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Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was a great success. Thank You Walter and Sharon for the hospitality. You have a beautiful house! Also, thanks to everyone and all the wonderful food that was provided. We had (1) sailor come under Sail. Very impressive Mike!

FMSC Website

History has been added to the Website with pictures from the past to follow. Check it Out!

Vice Commodore's Report

Edison Regatta will be held February 14th in the Gulf, hosted by CMCS. There will be a raft up after the race at Glover's Bite for the awards.

River District Regatta

Gail.....	Shirts
Paul.....	Trophies
Brent.....	DJ Awards Dinner

Cruising Corner

Key West Trip - tentative leaving schedule is Thursday, April 16th.

Maintenance Tip #101-Corrosion

We all know how important it is to install zinc anodes under our boats attached to shafts, rudders, etc. The reason we do this is to protect these parts from galvanic corrosion.

Stray currents from dissimilar metals immersed in an electrolyte solution (salt water) cause this effect. In the case where we have a stainless steel shaft and a bronze propeller, the prop will be eaten away by this process called "electrolysis".

The Prop gets attacked because it is the least noble of the two metals. Zinc is the lowest noble of metals (except for magnesium). Therefore, it is an excellent choice to us as a sacrificial anode. Now your zinc gets eaten away instead of your expensive prop.

Yeah, yeah, we all know about putting zincs on our under water running gear.....but wait there's more!

For those of us that have inboard engines with fresh water cooled systems (closed systems), there is another zinc hiding in your engine. It is your Heat Exchanger Zinc. If you forget about changing this zinc, you will be shopping for a new Heat Exchanger (Non Cheap). Figures A & B show typical locations of these zincs.

Figure A



Figure B



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Figure C shows a new and 50% corroded zinc and 50% is about time to replace.

Figure C



So, if you don't want the inside of your Heat Exchanger to look like Figure C, shake a leg and "GIT 'R DONE".

A well-maintained boat is a Happy Boat!

Capt. Bruce

Sailing Term to Unscramble

DABORERFE

Language of the Sea

As spoke' by you an' me

Square Meal: "originated on British warships in the 1700's. Food on board was usually meager and living conditions were harsh. Breakfast and lunch typically were little more than bread and beverage, though the third meal of the day included meat, served on a square tray.

Personal Email Address

I have had some emails returned. Please let me know if yours has changed. Any information on Tim Parker Would be helpful. The email I have for Mark Beauvois and Arnie has been returned back to me..



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