

## The Ship's Log™

Vous avons passé des moments très agréables sur ce bateau. Capitaine  
Bob est un bon marin, un très bon pédagogue et surtout, un excellent  
cuisinier! Si vous voulez apprendre à naviguer, il n'y a pas meilleure école -  
Néanmoins quand même: notre Capitaine est un vrai personnage!  
A bientôt sur les flots moutonnés!

Edouard et Sabine

Cannes - France

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December 27-30

Learning, fun, experiencing south Florida ICW.  
All combined in 4 days of cruising with Captain Bob  
on the Miami Mermaid.

We were at the wheel in the first 10 minutes and  
enjoyed the combination of boating & instructions based  
on gaining a quick and practical knowledge of running a  
trawler.

We saw everything from a quiet island bay to anchorage with  
Miami skyline view. Boating through clear open waters  
to major port of Miami shipping lanes.

We had a great time & learned lots!  
Thanks Captain Bob!

Doug + Brenda

from Canada



December 13- December 15, 2010

Captain Bob,

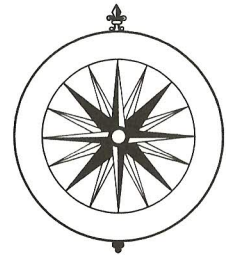
I have two things to say

1) BRRRRRRR!!!!

2) "FINAL SOLUTION" - Good advice!

Despite having to dodge icebergs in Miami + Key Biscane, it was a fun adventure and a good learning experience. Thanks for the good laughs.

Mark + Nancy



26 Nov 2010

Made port yesterday, Thanksgiving, after a great few days learning the "Art of Trawling." Capt Bob does a great job of ~~sh~~ teaching you "what you need to know." We have been contemplating the trawler lifestyle as a potential retirement option in a few years. This course was just what we needed to get a taste of what ~~it~~ it is and <sup>what</sup> it is not, plus gaining the confidence to go to the next step of a bare boat charter. The ports of call are great and all offer a different aspect of trawler cruising.

The added ~~part~~ of a fantastic Thanksgiving dinner at "Chee Susan" with all the trimmings and then some, was a great way to end up our adventure. We will definitely be making the next step toward our own "FINAL SOLUTION"!

Thanks for everything! (Sorry about lightening your pockets after dinner!)

Take care, Capt Bob & Susan,

Roy & Lynn  
ROCHESTER NY & ATLANTA, GA.

11-15 - 11-19

## The "Way" to Trawling self-Confidence

There is Bushido, the "way" of the Samurai warrior.

There is Karate, the "way" of the empty hand.

Then, there is Capt Bob's "way"; the true way to

learn seamanship, boating, and the trawler way.

Milta and I decided to get a trawler & began searching. We believed that it would take a year to

find the perfect one. So, we, in May of 2009 engaged

a Trawler School Charter for 15 Nov 2010,

believing our training would be done far ahead of

our trawler purchase. As we found our boat in

July, and Capt. Bob's book was a godsend, an invaluable

guide during our purchase. Now what to do

with our Trawler School Charter? Cancel? No.

We decided that 15w training would be valuable,

as we intended to make our first long trip from

Houston, TX to the Bahamas.

Little did we know that 15w training would be

10 times as valuable as we thought. In fact,

one of the many benefits of Capt Bob's training

is that it greatly facilitated commun-  
ications between Matilde & me (each of us  
has difficulty accepting instruction from the other).  
The highlights for me were the training  
segments on Electronics (I have not been able  
to get from the instruction manuals how to  
operate our chart plotter.) - (I now feel  
completely comfortable with electronic navigation.)  
Anchoring, Engine (air/water fuel & so  
simple), really, and now I can out-think problems),  
Electrics (now I am completely confident  
with #120 & 12v alternating and direct current  
systems and how they interact on a d rawer).  
But, here's the icing on the cake: Capt. Bob suggested  
that before crossing the Gulf Stream to the Bahamas,  
we do what he calls the "little loop": Houston to  
the Big Ditch by the ~~west~~ ICW; Big Ditch to Lake  
Okeechobee - to Atlantic ICW - to Miami - to Key  
West - to Big Ditch - to Houston. Ideal! All  
near the service & spares we might need to shake down



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our vessel and prepare for foreign exploits.  
It has been a great experience for us, and meeting  
Capt. Bob's charming Susan was a joy!  
Getting to know the "Way" of Captain Bob has  
been the best use of our time and money that  
we can imagine.  
Thank you, Capt. Bob

Matilde

~~Matilde~~

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*[Handwritten scribble]*



John +

Templeton Ca.

11-8-10 - 11-11-10



Hey Bob,

Thanks for the birthday mermaid & card - the cake, champagne and flowers were at Dad's! The weather was great and the food good - I know so much more now - than I did then -

Sandra Welborn, Ca

An excellent introduction to Southern Florida waters and what a "Big Boy" experience is all about. Rza chila was a trip! Thank you Bob - John +

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