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Christmas Party 1980

Your Christmas Party Chairman, George Rodgers, arrived at the November meeting in Phoenix with a doll in his arm. No, not Maxine, but a baby doll. Knowing George as we do, we were not too concerned but were none the less relieved upon his explanation.

George has a friend who regularly visits Park & Swap to pick up dolls and other items for the Christmas Party. He brought the doll to George who turned it over to Mary Reinert. She has been dressing the dolls and doing a beautiful job. Mary took the doll to the doll hospital to have a drooping eye repaired and was informed that she had a real collectors item on her hands. George said it was a little boy doll with all the necessary equipment to prove it. It seems that this particular doll was manufactured in a limited number at the time when Gloria and Meathead had Archie and Edith Bunker's grandson on "All In The Family". In order to get the most from this doll, George sold raffle tickets at the meeting and will do so again at the December meeting. Tickets are also going to Tucson so they can participate in the raffle.

This sweet little thing was undressed by some members who's curiosity got the best of them. Well, you gotta know what you're putting you money up for.

George can still use any additional toys, money or canned goods you care to donate, also if you have any citrus trees on your property, he could use some more citrus fruit.

The party will be on the 20th of December and will take place at Wimpy & Jayne's. All volunteers, call and offer your services to George & Maxine, 943-2403. You'll have a delightful time & your efforts will not only be well spent but will be graciously appreciated.





MEMORIAL FUND

FROM THE COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S DESK - - -

As I come to the end of the year as Council Chairman, I must take this opportunity to thank the people who contributed to our success.

Chuck Hoyt: For a successful, entertaining and profitable Derby.

Betty Woodward: We now have the finest Cholla Chatter to date with the lowest possible cost. Betty's untiring efforts have made this possible.

Ken Kasten: Thank you for your time and talent in printing the CHATTER and may you regain your health at the soonest.

Frank Abram: For selling the advertising and collecting the fees which make our CHATTER possible.

Pete Peterson: For keeping our radios on the air and especially for helping our new operator take over.

Don Barber Your practised and successful Search and Rescue results make us forget the time and effort involved. Thank you.

Mary Brown: Only the chairman knows the amount of work you do to keep the council running smoothly. Thank you for accepting the job on a temporary basis that has lasted all year. Your replacement is non existant.

George & Maxine: You are planning the greatest Christmas Party ever and with your efforts it can only succeed.

I have only acknowledged the chairmen. This is not to slight the many people who worked with them. To all of you, Thank You!

Sincerely,

Paul H. Schooner

From time to time the Club is the recipient of cash gifts and donations. Last year the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club Memorial Fund was established as a depository for gifts and donations, with the stipulation that the proceeds of this fund be spent only for the maintenance of the Club Facilities at Cholla Bay.

When we lost our long time friend and member, Phil Hunziker this year, his family designated the CBSC Memorial Fund as one of Phils special interests with the request that any monetary donations be make to the fund.

We are in the season that reminds us of our friends and the thoughts of gift remeberances. You may possibly wish to consider the Memorial Fund.

The radio committee is underway with a project to upgrade our VHF radio facilities. This will give us a reliable radio coverage for safety and search and rescue operations.

By making a donation, you may help finance this project and remember a friend at the same time or just plain make a gift. (Tax deductible)

All such gifts and donations will be acknowledged in the CHATTER unless requested anonymous.

MEMORIAL AND GIFT FUND

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club would like to sincerely thank the following for their generous contributions to the Memorial and Gift Fund.

In Memory of Phil Hunziker:

Alan & Shirley Peterson	\$25.00
Lew & Katherine Place	25.00
Tucson Chapter	25.00
Phoenix Chapter	25.00

In Memory of husband Gerald Hughes:

Gladys Hughes	\$30.00
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PHOENIX CHAPTER GENERAL MEETING

Marie MacGill

We had another full house at our November 12th meeting.

We had a few words from Frank Held of the Coast Guard Auxilliary. He had some interesting things to say and will arrange special boating safety classes for those of us who are interested. It would be well worth your time. Contact Frank at 144 Laurel, Gilbert, AZ or by phone at 892-0197.

Council Chairman, Paul Schoonover presented Bill Valentine with the 2nd Annual Al Scott Memorial Award for his outstanding dedication and service to the Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club over the years. It was a pleasure to see him receive this much deserved award. We all thank you again Bill.

Hal McKenzie and new member, Bill Yonkers were there, thanks for coming.

It was announced that the Phoenix Chapter will not be sponsoring a candidate for the Black & White Ball this year.

Chuck Hoyt, chairman of the nominating committee, announced his committee's slate of officers for the 1981 year. They are as follows: President, Paul Schoonover; Vice-president, Les Ormsby; Treasurer, Voncielle Gottbreht; Secretary, Mary Reinert. Directors: Mary Parker, Chuck Hoyt, Jim Westfall, Meredith Williams, Dave Conner & Jack Ebert. For audit committee: Ken DeHoff and Bill MacGill. PLEASE NOTE: Ballots will not be mailed out this year, you must attend the December meeting in order to cast your vote. Good luck to all.

Noël Jordan painted several quail on a couple pieces of driftwood which she donated for the Christmas raffle, they were won by Ralph Barlow, beautiful! Jim Stevenson won a crocheted shawl made and donated by Roma Blunk. Door prizes went to Mary Louise Hoffman, Bill Hoffman & Wimpy Jaskowiak.

See you at the December meeting. Have a Happy Holiday.

TUCSON CHAPTER MEETING

Irene Drake

Our November meeting was called to order by, Tom Boyle, but where was our secretary Peggy Drake? Just wait until she tries to read the minutes in December!

Pete Peterson reported he had Augustin set up with the radio system. We will miss him as a very good policeman but I'm sure he will do very good on the radio. We understand from Shirley the weather was the best. Makes all want to pack up and leave for the Bay

We are happy to have 2 new members from Prescott, Howard & Ethel Drake, this now makes five Drake families in the Tucson Club. Wonder why they are always winning door prizes?

Best wishes to one of our past representatives to the Black and White Ball, Carolyn Hohlenkamp, daughter of Dennis and Sara. She is planning her wedding over Thanksgiving. What a Lucky guy!

We neglected to mention at our last meeting, we can use toys and canned goods for the Christmas Party December 20th in Cholla. Please attend our next meeting - an excellent drop off place. If you are unable to make it, other drop off places are: Jonnie Ahends, 4681 E. 32nd St. (Swan & 22nd or Pete Peterson, 1746 E. Copper St. (Grant & Campbell). Also be sure to get your raffle tickets for that beautiful afghan, made by Anne Faulkenberry's Mother. All proceeds go to the Christmas Party.

Speaking of Christmas, Bobbi Reid will call your children on Christmas Eve. For Santa's call, she needs:

1. Name of Child or Children
2. School
3. Pets
4. Never promise anything unless so specified, then maybe
5. Things Santa would know
6. When to call - time & date

Sent info at least 7 to 10 days before Christmas. If interested, write to Bobbi, 2926 E. 18th St., Tucson, AZ, 85716. Answering service on 28, Nov. until 17, December, phone 327-4005. All Free thanks to Bobbi. By the way

Santa is calling our President, Tom. Couldn't a little wire tapping be legal in order to find out what "Tom" really wants for Christmas.

Sara Hohlenkamp & Mary Brown, 2 swell gals, will be our auditors again next year. Oh, after they do my books this year, I'll let you know who's treasurer next year!

Door Prizes were won by Slim Sares, Walt Horton, Pete Peterson and Sara Hohlenkamp. Raffle prizes went to Tom Boyle (mace key ring), Dennis Hohlenkamp (tree ornament) and Jonni Ahrends (Angel).

Be sure to attend the next meeting and welcome your new officers December 3rd at 7:00 PM. Pot Luck - Free Beer - REMEMBER! CANNED GOODS AND TOYS!

HAPPENINGS AT PELICAN POINT

Marie MacGill


The wind and sand have still been stirring things up a bit and scattering garbage from one end of the Bay to the other. Keeps you busy just staying out of the way of all the paper plates, napkins, styro cups and what have you. Oh well! At least it blew some of the big ugly green flies away that followed you in the house every time you opened the door.

I was told that the dog catchers were out in full force and took away a lot of the dogs. Too bad they couldn't have taken more of the females.

Frank and Glenice Marek of Sedona have been spending some time at the

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Bay but will be going back to Hawaii in December. Was nice seeing Gene and Dee Miller at the Wee Wee House again. The Wilsons were busy at their place. Frank Peterson's house was occupied. Frank Bouthillier and his brother were there, also. Zulma Oliviera had just returned home and Bill and Babe Yonkers had just left. Mr. & Mrs. Austin were also there taking in the sun & wind. Sorry we missed Jane Hunziker while she was there.

Heard Doc Holstein, OLD YELLOW DOG on the CB. They were down the middle of the month to do some fishing. Clarence Allum (HONEY BEA) and his friend Charlie Bowman were there getting their lines wet as well.

Carol Hoffman, daughter of Dr. Bill and Mary Louise Hoffman, will be married December 20th, to Dr. Lee W. Pace. We wish you much happiness.

George & Lydia Panek visited New Kino from the 26th of October to the 6th of November and while at a trailer

court there, met up with Bob & Margaret Allison and Bob & Phyllis Pennington. Clarence & Bea Allums and Ray & Esther Ong were also in Kino & San Carlos fishing in mid October. They caught so many fish that they had to come home.

Hope all those fish are headed North!

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BOAT NAMES and CB HANDLES

I was handed a message from Frank Abram at the October meeting and it answered a question for me that I had wondered about for some time.

HOW COME?

"Originally we had a boat in Cholla named LUCKY SEVEN since there were 7 members in the family at that time. About 6 years ago we bought a boat with the name already on it. We thought about changing it, however, we had so many questions and comments about the name from the Gringos, Mexicans and CB'ers, that we decided to keep the name for the boat and the CB.

HOW COME, because in Spanish POR QUE? And that my friends is how HOW COME came to be."

Frank & Phyllis Abram
Cabin #11

Send me the HOW COME of your boat and or CB name or handle.

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SEARCH & RESCUE

Recently there was an incident where, because of a failure to notify Cholla Radio that a boat would not return that day as was indicated on the launch slip. Several members of Search and Rescue as well as Puerto Penasco police spent a cold and uncomfortable night on a search.

Please be sure that in the event there is a change in your return time or date, that you notify Cholla Radio.



This from a letter from Virginia South:

"Hello to Butch Heldt and all friends of Pop South at Rocky Point.

Pop and his son Roy, are in Illinois visiting his son Cooper and family. They plan to stay a month and return to Safety Harbor, Fl. on November 12th.

Pop is doing great - walks a lot, up the street 4 blocks and back with Mandy, our poodle. On arrival here last December, Pop told me he didn't like dogs, especially in the house! Now, they are always together, great pals.

Pop looks good and feels good. He weighs 125 pounds, laughing, talking and alert.

He talks about all his friends in Mexico and has a letter here waiting for him from the Troxell's. He enjoys letters - loves mail call. Reads a lot, watches TV - if only he could HEAR. There is so much I'd like to tell him. Hearing aids won't work on him. He has new teeth though and eats good now.

FAT and SASSY? Comfortable to say the least."

Virginia South

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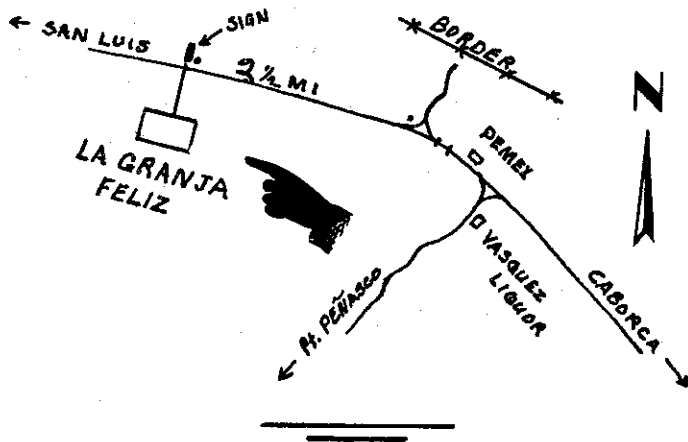
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PEÑASCO 100

SPORTS COMMITTEE

If anyone would like a copy of the results of the 5th ANNUAL PEÑASCO 150 RACE results, call the editor.

Steve Godfrey	1st overall
Larry Ragland	2nd "
Bill Maxwell & Dave Marstler	3rd "
Don Sappington	4th "
Dennis Helton	5th "

A total of 128 cars entered the Pro, Sportsman and Beginner Races this year.



TRY IT... YOU'LL LIKE IT!

TACO DIP

1 pkg. (8 oz) cream cheese
 1 cup sour cream
 1 tsp. cumin
 1 tsp. garlic salt
 1 tsp. worcestershire sauce

Mix and spread in flat pan. Top with shredded lettuce, chopped tomato, grated cheese, black olives, onions and taco sauce.


Serve with tostito chips or crackers.

Shirley Peterson

CHEWY DATE BARS

1/2 cup butter or margarine
 1 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 1 tsp. vanilla
 1/2 cup sifted flour
 1 cup finely cut dates

Heat oven to 350°. Grease & flour 9"x 9"x 2" pan. Beat butter until light, add sugar, eggs & vanilla; beat until well blended. Stir in flour, blend well, add dates and mix. Spread mixture in prepared pan. Bake 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on wire rack. Cut into bars. Makes 18 bars.



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December 31, 1980
CHOLLA BAY



PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS:

The events in last months story by Noël Jordan took place in October of 1979, not 1959.

The Macrame Handbag donated to the Christmas raffle in Phoenix was from Betty Williams.

Also in the corrections department:

The lovely lady who has scheduled CPR and other emergency training for the residents of Cholla Bay over Thanksgiving week-end is Mary Lou Johnson. (not Clark) Mary Lou and her husband Gary, also daughter Kathy, are new club members.

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IT'S BEEN SWELL!

I am well aware that my youth is spent
That my get-up and go has got up and
went.

But I really don't mind, when I think
with a grin,

Of all the places my get-up has been.

Author unknown

The Cholla Bay Sportsmen's Club wishes
to extend condolences to Hector Munro
and his family, upon the death of his
Father.

Our condolences also to the family of
John Lazear, who died the 4th of No-
vember and was burried November 8th
in Winslow, AZ.

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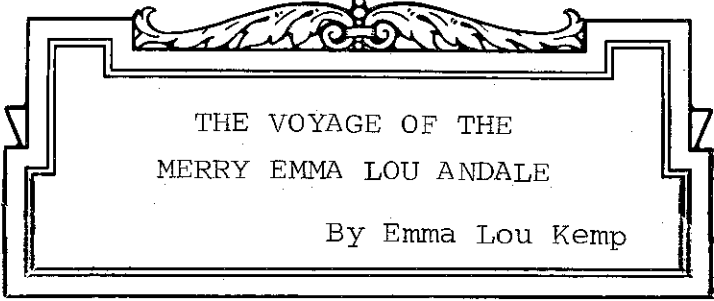
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20	7:28	5:24
27	7:31	5:28
Jan. 3	7:33	5:33

(Please remember these are
approximate times)





THE VOYAGE OF THE
MERRY EMMA LOU ANDALE

By Emma Lou Kemp

Marcelo Alvarez started the Cummins diesel and we headed into the first wave of our voyage to San Carlos. The time - 1:10 A.M., Monday, July 7, 1980. We wondered if anyone in Cholla turned in cool beds and thought "There they go."

As the lights of Penasco faded from sight, we really begin to appreciate the night around us. Never was there such grandeur in the sky. Constellations we had never observed before seemed to welcome us on our journey. Then, at first light the sea around us came alive. A whale blew us a greeting, dolphins seemed to be everywhere and sail fish skipped about tempting us to try our outriggers. What a day to remember!

Up to now the only thing that mars our trip is the concern the men have because the marine radio will not transmit. All day they have tried to reach Betty. We had agreed to call at five every afternoon and again at eight in the morning.

We anchored and spent a restful night at Isla Patos (Duck Island) just at the north tip of Isla Tiburon. We were up and away at dawn and were ready to round Point Willard when our Cummins sputtered and died. We were shocked, a Cummins never let anyone down. We were relieved to find that we were only out of diesel. Thanks to our lucky stars, our VHF contacted the BARBIE DOLL in San Carlos. He told us to put up a white flag and a shrimp boat might come to our aid. Our white sheet will forever bear the scars of this day. In the mean time, he would see that we get help from Kino.

Believe it or not, the Propemex D.F. 25, a spectacular tuna boat out of Ensenada came to our rescue. They soon had us in tow, to where we wondered, at a speed our EMMA LOU ANDALE had never dreamed of going. Guapos juvenes were posed on deck. Their brown bodies

gleamed in the morning sun. Their short, short cut offs, their mod hair cuts would make a senorita (and maybe a senora) look twice. The best part that I observed concerning these young men was sensed by Rolando.

By 10:30, the JO-DANDY and the SAND-PIPER, two Bayliners from Kino came alongside with 20 gallons of diesel. Our tow rope let go of the Propemex tuna boat and pulled away but Marcelo yelled "Dirty girlie books", and that tuna boat reversed itself so suddenly that we thought it would ram us, but they stopped just in time and all hands reached for the PLAYBOY magazines. The Cashions had told us they would assure us our welcome.

The Propemex tuna boat was soon out of sight but I was gravely reminded of how Mexico has given us gum, chocolate and vanilla and we are giving them, in return, girly books to pollute their young minds. Que Paso?

We anchored off a sprawling sandy shore in Kino and had no trouble obtaining 75 gallons of diesel. It was hauled to shore by truck, transferred to a long boat and brought to us over very choppy water. Putting diesel from five gallon cans into our boat is becoming a fine art with us. We were surprized that the JO-DANDY and SANDPIPER did not charge us a dime for coming to our rescue. They were from Pecos, Texas, maybe that is why they are so big hearted. Anyway, I later wrote and thanked them.

By five o'clock, we are headed for San Carlos. We had expected to spend the night in Kino, but the school of hard knocks is going to teach us another lesson. This is the way it came about. A fellow by the name of Richardo met Marcelo on shore, said he needed a ride to San Carlos to pick up a boat. He said that he had made the trip many times and knew the way in the dark. Marcelo took him at his word but Richardo too soon became an albatross about our necks. He began by putting on Rolando's cap, hung the binoculars around his neck, took possession of a large beach towel and demanded food. He couldn't tell us which way was up much less the way to San Carlos.

When we are four hours from Kino, it is pitch dark and not a shore light

to be seen. We decide it is time to stop before we run into something. A sudden storm from the south became constant. Our anchor will not reach bottom. We put out another anchor and had the faith that one would catch so we wouldn't drift too far.

We were all tired, except Richardo, he was asleep wrapped in our beach towel with a life jacket for a pillow. There was nothing to do but wait until dawn. I said my prayers, turned our lives over to the care of God and went to sleep.

At first light, we pulled anchors and were on our way. The sea was so smooth that I fixed breakfast with full speed ahead. I am getting good at juggling pots and pans. On this occasion, we had home made waffles, straight from our freezer, heated up to a turn. I hadn't planned on a guest so we were a little short changed.

By 10:45 o'clock we have passed Pta. San Pedro and rounded Pta. Dobles and entered into a breath taking sheltered cove. San Carlos, we have arrived! Beautiful homes are high above us on the sheer cliffs of the peninsula that stretches out toward the Marina.

Limpia, limpia, limpia - the water and the shore line are so beautifully clean. We are soon settled into a slip with plenty of artesian water. No one ever told us how very beautiful San Carlos is. It is protected from storms by the small entrance that makes it more like a large lake. Such large yachts, they could pass for small ships and were moored in the outer entrance. Graceful sail boats reminded us of the Marina Del Rey in San Diego. I could enjoy this for the rest of the summer.

Marcelo is all excited about meeting so many old friends. Rolando is determined to make the marine radio work. I doubt if either one of them appreciate the grandeur around them. Anyway, business before pleasure, so they go to see the Capitania de Puerto and our troubles begin.

It seems that the papers we spent a full day in Penasco to get just right, were not acceptable here. We were out of the free zone. We were advised to load up with diesel and water and high tail it out of there. But the fellow wanted to do the proper thing and I

wanted so much to linger a while here in this heavenly place, so we paid, paid and paid at every turn. Besides, Rolando and Marcelo had to spend three days in the hot immigration office in Guaymas. They had to get there every day by public bus until Eldon Annis loaned them his rented car.

In the evenings, Rolando made another effort to get the marine radio to work as we had not been able to contact Cholla since our departure. We checked in San Carlos, no one had tried to check on us.

The last straw came when the immigration office suggested that we should leave our cruiser and return to the United States by train until the matter was straightened out. No way, we said, and realized now more than ever that we were very fortunate to have Marcelo with us.

Finally, at one o'clock Friday afternoon Rolando and Marcelo returned from Guaymas with a promise that for 100 pesos an hombre would bring our papers all signed and in order. We try to relax and wait.

To pass the time, we take a tour in Eldon's rented Ford. We found an interesting community, villas with laundrettes, grocery stores and curio shops. Everything is very high in price except Mexican bananas.

At a little after the appointed hour the hombre arrives with the papers and we pay again for the last time, we hope. We prepare to go.

I must mention the pretty city bred pelicans living here at San Carlos. Not a gleaming feather was out of place as they sat on posts or floating barges. When a boat returned from the fishing grounds, these huge birds seemed to either glide over like ballerinas or they would gracefully lift wide wings just above the water and without a ripple, station themselves and await their meal. Watching those pelicans was worth the whole trip.

Saturday morning before day light, we started out on our return journey. We were led to believe that if we didn't go when our papers indicated, we would have to go through this immigration thing all over again.

As we slowly came out of the San Carlos marina and rounded Pta. Dobles,

we came upon a rough rolling ocean. The 50 gallon barrel of diesel that we had added to our supply started bearing starboard. Rolando tries to keep it in the center and I try to help by standing port side so that between the two of us, we keep that barrel and the boat at even keel. Life jackets are put on. I put food and water in the dingy, just in case. Marcelo's steady hand at the helm gives us courage.

At 9:15 we anchor in a cove called Cerro Bocana. We are secure here. We eat breakfast and wait out the storm. A tuna boat shares our haven with us. When a large craft such as this turns sales in - it must be a storm.

We are soon invaded by swimming muchachos. No Engles, so we have a chance to practice our Spanish. These swimming wonders use our bow as a spring board to practice their diving. Around they go, up the back of the boat down the side, then the dive.

Besides ninos, pigs, peacocks and herds of goats with many young kids, shared this small Cerro Bocana. I ask Marcelo if he knew where the ninas were as there were none in sight. In fact I ~~didn't even see a young girl in~~ San Carlos. Long boats brought the men of the village home early because of the storm.

When the evening was still young, there seemed to be a gathering of people. Some on foot, some in cars or trucks. Marcelo explained that it was Saturday night and everyone around came to enjoy the cool beach.

Coal oil or gas lights flickered here and there but soon all was still. We slept. But not until after we realized that our VHF had given up the ghost. Now we have no contact, even with a shrimper.

Too early the next morning, we seem to be racing up the coast. We steer wide to get past shallow shoals. The sea seems tired and is content to gently roll.

Now we have no radio contact what so ever so Marcelo wants to go back by Kino and telephone his wife, Carmeleta, because he is afraid she will worry about us. The call went right through and we were soon on our way.

A sliver of a moon goes down as we slowly enter the calm waters of Patos Isla once again. Fish abound here but

we are too tired to get excited about them, so we just enjoy seeing them come to our light.

Very, very early we glide out into a smooth ocean. We take advantage of this lively morning and have an early breakfast in case there is a change in the weather. When the galley is ship shape, I go aloft to watch the day. However, I am disturbed because Rolando is hoarse and seems to have a fever.

All of a sudden, as can happen on the Sea of Cortez, a northwester whips up to 20 MPH and the waves roll and break. At noon, we are glad to anchor at Lobos. We were secure as Lobos has a good natural harbor. We decide that we will surely come here again.

Rolando has a temperature of 103.0. As I try to bring it down with cool towels, the Mexican boys again use our boat as a spring board. What wonderful swimmers and divers they are. There could be Olympic material right here on our boat.

At two o'clock in the morning, with only bright stars to guide us, we get started on the last lap of our journey.

~~We are worried~~ about our numero uno capitan but the fever breaks and Rolando sleeps.

Land Ahoy! Bird Island is sighted off our starboard side. Our diesel is getting close to zero. When the guage is riding on empty, we are half way up Sandy Beach. We ride with the tide and Rolando is feeling better. I respect Rolando and love him but he better not get sick again.

We are in the Bay right in front of our cabin when our Cummins sputters and again we are out of diesel. By draining one of our empty barrels, we got enough fuel to get us onto the trailer. Jesus was not on hand and Betty was in Phoenix. A stranger put our trailer too deep into the water and we banged up our prop.

No one was there to welcome us. We had planned to be back on Sunday but did not arrive until noon on Tuesday. We now know how very self sufficient we are and believe we can tackle even a longer trip, expecially, if Marcelo Alvarez is at the helm.

What did we learn?

Marcelo learned that he had a couple real sailors on board even if they are

a little viejo. And he will never again take aboard a strange stranger.

Rolando learned that life goes on without radios and don't take someone else's word for the fuel capacity of your tanks. Ours hold 100 gallons, not 120.

What did I learn? Be it a cruiser, a shrimper or the Queen Mary, I'll never sign on as cook - and that's the truth!



FROM THE SKIPPER OF
THE EMMA LOU

Knowing that many of our CBSC members might be thinking of a cruise, a list of my mistakes on our trip to Guaymas might save some headaches!

1. Get proper papers, especially on the boat! Rocky Point is in the free zone. Cost is \$4000 pesos plus 3 days running between San Carlos and Guaymas to get clearance to leave if your papers are not correct.

2. Be positive about the amount of consumption per hour of your engine. We had a harrowing experience when we ran out of fuel at the southern end of Tiburon Is. We found that our tank held 100 gallons and not 120 as the brochure reported.

3. Double check your radio for distance and after warm-up. We had many lonely and wondering hours after both radios quit.

4. Never run your engine while at anchor to charge the batteries. We did this and it cost us 10 hours of precious fuel.

5. Know your first fuel stop and be sure you have more than enough to get there.

6. Have some pre-arranged stops for check points in case of radio failure. This happened to us and it drives you up the wall wondering if someone is looking for you.

7. Most important thing of all!

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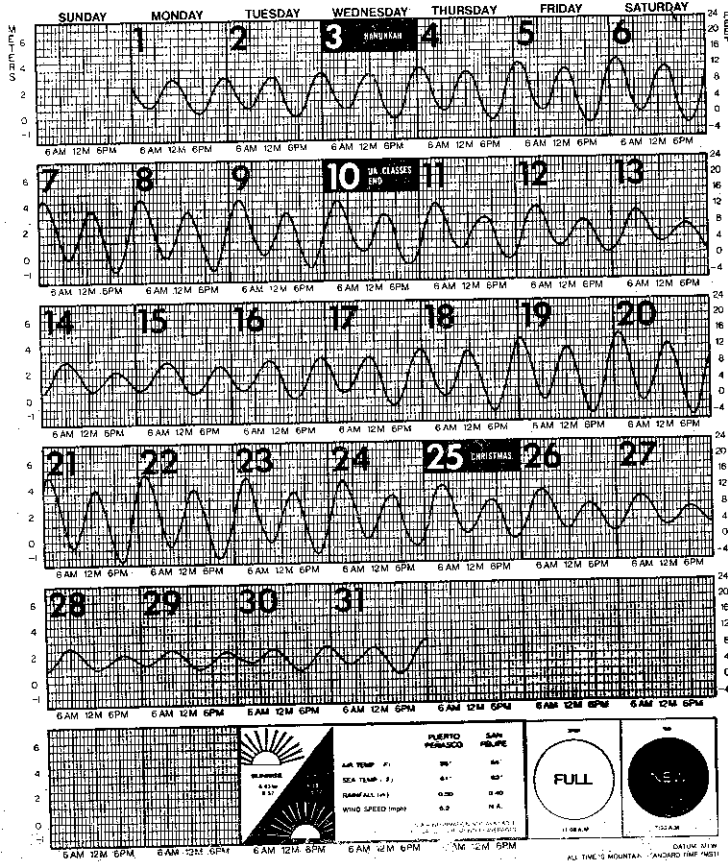
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