

The Ship's Log™

April 14-18, 2008 Thom + Mary

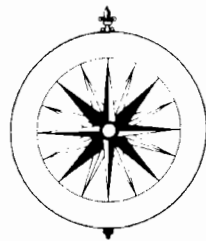
Great training, great information, great food and a great time & great scenery, Capt. Bob (a.k.a. Cabin Bug Bob) produced them all. Mary and I feel confident that cruising is for us and that we are capable of doing it. The scenery from Boca Chita to Jimboya was great! Thanks Captain, what a terrific experience!

Thom + Marys " " " "

April 28 - May 1

Bill

- St Louis, Mo



Captain Bob:

You are the greatest!! No BS, no stuffy habits - just no nonsense instructions of how to operate a boat. What a delight. From engine care to night navigation you make it easy & enjoyable.

If that wasn't enough you saved me thousands of \$'s by diverting me away from the wrong boat to purchase. My inclination towards a Grand Banks was for all the wrong reasons - now I know better.

From Boca Chica to No Name Harbor to Miami Stadium - you have the most beautiful anchorage on the inter coastal.

I know that I'm a better Captain & a more informed buyer than before your classes. All that & a Great Time!!

Thanks

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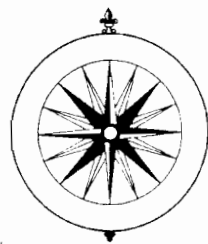
May 2-5, 2008

Ken & Bronnie

Maryland

This was one perfect weekend of great weather, power boat racing, and pure fun. Even with little experience in boating, Capt. Bob presented the material in a way that highlighted the important bits and made us feel comfortable right from the first night. Since this was a weekend trip, we got a taste of how to navigate through the congested party areas along the ICW. Capt. Bob's practical advice on looking forward. Buying a boat was very detailed and much appreciated. We look forward to adding experience to what we learned through a new cruising life style. Thank again Capt. Bob and good luck during your trip to the Far East.

Cheers!



May 19-24 Rannu & Bay. November 24

Arrived afternoon of May 19th for a great adventure. I had no warm
about not remembering everything Captain but was going on land to get after
getting around things & meeting with Captain but I had idea I might just
make it. After doing the navigation part right but made thinking so
much jumping, that I really began to get the hang of it. The
working with the GPS was so much fun. Watching when you first see
the shore & backing when you were going due to judgement problems.
I really had a hard time staying in the center & staying on the side of
the road. But after lunch I finally got better about the night in
Bala Chela Bay was great. Full moon & great view. Lots of fish, lots of birds.
Then the next morning we went to the main water where a small boat
showed. Reached it at about 10:00. I got fish. Lots of things in afternoon.
Wonderful. Then the way Captain got your instructions & then with
you & your whole back all the time. I had some fish. I had some
Rannu. Let me take the boat & navigate. I was by the way. I had better
help some. Captain got fish. I had some. I had some. I had some.
great. He could be a great Chef. The night in Manna Island with the moon
skyline as a back drop was beautiful. I almost got the boat for
Tide trip to Pambou. I never have to eat. I never had to see the back of
of Jimbo's. I had a good time. I had a good time. I had a good time.
most of the time.

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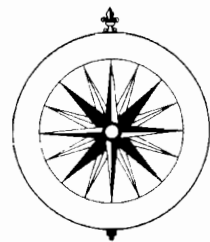
I do. Captain Bob. This experience at the Mermaid has truly opened
my mind to the meaning that beating is what I want to do. Before
I was not sure this was for me. I knew now that I want + I want
to down size to get on a boat.

Friday, it rained on the way back to the deck, just enough to get
everything wet, but we still sailed on.

This was a trip of a life time. I loved every day. Thanks Captain Bob
for everything. Best of luck in Far East. I hope your trip is
everything you want it to be. Be safe!

Your Friends + Sail Mates
Ray + Ronnie

May 26 - 29, 2008 Weres and Christa
Pottsville, PA



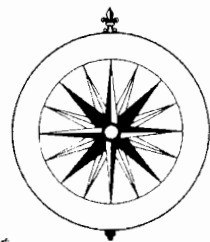
When Captain Bob greeted "die Genueser" aboard,
we learned fast that this trip will be different -
all those questions! crazy accent! and Christa
afraid to move around the boat. This all changed
quickly. Captain Bob's experience helped us
calm down, the classes were extremely informative -
well - we had a wonderful time. Vacation
started to be fun (for Christa); all in all we
had a blast!

Thank you
Weres and Christa

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Sept 15-19, 2008 Kim + Dave - Fincastle, VA (near Roanoke)
Domestic Engineer + Captain and Trawler Wannabe Owner

We had beautiful weather all week: almost too hot!! We left Panama Beach Monday evening for a blissfully uneventful first cruise; anchoring in Hollywood Marina for the night. Tuesday, we began our 6 hour cruise to Boca Chita. Besides getting alot of good, simple instruction from Capt Bob, we also got stopped by the Indian Creek police boat because our bow was riding low in the water. When the surly officer boarded the boat I (Kim) started picturing how I would look in stripes. This guy was incredibly intimidating! After seeing Capt. Bob's chain in the bow he let us go. Phew! No stripes!! We cruised on and fueled at the barge (really cool), then shortly after got swamped by a 60ft. express cruiser. He came to our port side way too close and way too fast - nothing we could do. We were rocking and rolling! Good lesson in always putting things in a safe place! We cruised on to Boca Chita without any other problems. We fell in love with the auto pilot today. Dave already had a clue about how simple boating could be and after Capt. Bob's instruction on the charts, GPS and auto pilot made me believe for the first time that trawling was something I could do and enjoy it! (Thanks Capt. Bob!!!)



We arrived at Boca Chita in time for beaching and happy hour.

What an awesome time we had here! Only 1 glitch! The generator wouldn't work, so no AC. Wednesday we cruised to No Name Harbor - had a great day and then did night navigation to Marine Stadium - Wow, wow and wow! The night cruise and the anchorage viewing the Miami skyline were fantastic. Thursday, we cruised to Jimbos. OH MY!

We left there in the afternoon and cruised back to Dennis Beach as knowledgeable and experienced sea dogs! What a ride this week has been!! We had an adventure in knowledge and fun that only Capt. and Cabin Boy Bob could have delivered! His approach to teaching and living were exactly right for us. This trip was Dave's 50th birthday present and it exceeded all our expectations. We can't wait to charter some trawler trips!!! THANKS CAPT. BOB FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME!!!

P.S. I'll be looking for your recipes in your next book!

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November 2 - 7, 2008

Randy + Grace

Mackinac Co, Michigan

Where to start? From the start - a wonderful dinner I didn't have to cook! In the first cruise along the Intercoastal.

Perfect weather all week - light waves and no bugs!

Tuesday was election day - and in the back of our minds while cruising to Pigeon Lake. Liked a place! Our own piece of paradise for only for the night. A beautiful sunset, wonderful meal, good wine - and no Mrs. Honeywell! On to Wednesday morning, and a good

agreement on who can read the chart plates. (Grace)

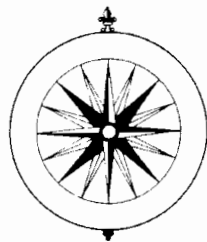
Thanks to Captain Pelt's good instruction we made it to Pigeon Lake had lunch and checked the park.

Next it was Vermilion Hole for class work. We

got lots of answers to questions and learned what to ask when it's time to buy - make sure your check is good. Next night we were in

a bird attack (okay, maybe just a fly over)

with a lot of noise that was pretty bad!



Parked in front of Home stadium, went down
way to Jimmy playing "Don't be a Heavy Cross"
Way down road and back up road on parallel
On the right side of the road, there is a
house, but a beautiful house, it had great
view of the bay, the house was very big and
and I remember it very well.

Remembered that of the 11-8-08
being a family affair and I was there

11-8-08

11-8-08

P.S.

Where were you on 11-8-08
American History Obama Barack + John McCain
Presidential election, Guess who won??
we were on Boca Chita Island when the
Results were Rolling in That Night!!!

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! Thank You Bob!

November 17-21, 2003

TIM & ANNIE

WINTER GARDEN FL. (Route Force!)

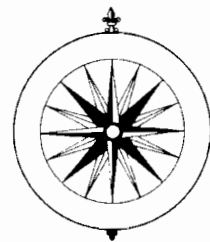
FROM THE BEGINNING WE KNEW THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE AN ADVENTURE! BUT, WHO WOULD HAVE EXPECTED THE GOURMET FOOD, THE SPECTACULAR SUNSETS AND THE OUTSTANDING INSTRUCTION TO BOAT! OK - ANNIE WAS NOT HAPPY ABOUT DOING "THE PUMP" & THERE'S NO WAY TO GET USED TO A "NAVY SLOWER", BUT, THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE INTRODUCED TO MISS PERCINE AND TO EXPERIENCE TIM'S WAS BEYOND ANY AND ALL EXPECTATIONS. (FLIPPER'S HOME BASE!!)

WE WANTED TO EXPERIENCE HANDLING A VESSEL LARGE ENOUGH TO LIVE ABOARD WE WANTED TO LEARN HOW TO NAVIGATE AND CRUISE USING THE CHARTS & THE CHART PLOTTER. AND, WE WANTED TO GET THE BASICS ON THE ELECTRICAL, PLUMBING AND MECHANICAL SYSTEMS ON BOARD A TRAWLER. CAPT BOB EDUCATED US AND PRESENTED EVERYTHING IN A MANNER THAT MADE BEING HERE FUN WE'VE BEEN TO MIAMI, SOUTH BEACH, & THE KEYS MANY TIMES - CAPT BOB MADE US ENJOY IT FROM A WHOLE DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE. WE ARE GOING TO ENJOY SUNSETS FROM THE BACK (THAT'S THE STEW BOB!!) OF OUR BOAT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME. THANK YOU BOB FOR HELPING US ON ONE MORE STEP TOWARDS OUR DREAM. GOOD LUCK - LIVE WELL!

You were truly awesome Bob! I know that we'll TAKE CARE. CONTACT YOU WHEN WE'VE BOUGHT OUR OWN BOAT & PEPER YOU WITH MORE OF THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU LOVE! WE LOVE YOU & THANK YOU - GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR MARI!
TIM & ANNIE

Dec 18, 2008,
Rick & Carol

(Barnet Valley, PA) Philly, PA!



We came down here trying to figure out what to do next? We own a 38 Catalina Sailboat, that is in charter on the Chesapeake Bay. When it's time to buy a new boat, Sail or Trawler?

As of tonight we haven't decided, but we came away with a lot new knowledge. Also, correct some bad habits.

We had a GREAT time with Fred, we learned so much.

One of highlights at least for the guys was when we happened upon a nude photo shoot at Jimbo's. We ~~we~~ now know the proper way to tie off a boat. How to spin the boat, and rain at night.

Thank you, Thank you Thank you

Fred !!!

CRUISING

Destination: _____

Estimated Time of Arrival: _____

Port of Departure: Dania Beach Date 1-08-08

Time of Departure: 4:30 - 5:00 pm

Port of Arrival: Dania Beach Date 1-11-08

Actual Time of Arrival: 3:00 - 3:15 pm

Guests Aboard Tom & Karen Swartz Creek, MI

Weather Conditions: Very nice - sunny - 70's - 80's

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: Very calm Wind: light
speed direction

Events to Remember: Unusual classes with an unusual captain! (He has a great sense of humor.) Dinner by candlelight - cruising the Inter Coastal. Capt. Bob's stories of all his travel adventures.

Places to Remember: Boca Chita Key, Key Biscayne, seeing Fisher Island No Name Harbor, Hurricane Harbor

Comments: We wish you many years of Happy Charters!

CRUISING

Destination: _____ Estimated Time of Arrival: _____

Port of Departure: DANIA Beach Date 1/14/08 Time of Departure: 4:30 pm

Port of Arrival: DANIA Beach Date 1/18/08 Actual Time of Arrival: 3:30 pm

Guests Aboard: BOOSTER - 1 / NICK
Hartsville, SC / Griffin, GA / Booster Pt., Va

Weather Conditions: COOL FIRST NIGHT / NICE REST - TRIP.

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: MINOR ~~light~~ Wind: 25K
speed direction

Events to Remember: Good CRUISE / NO. B.S. ANSWERS
(NICE ISLAND STOP) (DOCK LIGHT) NO NAME HARBOR - GREAT.
Good look at ULTRA LIGHT.

Places to Remember: ALL WERE GREAT TRIP OLD AIRLINE CAPTAIN
WHO SAW IT FROM ABOVE ONLY.

Comments: KEEP Giving EVERYBODY NO. B.S. DATA.
learned everything I needed to know to charter / Buy a
transfer. nickhyder@aol.com

CRUISING

Destination: _____

Estimated Time of Arrival: _____

Port of Departure: _____ Date 1/21/08

Time of Departure: _____

Port of Arrival: _____ Date 1/24/08

Actual Time of Arrival: _____

Guests Aboard Jim & Sue New Orleans, LA

Weather Conditions: _____

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: Beaufort Scale +++ Wind: First 2 days - too much
last 2 days - perfect
speed direction

Events to Remember: What we learned: 1.) How far an anchor can drag in two hours (in 35 mph winds); 2.)
How to troubleshoot an overheated engine (Thanks Capt. Bob, for realizing it was too hot);
3.) How not to flush a toilet (Talk about going the extra mile for his shipmates - Thanks, again,

Places to Remember: Capt. Bob) 4.) How to destress & relax in the Florida Keys; 5.) Just how
much fun Captain Bob can be; + finally 6.) How to steer that trawler & use the
damn ^{chart} plotter (Yes, I will keep it simple!)

Comments: TAKE YOUR BOOK LEARNING FROM US POWER SQUADRON CLASSES, BUT
GET YOUR HANDS ON TRAINING (REAL LIFE) FROM CAPT BOB.

CRUISING

Destination: _____

Estimated Time of Arrival: _____

Port of Departure: _____ Date 1/29/08

Time of Departure: _____

Port of Arrival: _____ Date 2/1/08

Actual Time of Arrival: _____

Guests Aboard Siranne + George

Turcaloussa, Palawan

Weather Conditions: _____

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: _____ Wind: speed _____ direction _____

Events to Remember:

Great Fun. Learned a lot. He very well.
Sorry I fell in the hole, but all's well that ends well.

Places to Remember: _____

Comments:

Great job, Bob, you noisy Bastard. School
was just we needed to get started. Best Regards
Brody Wagon

CRUISING

Destination: BOCA CHITA w/ lots of stops

Estimated Time of Arrival: hmmm... 35 miles at

Port of Departure: DANIA BCH Date 2/3

Time of Departure: 6.2 knots

Port of Arrival: _____ Date 2/7

Actual Time of Arrival: _____

Guests Aboard PETE & JOANNE
ATLANTA

Weather Conditions: PERFECT. NOT TOO HOT, COOL NIGHTS ... NO RAIN

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: _____ Wind: _____
speed direction

Events to Remember: In search of a laundramat. The prop walks which way? One more way to use up duct tape.

Jimbo's beach ... but that's all I can tell you.

Places to Remember: The view from the Stadium Harbor. The sky at BOCA CHITA. Excellent Cuban restaurant at No Name.

All the helpful people at the Miami Port Authority.

Comments: Just what we were looking for ... an introduction to life on the water and solid education to help us make good choices. We are looking forward to our next step (charter).
GREAT JOB TEACHING US THE BASICS + THEN SOME.

CRUISING

Destination: Boca Chita

Estimated Time of Arrival: _____

Port of Departure: Dania Beach Date 2/18/08

Time of Departure: _____

Port of Arrival: _____ Date 2/21/08

Actual Time of Arrival: _____

Guests Aboard Charles and Nancy
New York

Retired police officer NY PD (size 14 shoe)
Pre-kindergarten teacher

to, to
a bottle
of rum
Car 54,
where are you?

Weather Conditions: Cloudy, cool, windy, pleasant, sunny back to Dania Beach

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: _____ Wind: _____ speed _____ direction _____

Events to Remember: Celebrating Captain Bob's birthday. 2/19 "It was an honor and a privilege to be with you on your B.D." Captain Bob's classes were great. Going to Jimbo's, Charly making it under the bridge, Nancy answering a question right.

Places to Remember: Miami Mermaid, Miami skyline at night, Jimbo's, the eclipse. Wed night about 9 with Miami skyline behind us. All of the stops were memorable.

Comments: I would recommend Capt. Bob to anyone. His personality, sense of humor and sincere wish that his clients learn the best way to navigate. All his meals were delicious. Charly and I felt so comfortable and relaxed the entire trip. We enjoyed Capt. Bob's company very much.

CRUISING

Destination: Boca Chita & Everywhere Estimated Time of Arrival: _____
Port of Departure: Durin Beach Date 2/24/08 ^{Else} Time of Departure: _____
Port of Arrival: _____ Date 2/29/08 Actual Time of Arrival: _____
Guests Aboard Bob LEAP YEAR
+ Emma

LAS VEGAS NV
(Happily Unmarried)

Weather Conditions: CRAPPY FIRST DAY -- started getting better

Barometer: _____ Wave Height: _____ Wind: _____
speed direction

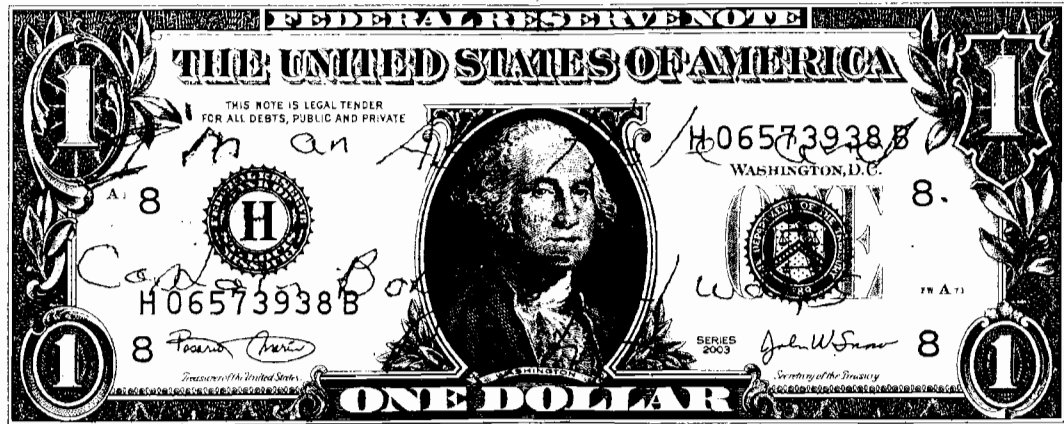
Events to Remember: Sailing to Boca Chita in the cold rain & wind. Partying
on board with Captain Bob & Freddie and Cabin boy Bob.
Emma sleeping during class. Emma getting picked up by Gary at Boca
Chita

Places to Remember: Boca Chita (cold & rainy). No name Harbor & Hurricane
Harbor.

Comments: Captain Freddie's jokes and singing. Captain Bob (AKA
Cabin Boy Bob) trying to get Bob & Emma to marry (was
unsuccessful). Had a fabulous time (especially during cocktail
hour)

GUEST REGISTER

Date	Name	Address and Phone	Comments
3/7/08	George & Penny		
<p style="text-align: center;">What an experience! "Fire and ice", a broken wine drinking record, dancing with a drunken Rod Stewart, the revenge of Mrs. Honeywell (mosquito bites), tag-team napping, outstanding food, finding Capt. Bob's electric whip ... but most important - a great learning experience. Now I ^(Penny) know we can do it. Thanks for everything!</p>			



ON OUR WAY TO PICK UP OUR 37' PILOTHOUSE
MARINER !!!


GUEST REGISTER

Date	Name	Address and Phone	Comments
3/28	MIKE AND SHARON	WAY UPSTATE	NEW YORK
		FROM 3 FOOT SNOW BANKS TO 3 FOOT WAVES!	
		(WELL, I EXAGGERATED ABOUT THE WAVES)	
		CAPTAIN BOB DOESN'T DO HIMSELF JUSTICE ON	
		THE WEB SITE. WHAT A RIDE!	
		"STAY IN THE GOD DAMN CHANNEL!!!"	
		EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T READ THE FINE BOOK, FORGOT TO	
		BUY THE "CAPTAIN BOB ANCHORAGE BOOK" AND THEREFORE WAS	
		<u>NOT</u> PREPARED FOR SCHOOL, BOB WAS THE BEST,	
		HANDSON EXPERIENCE WE COULD HAVE HOPED FOR	
		LOW KEY, LOTS OF FUN, GREAT WEATHER THANKS (BOB)	
		OK, BY THE WAY, IF YOU ARE A VEGETARIAN, IT HELPS TO LET HIM KNOW	

AHEAD OF TIME. MAKES THE MEALS MUCH EASIER TO PREPARE
😊

GUEST REGISTER

We will need to run extra 'kilometres' to Burn off Cabin Boy Bob's great cooking



Date	Name	Address and Phone	Comments
April 10/2008	Initially the "Tiger"	but turned out to be a "Pussy cat"	
	Has a great teaching technique - KISS - "keep it simple, stupid"		
	Great combination of learning and touring.		
	Captain Bob has picked great anchorages - Boca Chita - and the	ghost of Mrs. Honeywell, No Name Harbour - great Cuban restaurant and	
	beach, Hancine Harbour - great homes, Maurice Stadium - rock and roll	ghosts of the 70's & Miami Skyline and last but not least Jim's	
	- thanks for arranging the van & "VD" and "Don't whine for me	argen-fun a". We will not forget like previous students	
	"Stay in the Goddamn Channel" and "which yellow boat to head for"		
	Thankfully Don docked the boat successfully at Jim's without destroying	boat or dock. This course was a test to see if we liked "trawling"	
	We are still on course to find "our own" trawler.	Thanks for everything - Captain Bob.	

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 Thanks for everything - Captain Bob.

Don & Charlene
 Pinkson
 Guelph, ON
 CANADA

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Trish and Bill of Smyrna, Tennessee boarded the Miami Mermaid on March 17, 2008. Captain Fred greeted us with a warm welcome and began our lessons on navigation and using the GPS. After a wonderful dinner prepared by Captain Fred, Captain Bob put Trish at the helm and we cruised to our first anchorage. It was a windy night but the trusty anchor held us firm. Our next morning, with Trish at the helm, we began the learning experience of a lifetime! We cruised down the inter coastal waterway using our newly acquired GPS, navigation and "rules of the road" skills. Boca Chita Key was delightful and the meal by Captain Bob was excellent! Ahhh, the sunset! Next morning we "gunk holed" our way back through No Name Harbour, Hurricane Harbour and had an evening view of the Miami skyline. Life doesn't get any better than this! Thank you Captain Bob for all the lessons, building our confidence toward the future ownership of our own trawler! This was an adventure we will never forget!

31st March to 3rd April 2008

Pauline & Rod from Perth Australia

"Sacrifice, sacrifice, sacrifice" that was our first lesson!

What sacrifice? We worked and dined, cruised and camped in wonderful surroundings, with good meals, no cooking, no cleaning, for three-plus full days. If that's sacrifice then we want more! After all these lessons, nearly running aground (our fault), bumping off the dock (our fault), not keeping to the center (our fault), we finally feel we can handle, and make plans to purchase, our own trawler. Thanks Bob.

