SEE TONIGHT, HE CLEANS UP RATHER WELL.

HURRICANE BRET RIPPED OFF SOME BLUE SIDING FROM THE CLUB, I THINK.
ROY HAD IT REPAIRED, BUT I WAS JUST GETTING USED TO THAT EXPOSED PINK.

MARY HERRINGTON SERVED AS OUR TREASURER LAST YEAR.
YOU MIGHT SAY SHE IS THE CLUB'S CASHIER.

FOR THREE YEARS RUNNING SHE HAS HELD THAT POSITION.
DOING IT A FOURTH TIME HAS BECOME HER MISSION.

OUR SECRETARY HAD MANY TALENTS AND BRAINS.
SHE IS NONE OTHER THAN CAROLYN HAYNES.

THERE IS ONE PERSON I DON'T SEE HOW WE CAN OMIT,
AND THAT IS DESMOND BARTHLOMEW KLINE, EDITOR OF THE BOWSPRIT.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT HOW WINNING THE COMMODORE'S TROPHY WOULD FEEL?
WE CAN ALWAYS ASK THE 1998 RECIPIENT, JOANNE MCNEILL.

HAL PETERSON WAS THE COURAGEOUS CRUISER OF THE 1998-YEAR.
NOW THERE IS A MAN THAT KNOWS NO FEAR.

HE RACED ON HIS CAL25, JOINT VENTURE, ALL THE WAY TO VERA CRUZ.
SOME PEOPLE THOUGHT ON THAT BOAT WERE THREE CUCKOOS.

THERE WAS HAL, D.B. AND JERRY; EACH AN EXPERIENCED CAL 25 SAILOR.
BESIDES IT WAS EASIER TO SAIL THE BOAT THERE THAN TO TAKE IT BY TRAILER.

SHARON PETERSON RECEIVED THE TERRY HARKRIDER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD.
WE WILL ALWAYS HOLD THIS VIKING QUEEN IN HIGH REGARD.

AND THE AWARD OF CRUISERS OF THE 1998 YEAR WENT TO RON AND DOTTIE CHILES.
WITH NOW A LARGER BOAT THEY INTEND TO EXTEND THEIR CRUISING MILES.

THE ROGERS HALL CHEF AWARD WENT TO DIETER.
IF HE COOKS THE FOOD, I'LL SUPPLY THE EATER.

WAYNE MARONEY WON THE YOUNG YACHTSMAN PLAQUE.
WHEN IT COMES TO SAILING TALENTS HE IS AT THE HEAD OF THE PACK.

JOHN GIBSON BOUGHT HIMSELF A HOG, BUT NOT THE FOUR-LEGGED KIND,
AND IT SEEMS KEN SHARP WAS ALSO OF THE SAME MIND.

THESE TWO GUYS COULD NEVER BE CONSIDERED AS MILD.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY THEY WERE BORN TO BE WILD.

WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT WHEN ALL IS SAID AND DONE,
THESE TWO GENTLEMEN ARE BORN TO RUN,

AND RUN THEY DID, COMPLETELY OUT OF THE CLUB,
ALL THE WAY OVER TO THAT INGLESIDE PUB.

HERE IS A TRUTH WHETHER YOU ARE AT SEA OR ON THE SHORE.
THE TROUBLE WITH OWNING A LARGER BOAT EVERYTHING FOR IT COST MORE.

DID YOU KNOW YOU COULD GET A DINGHY WITH A BIMINI TOP?
WITH THAT IN MIND, WHO KNOWS WHERE THE ACCESSORIES WILL STOP?

WHEN THE VAUGHN'S WERE LOOKING FOR A DINGHY, HAL PETERSON GAVE THEM A TIP.
THAT IF THEY MOUNTED RADAR ON IT THEY COULD ALWAYS FIND THE MOTHER SHIP.

THEN I SUGGESTED THAT IF THEY HAS SONAR ON IT THAT WOULD BE SWELL.
BECAUSE IF THEIR YACHT SUNK, THEY COULD FIND IT THAT WAY AS WELL.

ROGER HAD A DINGHY FOR SALE BUT WITH NO MOTOR AND NO MIDDLE SEAT,
AND PHYLLIS KNEW WITHOUT THOSE THE DINGHY WOULD BE INCOMPLETE.

HAL PETERSON PUTS ON HIS BOAT NEW ACCESSORIES, MAKING IT A WINNER.
HE FIGURES HE COULD INSTALL THEM EASIER IF HE WERE THINNER.

SO WHEN HE GETS A NEW PLAY TOY HE THINKS IT'S TIME TO LOOSE WEIGHT.

HE KNOWS GAINING IT AT THIS TIME WOULD NOT BE TOO GREAT.

HE HAS MORE ACCESSORIES ON THE BOAT THAN IN THE HOUSE.
HAL HAS DONE THIS TO GET ON BOARD HIS SPOUSE.

AS IF A CERTAIN VIKING QUEEN REALLY NEEDS TO BE PERSUADED.
HAL, MAYBE WHAT SHARON REALLY WANTS IS TO BE SERENADED.

RON AND DOTTIE CHILES WENT CRUISING AROUND THE TIME OF SPRING BREAK.
WITH AN EYE ON CHANGING WEATHER THEY PUT INTO ROCKPORT FOR SAFETY SAKE.

BUT THEY FORGOT TO TELL THEIR KIDS THEY WERE SAFE THAT NIGHT.
LATER THE COAST GUARD CAME KNOCKING TO CHECK IF THEY WERE ALL RIGHT.

SO REMEMBER WHEN OUT CRUISING, OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT BE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.
ESPECIALLY IF THE WEATHER IS BAD OR IF YOU ARE OVERDUE.

I KNOW THE NAME OF RON'S BOAT, HOME FREE, TOO, HAS TO IT A NICE RING,
BUT I NEVER SAW WHAT WAS WRONG WITH THE ORIGINAL NAME, SWEET THING.

IN JUNE D.B. GOT MORE DANGEROUS DAY BY DAY.
AS IN WHAT DIRECTION I CAN ONLY SAY,

IT WAS ON THE INTERNET THAT HE HAD SEEN THE LIGHT.
JUST LOG ON AND VISIT BYC'S OWN WEBSITE.

AND WHO WAS RESPONSIBILITY FOR THIS COMPUTER GENERATED FEAT?
DESMOND BARTHLOMEW KLINE, THE COMPUTER WHIZ THAT CAN'T BE BEAT.

I'M SURE BILL GATES IS WORKING ON SOME DIABOLICAL SCHEME
TO WIN D.B. OVER ON TO THE MICROSOFT TEAM.

THE SHRIMP BOIL IN JUNE WAS SOMETHING THAT HADN'T BEEN DONE BEFORE.
ROGER WRIGHT SUGGESTED THAT WE DO THIS MORE.

SO HE IMMEDIATELY PUT IT ON THE COOKING SCHEDULE FOR THE END OF JULY,
BUT IT ALL TURNED OUT TO BE A LITTLE LIE.

ON THE HOT TUB CRUISE THE SCHNEIDER'S PUT ON QUITE A SHOW.
WHEN ASKED ABOUT THE BRISKET, GARY SAID TO COOK IT JUST TOOK A DAY OR SO.

ROGER WRIGHT DID NOT HAVE TO CONSULT AN ALMANAC
TO KNOW HE COULDN'T SAIL OUT THERE BECAUSE OF HIS HURT BACK.

ART HODGE WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER MAKING THIS TRIP,
BECAUSE ON THE WAY BACK HE RAN OUT OF FUEL 200 YARDS BEFORE HIS SLIP.

IT WAS ASKED WHAT KIND OF FUELING SCHEDULE HE LEAD.
"I PUT FUEL IN LAST NOVEMBER," WAS WHAT ART SAID.

SO WITH THE HELP OF JERRY VAUGHN AND RON CHILES,
ART HODGE OFFICIALLY RETURNED FROM PADRE ISLES.

IN JULY, I SHOWED UP FOR DIETER JURGEN'S SHRIMP DINNER, BUT COULDN'T STAY.
JIM ISABEL THOUGHT THAT WAS ALL RIGHT IN A FUNNY KIND OF WAY.

I GUESS HE KNEW THERE WOULD BE MANY PEOPLE AND NOT SO MUCH FOOD.
JIM'S PREDICTION OF THE FUTURE WAS REALLY QUITE SHREWD.

I TOLD HIM I MIGHT BE BACK FOR DESSERT AND THIS IS WHAT HE SAID,
THERE WOULD BE LESS OF THAT THAN THE MAIN SPREAD.

WELL, DIETER PULLED A RABBIT OUT OF A HAT BY SERVING MORE THAN HE HAD.
THE LAST PEOPLE COMING IN, THE WHITSETTS, WERE CERTAINLY GLAD.

AND THERE WAS A PARTY IN INGLESIDE TO CELEBRATE THE FALLING OF THE BASTILLE.
IT WAS REALLY KEITH REIGNER'S BIRTHDAY AND WHAT A DEAL!

THERE WAS A POTLUCK DINNER, THE KIND YOU DREAM OF EATING.
I SAW MAC AND BEA McKINNEY THERE. WE HAD QUITE A GREETING.

ALSO THE WHITSETTS, KEN AND BETH, ANDY, CHUCK AND JILL, OTHERS AS WELL.
WITH A GREAT BAND, IT WAS A PARTY HARD TO PARALLEL.

AND THEN PETER DAVIDSON AND THE CITY ENFORCED THE RULE OF NO LIVE ABOARDS.
LIVING ON A LARGE BOAT WAS PART OF OWNER REWARDS.

SO SOME MOVED ASHORE OR WENT TO ISLAND MOORINGS OR INGLESIDE.
BECAUSE OF THIS LAW THEY WERE FORCED TO ABIDE.

IN JULY THE JUDGE & SEA SCOUTS WENT OUT ON A WEDNESDAY RACE FOR A SAILING,
BUT THE MAST CAME DOWN BECAUSE OF THE RIG FAILING.

AND WHO WAS THE CAPTAIN OF THE BOAT THOUGH NOT AT THE TILLER?
IT WAS THE INCOMPARABLE, THE UNSINKABLE, CAPTAIN SHARON MILLER.

THE MAST AND SAIL WERE RECOVERED BY A CREW WELL TRAINED
ON A DAY OF THUNDERSTORMS, WHEN IT RAINED.

THE SALVAGE WAS AN ADVENTURE ALMOST EQUAL TO THE DISMASTING.
I BET THE MEMORY OF THESE EVENTS WILL BE LONG LASTING.

THE JUDGE THINKS YOU ALL NEED TO KNOW THIS FACT FOR SURE.
WITH SEA SCOUTS LIKE THESE OUR FUTURE IS SECURE.

MIKE BROWN OF THE SEA SCOUTS HAS JOINED THE NAVY TO BECOME A SEAL.
FOR HIM ACCOMPLISHING THIS GOAL HAS A SPECIAL SATISFYING APPEAL.

IT WAS HOT FOR THE NAVY REGATTA IF YOU CAN REMEMBER.
WHAT DID YOU EXPECT? IT IS IN AUGUST INSTEAD OF DECEMBER.

WHAT FUN IT IS LOOKING AT THE WATER, UNLESS IT'S ON THE INSIDE OF THE BOAT.
THEN YOU MUST FIGURE OUT QUICKLY, HOW TO STAY AFLOAT.

SOMETIMES YOU ARE OUT THERE JUST ALONG FOR THE RIDE.
THE WHITSETT'S SAILED ON THE NAVY REGATTA AND THEN BACK TO INGLESIDE.

THEY WERE ALMOST BACK, JUST MOTORING ALONG,
WHEN NANCY NOTICED, WITH THE ENGINE, THERE WAS SOMETHING TERRIBLY WRONG.

DEAN WENT BELOW AND SAW THAT WATER WAS COMING IN FAST.
NOT AT FIRST SEEING THE SOURCE, HE WAS AGHAST.

BECAUSE THIS WAS NOT A PROBLEM TO IGNORE,
DEAN TOLD NANCY TO HEAD FOR THE NEAREST SHORE.

THEN DEAN SAW A 4 INCH TEAR IN THE BELLOWS AND WITH ALL HIS INSIGHT,
HE WRAPPED TOWELS AROUND IT, MAKING IT TIGHT.

BY THIS TIME THEY WERE AGROUND WITH A SHIP COMING BY SOON.
THIS WAS DEFINITELY THE FUN PART OF THE AFTERNOON.

NANCY CALLED THE SHIP TO SEE IF THEY COULD SLOW DOWN A BIT.
THE COASTAL PILOT REPLIED THAT THEY COULD CERTAINLY DO IT.

THE COAST GUARD THEN CALLED WANTING THEIR NAMES AND WHERE THEY WERE.
WHAT FUN IT WAS! AH....YES, SIR.....AH.....YES, SIR....AH....YES, SIR.

THEY GOT PULLED OFF AND MOTORED THEIR BOAT TO THE NORTH SHORE BOAT LIFT.
WITH THEIR FIX THAT WAS DEFINITELY A MAKE-SHIFT.

THE REALLY IMPORTANT THING IS THAT THE WHITSETT'S DID NOT PANIC.
EVEN THOUGH THEIR SITUATION WAS SOMEWHAT LIKE THE TITANIC.

IN THE SUMMER WE HAD A VISITOR I WOULD LIKE TO FORGET.
HE CAME ON AUGUST 22, AND HIS NAME WAS BRET.

BRET SHOWED UP ON THE SOUTH TEXAS COAST.
I'M JUST GLAD CORPUS CHRISTI WASN'T HIS DIRECT HOST.

THE AUGUST CRUISE TO PORT ARANSAS WAS BETTER THAN OKAY,
EVEN THOUGH HAL PETERSON JUST ABOUT SLEPT ALL THE WAY.

DOING THE SAILING ON JOINT VENTURE, WAS SHARON AND D.B.
YOU WOULD NEVER HAVE GUESSED THE CREW NUMBERED THREE.

THE GULF RACE TO PORT MANSFIELD WAS SOMETHING TO BEHOLD.
AND NOW THE TRUE STORY OF IT CAN BE TOLD.

THE CREW OF NOETA CONSISTED OF MANY AND ONE UNEXPECTED VOLUNTEER.
THIS IS ONE RACE YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT SHARON PETERSON TO GET NEAR.

AT THE GULF START THE WEATHER WAS CLEARLY UNDER RATED.
THE WIND AND THE WAVES WERE NOT WHAT HAD BEEN STATED.

TO BE SOMEWHERE ELSE WAS PROBABLY IN SHARON'S MIND,
BUT SWIMMING OVER TO THE COMMITTEE BOAT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS UNKIND.

AS FAR AS QUITTING, SHARON WAS JUST OUT OF LUCK,
BUT AT LEAST WITH HAL AND HER FRIENDS, SHE WAS STUCK.

SO ALTHOUGH SHE FELT ANYTHING BUT SUPER,
SHE DECIDED TO STICK IT OUT LIKE A TROUPER.

DURING THE RACE SHARON STAYED PRETTY CLOSE TO THE WHEEL.
SHE COULD SEE HOW BEING BELOW WAS MAKING KEN BROWN FEEL.

KEN WAS SEASICK AND WAS OFTEN FEEDING THE FISH.
TO MAKE IT THROUGH ALL THIS WAS SHARON'S WISH.

THE WAVES WERE PROBABLY THE BIGGEST SHE HAD EVER SEEN.
SHE WAS ABOUT TO EARN THAT TITLE OF BEING THE VIKING QUEEN.

EVERY TIME SHE SEEMLY LOOKED FOR HAL, HE WAS BELOW ASLEEP.
NOW THERE IS A MAN, SO SENSITIVE, SO DEEP.

WELL, NOETA FINISHED FIRST IN THE LARGE BOAT CLASS THAT AFTERNOON.
I WONDER WHEN SHARON WILL BE GULF RACING AGAIN SOON.

IF WE ASKED HER WHY SHE RACED, SHE MIGHT NOT EVEN KNOW
BUT I THINK WE SHOULD APPLAUD HER BECAUSE SHE DECIDED TO GO.

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT D.B. KLINE MIGHT LIKE TO DISCUSS.
HOW HIS COMPUTER WAS BROUGHT DOWN BY HAPPY 99, A PC VIRUS.

HE RECEIVED IT FROM ROGER IN AN ATTACHMENT TO E-MAIL.
AFTER OPENING IT UP, HIS COMPUTER STARTED TO FAIL.

D.B. PASSED IT ON TO MARY HERRINGTON, BUT SHE CAUGHT IT IN TIME.
SHE QUICKLY NOTIFIED D.B. OF THIS COMPUTER CRIME.

SO D.B. CALLED ROGER AND ASKED, WHAT 'S GOING ON?
ROGER SAID ABOUT IT, TO HIM THIS WAS ALL COMPLETELY UNKNOWN.

IT TOOK A WHILE, BUT D.B. GOT HIS COMPUTER UP AND RUNNING.
WE WILL PROBABLY NEVER KNOW WHO WAS DOING THIS FUNNING.

SO I DROPPED ROGER AN E-MAIL LINE.
HE SAID HE WAS OK BUT HE ALSO E-MAILED ME HAPPY 99.

I DIDN'T DOWNLOAD IT THAT IS FOR SURE.
I DELETED IN ORDER TO KEEP MY COMPUTER SECURE.

WELL, AS IT TURNED OUT ROGER HAD DONE IT, UNKNOWINGLY, AFTER ALL,
BUT HE HAS FIXED THE PROBLEM THAT CAUSED D.B.'S DOWNFALL.

WE HAD A PARTY AND IT WAS ON B PIER,
AND YOU CAN JUST BET THAT RON CHILES DID NOT SERVE BEER.

I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU FEEL ABOUT BEER AND ITS TASTE.
MAYBE YOU LIKE IT, OR MAYBE IT HAS THE FLAVOR OF PASTE.

I KNOW A JOKE ABOUT TWO MEN AND THEIR BEERS THAT THEY DID COMPARE.
YOU SEE, EACH ONE ABOUT THEIR OWN BEER THEY DID CARE.

SO THEY TOOK THE TWO SAMPLES TO A DOCTOR TO HAVE THEM ANALYZED.
LATER THEY WENT BACK TO SEE WHAT THE DOCTOR ADVISED.

WHEN THEY ARRIVED, ONE MAN SAID, HERE'S THE DOCTOR COMING OUT TO MEET US.
THEN THE DOCTOR SAID, I'M SORRY, BUT BOTH HORSES HAVE DIABETES.

WELL, IT'S A JOKE AND A BAD ONE AT THAT,

AND A BEER-LOVER ON HEARING IT, MIGHT BE READY FOR COMBAT.

SO STUFFED JALAPENOS WAS WHAT RON CHILES ACTUALLY SERVED,
AND RASPBERRY ICE TEA TO KEEP YOU FROM GETTING UNNERVED.

ERNIE ON ORY'S GLORY SERVED UP SHRIMP WRAPPED UP IN BACON FROM THE GRILL.
HERB AND CAROLYN HAYNES HAD PINWHEELS THAT SHOWED COOKING SKILL.

ROGER SAID, ROY AND DEBBIE SERVED MARGARITAS AND SOME KIND OF FOOD.
AH, ROGER, REMEMBERING WHAT THEY SERVED IS CLEARLY NOT YOUR APTITUDE.

I GUESS IF IT'S GOOD, THAT WAS YOUR PRIMARY CONCERN.
BUT IF YOU REMEMBERED WHAT YOU ATE, WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU MIGHT LEARN?

AT THE OCTOBER ELECTIONS ROGER MADE A SUGGESTED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS.
WHY DID HE DO THIS????? WHY?? WELL, JUST BECAUSE.

IT WAS ABOUT REDEFINING THE NON-RESIDENT MEMBER AND IT MADE US THINK.
SO WE TABLED THE IDEA AND PUT IT IN THE SINK.

THE THINKING SINK, WHERE IT WILL BE DECIDED ITS FATE
BY A COMMITTEE AT SOME LATER TIME ON SOME LATER DATE.

AFTER THE ELECTIONS THERE WAS A JOB THAT I WAS GLAD HAL WAS DOING.
HE WAS OUT SIDE WORKING ON THE BARBECUING.

MUCH LATER THE COMMITTEE INFORMED US OF HOW THINGS COULD BE,
BUT THE NON-RESIDENT MEMBER IS STILL 40 MILES AWAY FROM BYC.

ON THE HALLOWEEN INGLESIDE CRUISE D.B. SAILED OVER WITH HAL AND RAY.
AS IT TURNED OUT GOING OVER WAS A NICE LIGHT WINDED DAY.

WHEN THEY LANDED JUMPING OFF THE BOAT WAS D.B.'S THRILL.
ALTHOUGH HIS WALLET WENT FLYING, THE ONLY THING THAT BROKE WAS A \$50 BILL.

AFTER THE NORTHER BLEW IN THEY BARELY HAD TIME TO ADJUST
TO THE WIND CARRYING IN SOME OF REYNOLD'S RED DUST.

THEY WENT INTO THE RESTAURANT IN ORDER TO ESCAPE,
BUT SINCE HURRICANE BRET THAT PLACE IS IN TERRIBLE SHAPE.

QUENTEN AND CARLA COOK WERE THERE TO TELL THEIR SEA STORIES
ABOUT THEIR ATLANTIC OCEAN CROSSING GLORIES.

ABOUT QUENTEN'S IRELAND TRIP, I ASKED HIM WHEN WAS HIS ROUGHEST DAY?
HE SAID IT WAS THE FIRST ONE, WHEN HE CROSSED CORPUS CHRISTI BAY.

MAKES PERFECT SENSE IF YOU HAVE SAILED OUR BAY AT ALL.
WHEN THE WIND PIPES UP, THE WAVES GET CLOSE TOGETHER AND TALL.

A DOCTOR AND LOIS HAVE INFORMED D.B. THAT HE NEEDS TO REDUCE HIS WAIST.
HE THINKS THAT MEANS MOST OF THE FOOD HE'LL EAT WILL HAVE NO TASTE.

I GUESS D.B. HAS LIVED THE GOOD LIFE FOR WAY TOO LONG.
FROM AWHILE HE WILL BE SINGING THAT DIET SONG.

NO MORE TWINKIES OR FRENCH FRIES OR THINGS LIKE THAT.
THE FOOD HE EATS NOW WILL CONTAIN A LOT LESS FAT.

AT THE END OF HURRICANE SEASON WHEN PEOPLE WEREN'T EXPECTING ANY
ALONG CAME ONE IN THE CARIBBEAN, MOVING FROM WEST TO EAST NAMED LENNY..

LENNY WAS A POWERFUL STORM THAT TOOK MANY BY SURPRISE.
AND WITH THE PURSER'S LOOSING THEIR BOAT, FRE-N-EZE, WE CAN SYMPATHIZE.

WE ARE JUST GLAD WE DIDN'T LOOSE THEM, AS WELL.
HOWEVER, THEY WILL BE IN SHOCK FOR QUITE A SPELL.

IT WASN'T UNTIL LATER THAT THE SEA SCOUTS GOT CALAMARI SAILING AGAIN
IT WAS JUST IN TIME FOR THE NOVEMBER TURKEY RACES TO BEGIN.

LONG BEFORE THEY ACTUALLY GOT TO GO OUT ON A SAILING DAY,
THEY HAD TO MAKE A DECISION ABOUT THE BACKSTAY.

SO I ASKED THE JUDGE ABOUT THE BACKSTAY, NOT WANTING TO GUESS.
WAS IT ONE WIRE SPLIT OR 2 SEPARATE WIRES? AND.HE JUST SAID....YES.

AND WHO PUT THE FIRST SCRATCH ON CALAMARI, MAYBE REQUIRING A FILLER?
IT WAS THE INDESTRUCTIBLE, THE UNFORGETTABLE, SHARON MILLER.

AND IN THE TURKEY REGATTA JUST IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD,
THE JUDGE AND THE SEA SCOUTS FINISHED FIRST AND THIRD.

THEY ALSO PULLED A FIRST IN HARBOR LIGHTS WITH A LOT OF CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.
OR MAYBE WHAT TIPPED THE SCALES WAS A BACKSTAY THAT WAS SPLIT.

THE LIGHTS ON PAZUZU SHOWED A LOT OF CLASS,
BUT SHORTLY AFTER LEAVING THEIR SLIP THEIR GENERATOR RAN OUT OF GAS.

THE VICE-COMMODORE'S CHRISTMAS PARTY WAS QUITE AN EVENT.
THE ONLY PROBLEM YOU HAD WAS HOLDING ON TO YOUR CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

ALL IT TOOK WAS FOUR DAYS OF COOKING TO PREPARE FOR THIS LITTLE FEAST.
AND ITS CREATOR WAS QUITE THE ARTISTE.

TURKEY, HAM, GREEN BEANS WITH ALMONDS, AND A SWEET POTATO DISH
PECAN PIE, PUMPKIN PUDDING AND COOL WHIP ALL WHITISH.

WHEN IT CAME TO SELECTING PRESENTS BLAINE DAVIS WAS NO FOOL.
HE WAS HOPING FOR SOME KIND OF WORKABLE TOOL.

HE FIRST GOT A SWISS ARMY KNIFE WHICH LATER ROY PELL TOOK,
BUT HE OPENED A LEATHERMAN'S TOOL AFTER ANOTHER LOOK.

SOMEONE ELSE TOOK THAT BUT HE FOUND ANOTHER ONE RIGHT AWAY.
I GUESS YOU COULD SAY IT WAS HIS LUCKY DAY.

AS THE THIRD OWNER BOB DAWSON GOT TO KEEP THE JIMMY BUFFET CD
WHILE LOIS KLINE'S SECOND PRESENT SHE OPENED WAS EMPTY.

NOT TO WORRY, LOIS GOT TO OPEN ANOTHER GIFT FROM UNDER THE TREE.
IT WAS A MINI-SAFE OPENED NOT BY A KEY.

THEN ALL OF US TOASTED BOB NELVILL ON HIS UP AND COMING CRUISING TRIP.
BOB IS HEADING TO CENTRAL AMERICA ABOARD HIS YACHT, THE STARSHIP.

NANCY, & HAL HAD TO BE AT WORK WHEN THE TURN OF THE CENTURY OCCURRED.
THEIR THINKING HAD TO BE CLEAR AND THEIR SPEECH WAS NOT SLURRED.

HOWEVER FOR PEOPLE AT THE BYC, THAT WAS NOT NECESSARILY THE CASE.
AS FAR AS GETTING INTOXICATED, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A RACE.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY WAS SOMETHING I ALSO HAD TO MISS,
BUT I BET RON AND DOTTIE CHILES BROUGHT THE NEW MILLENNIUM IN WITH A KISS.

OFTEN WHEN THE SEA SCOUTS WENT SAILING THEIR OUTINGS BECAME A THRILLER.
BUT THEY ALWAYS RETURNED SAFELY DUE TO THEIR CAPTAIN, SHARON MILLER.

NOW SHARON HAD TALENTS THAT ALWAYS STOOD OUT.
OVER TIME SHE HAS BECOME AN EXCELLENT SEA SCOUT.

WHEN PROBLEMS NOW ARISE, THERE IS A FACT THAT IS TRUE.
THE CURRENT SEA SCOUTS OFTEN WONDER JUST WHAT SHARON WOULD DO.

BUT THEY HAVE LEARNED WHAT THAT IS AND THEY CONTINUE ON WITHOUT HER.
IF SHE KNEW WHAT DECISIONS THEY MADE, WITH THEM SHE WOULD CONCUR.

SOME PEOPLE LIKE THE CLUB AS IT IS AND DON'T WANT TO CHANGE IT.
BUT OTHER PEOPLE WANT TO TAKE IT AND REARRANGE IT.

SOME PEOPLE WANT TO GO TO THE CLUB AND USE IT.
OTHERS SAY THAT SOME PEOPLE WILL ABUSE IT.

WE HAVE A GRAND CLUBHOUSE, BUT MUCH OF THE TIME NO ONE IS THERE.
SOME PEOPLE THINK THAT SOME OF THE BY-LAWS OF THE CLUB ARE UNFAIR.

SOME PEOPLE BELIEVE THE CLUB HAS SHIFTED FROM SAILING TO EATING.
THERE ARE MANY SAILING GROUPS FOR MEMBERS WITH WHICH WE ARE COMPETING.

SO AS TO WHAT DIRECTION THE CLUB IS ACTUALLY GOING TO GO,
I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING ONLY THE FUTURE WILL SHOW.

THERE IS ONE THING THAT HAS DEVELOPED INTO A SAILING ICON,
AND THAT IS THE CONCEPT OF CAPTAIN RON.

YES, RON IS THE CAPTAIN AND HE HAS DOTTIE'S PERMISSION TO SAY SO.
BECAUSE SHE IS THE ADMIRAL WHEN AND WHEREVER THEY GO.

AS FOR THIS YEAR, WHO KNOWS WHAT'S IN STORE?
NOW THAT CAPTAIN RON HAS BECOME OUR COMMODORE.

FOR THE MOST PART COMMODORE RON HAS PICKED HIS CREW.
THE REAL QUESTION IS WHERE IN IT ARE YOU?

THERE IS SOMETHING THAT HAS BECOME PERFECTLY CLEAR.
TO REALLY BECOME PART OF THE CLUB, YOU NEED TO VOLUNTEER.

THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF JOBS THAT YOU CAN DO.
JUST CONSULT COMMODORE RON, I'M SURE HE CAN SUGGEST A FEW.

WELL IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE SURVIVED THE STARTING OF THE INFAMOUS Y2K.
AND NOW IT IS TIME TO GO OUT AND PLAY.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THE YEAR 2000 HAS ALREADY BEGUN,
AND WE'VE GOT CAPT. RON AS COMMODORE AND HE'S NOT JUST ANYONE.

SO THERE YOU HAVE IT SOME OF 1998 AND ALL OF 1999.
AND I'M SURE THE YEAR 2000, WILL TURN OUT JUST FINE.