



Living Simply by the Sea



By Suzanne Allain
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When I was a little girl, my parents used to point out to my sisters and me the World's Smallest Police Station as we drove through Carrabelle, Florida. I'm sure it was an effort on the part of my harried parents to distract us on the drive, to keep us occupied for a few minutes so we would stop fighting over who was on whose side of the car or asking them if we were almost there. Whatever the reason, it worked. My two sisters and I would crowd over to that side of the car and peer out the window at the phone booth, just as excited the tenth time we'd seen it as we were the first. It was a well-recognized landmark on our family trips to St. George Island from Tallahassee.

At that time, Carrabelle was just a dot on the map, a place to drive through on your way to some other beach. These days,



however, Carrabelle is a destination in its own right; and Carrabelle Beach's covered picnic tables and powdery sand are nicer than ever. Built in the 60's, its green-and-white picnic area with its stark angles is hipper now than it was then, with the recent rise in popularity of the mid-century modern style.

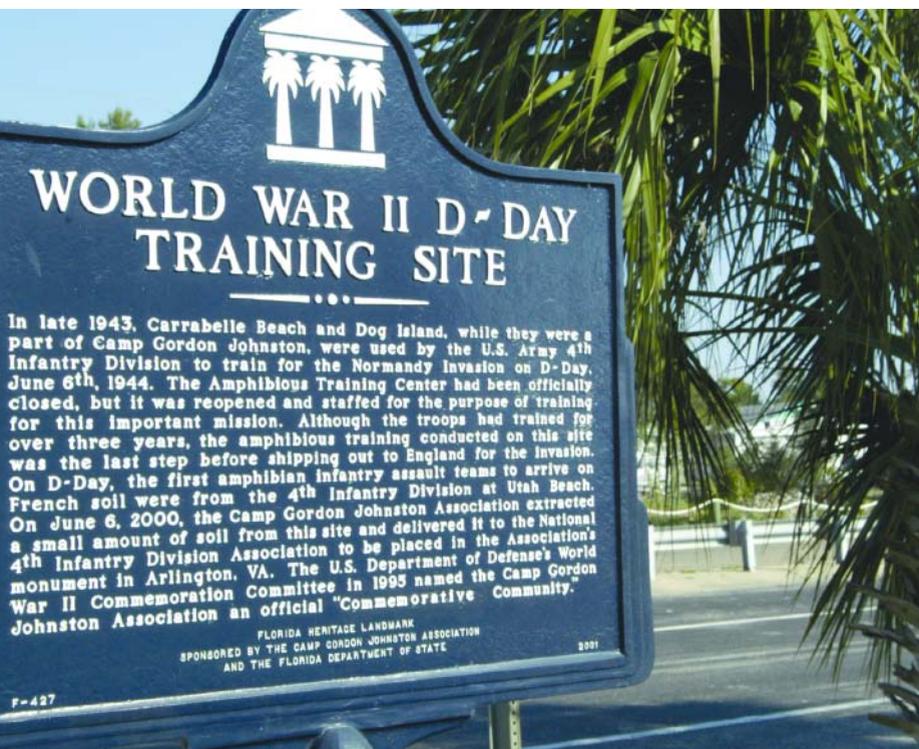
The World's Smallest Police Station is now on display in the Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce office. If you decide to visit and get your photo taken in front of the booth, you'll be in the presence of celebrity. The phone booth has been featured on television shows such as "Real People," "Ripley's Believe It or Not," and the "Today Show."

If you're not a fan of retro but like the idea of a picnic by the water, there is another option. Carrabelle has recently completed a renovation of its riverfront on Marine Street, including construction of an over-water pavilion with picnic tables. Plans are on the drawing board to build a 1,200-foot "Carrabelle Wharf" public and commercial marina with slips and boat ramps. In addition, each April the waterfront hosts the Carrabelle Riverfront Festival weekend, which showcases local and regional art as well as music and food.

If you want to visit an even older historical monument located in Carrabelle, you can visit the Crooked River Lighthouse. It stands in the forest off coastal Highway 98, watching over the "pass" between Dog and St. George Islands. This was an important waterway during the cotton trade before the Civil War, and after the war, it experienced a revival when the area's first lumber mill was built in 1875. The lighthouse, a 103-foot iron and steel tower, was constructed in 1895 and was in use for nearly 100 years. The first keeper, James Williams, made this entry in the logbook on the night the lighthouse was lit for the first time: "Everything worked well, weather was clear and fine. Keeper stood watch to 12 a.m. Light was good throughout the watch. Commander Newman came to see how it worked at 8 p.m."

Another part played by Carrabelle in the nation's history is showcased at the Camp Gordon Johnston Museum. Many of us know what took place on D-Day, June 6, 1944 when allied troops landed on the beaches of Normandy, but few of us realize that thousands of the soldiers who took part in that offensive were trained for it at a camp based in Carrabelle. The museum chronicles the role Carrabelle played in that historic event. It also displays memorabilia and photographs that belonged to a few of the nearly





quarter of a million men that passed through Carrabelle during the four years it served as a training camp.

Perhaps you're not a history buff. That's okay, too. Nature lovers, golfers, birdwatchers, eco-tourists, families, anglers, will all find plenty to keep them occupied in Carrabelle and its environs. Or maybe you're just a beach bum? There are miles of the beautiful,







“sugar sand” beaches for which this part of the Florida coast is famous.

Below is a list of things you might want to do when visiting Carrabelle, but it is by no means an exhaustive list. This lazy little fishing village, often ignored by passing tourists, has more to do than can be enumerated in one article. If you need more information, please visit the **Carrabelle Area Chamber of Commerce**, 105 St. James Avenue, Carrabelle, Fla., (850) 697-2585, or visit www.carrabelle.org. Or e-mail the Chamber at chamber@nettally.com.

Beaches

Alligator Point: A secluded peninsula east of Carrabelle.

Carrabelle Public Beach: 1.5 miles west of Carrabelle with public bathrooms and covered picnic areas.

Dog Island: A small barrier island, 4 miles off the coast, accessible by water-taxi or plane.

St. George Island State Park: Nine miles of beaches with trails and boardwalks, it is a 20-minute drive west of Carrabelle.

Eco-Tourism

Tate’s Hell State Forest: 1.5 miles northwest of Carrabelle, this is the home of many species of wildlife, including some on the endangered species list. A highly unique feature of these wetlands is the stand of Dwarf Cypress trees, many of which are over 150 years old. There are 35 miles of rivers, streams, and creeks in the forest that are available for canoeing, boating, and fishing.

How did the forest get its name? Local legend has it that a farmer by the name of Cebe Tate entered the forest in 1875 in search of a panther that was killing his livestock. Tate was allegedly lost in the swamp for seven days and nights, bitten by a snake, and forced to drink from the murky waters. When he finally made it out, he only lived long enough to murmur the words, “My name is Cebe Tate, and I just came from Hell!”

Journey’s of St. George Island, (850) 927-3259, rents kayaks and conducts kayak tours in Tates Hell.

Apalachicola National Forest: The largest national forest in Florida, it is also home to the largest red-cockaded woodpecker population in the world. There are numerous hiking and biking trails, as well as boat launches for canoes and other watercraft.

St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge: A barrier island off the coast of





Apalachicola, Florida, accessible only by boat. It is a migratory bird stopover, with nesting bald eagles and nesting loggerhead sea turtles. It has 14 miles of beaches and hiking trails.

Carrabelle River and Harbor: Created by the confluence of the New and Crooked Rivers just a couple of miles north of Carrabelle Harbor, enough quiet paddling mileage for a lifetime. Motor boats can penetrate partway up into the forest, or go out the river mouth into the saltwater bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

Ochlockonee River: Trails allow visitors to explore the park and a boat ramp provides easy access to the river. Both freshwater and saltwater fish inhabit the waters around the park, including largemouth bass, bream, catfish, and speckled perch. Watch for the occasional manatee!

Boating and Fishing

Fishing is one of Carrabelle's oldest pastimes, and commercial fishing was one of its largest industries. Here you'll find some of the finest fishing in the world, both fresh and saltwater. There are several fully equipped marinas if you want to bring your own boat or buy a permanent dry slip for your boat. Or you can charter a boat from one of the many area charters.

Area marinas:

- C-Quarters, (850) 697-8400
- Carrabelle Boat Club, (850) 697-5500
- Carrabelle Marina, (850) 697-3351
- Dockside Marina, (850) 697-3337
- Sea Change-Moorings Marina, (850) 697-2800

Charter boats:

Visit the Carrabelle Chamber Web site, www.carrabelle.org, for a list of area charter boats.

Golfing





Just six miles east of Carrabelle is St. James Bay, an 18-hole tournament-caliber golf course designed by Robert Walker. Walker worked with the Audubon Society to create a course that complements the natural environment, yet also takes advantage of modern technology. All the golf carts are equipped with a global positioning system (GPS). There is a pro shop on site that includes a snack bar, golf apparel, and rental clubs. St. James Bay Golf Course, (850) 697-9606, www.stjamesbay.com.

Restaurants

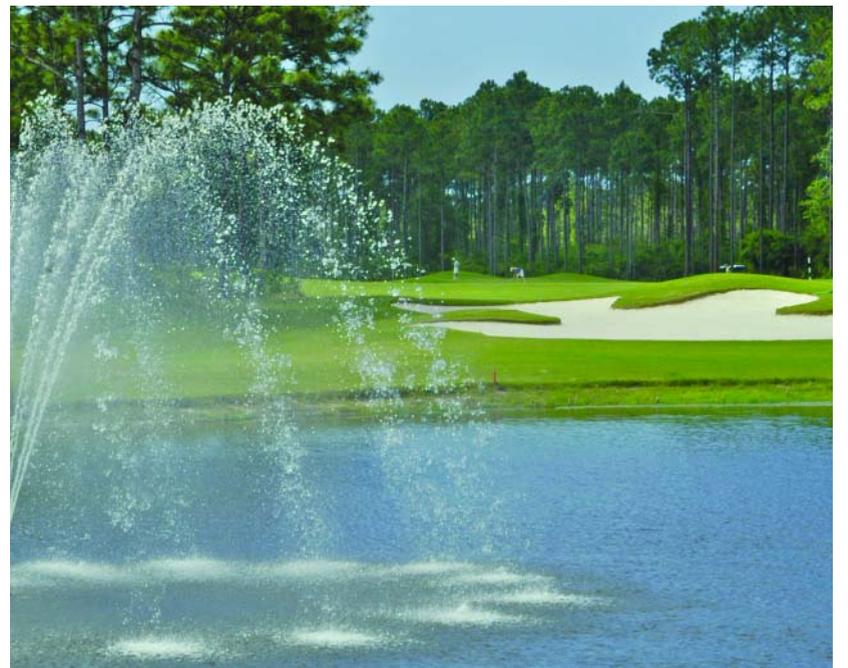
You won't find any fast food here, and you won't want any. At Carrabelle's restaurants, you'll find fresh, local seafood. Here are a few for you to try:

2 Al's At The Beach Cafe , (850) 697-4576
 Brenda's Restaurant, (850) 697-5494
 Carrabelle Junction , (850) 697-9550
 Crooked River Grill, (850) 697-5050
 Michael's Italian Grill, (850) 697-4084
 Riverview Restaurant, (850) 697-8488
 The Pit Stop Restaurant, (850) 697-5457

Accommodations in Carrabelle

Great accommodations are available through the following companies.

Anchor Vacation Properties, *Vacation rental homes*, (800) 824-0416
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 Old Carrabelle Hotel, (850) 697-9010
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 Villas at St. James Bay, (850) 697-9609



DISCOVERING THE FORGOTTEN COAST



Photo courtesy of Visit Florida/Carrabelle Chamber of Commerce.

Shortly after the United States entered World War II, the Army Ground Forces Command went looking for a place to train amphibious assault forces in preparation for D-Day. Their requirements included a deep water port near shallow bays and miles of natural, gently sloping beaches, preferably without too many civilians around. Fifty years later, those same features that attracted the Army's planners continue to attract a different sort of coastal invasion: boaters have discovered Carrabelle, FL, and unlike the Army, many of them have come ashore and stayed.

Long known as Florida's Forgotten Coast, the region is located 50 miles southwest of Tallahassee and about 100 miles east of Panama City. From the protected and deep Carrabelle River, resident and visiting boaters have exceptional access to the Gulf of Mexico, and the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway, with barrier islands that provide protected anchorages as well as miles of public beaches.

Carrabelle is situated on the south shore of St. James Island facing the Gulf. Looking out from the mouth of the river, Dog Island and St. George Island mark a shallow, protected bay that boaters must cross before reaching the Gulf proper. Full service marinas and boat storage facilities line the river, a testament to the town's popularity as an access point to the Gulf.

Boaters have been coming to Carrabelle for years, attracted to the wel-

coming small town feel, exceptional year-round fishing and the beauty of the protected bays and rivers. But recently, more and more of these visitors have decided to take up residence.

BoatU.S. member David Myrick, a charter boat captain who runs *Nixie*, a 42-foot Thompson out of Dockside Marina, and his family have had a home in Carrabelle since 1950, but became full-time residents only 10 years ago.

"The town is wonderful. It's growing, but it still has a small town atmosphere," says Myrick. "I think the whole county doesn't have but one traffic light. We have the conveniences of a small city, but with the seclusions of the country."

Myrick's charter boat customers come to fish both offshore for abundant grouper, snapper, amberjack, black seabass, Spanish and king mackerel and inshore for redfish and sea trout. He also offers freshwater fishing trips, traveling miles up the Apalachicola River, located just west of Carrabelle, to fish for bass, bluegill and crappie.

"The Apalachicola River is completely unchanged," says Myrick. "It's like stepping back in time a million years. Up there, you fly fish for two-pound bluegill with the alligators and snapping turtles right in front of you."

Carrabelle's proximity to extensive and accessible wilderness areas and public beaches attracts swimmers, campers, hikers, birders and kayakers to nearby state

parks and national forests, including Tate's Hell State Forest, St. George Island State Park, Apalachicola National Forest and St. Vincent National Wildlife Refuge. Over 80% of the county is protected forestlands, ensuring that even as Carrabelle grows, it's seclusion and natural beauty will remain. The protected inland forests mean that growth will occur on the coast and on the river, transforming an already boater-friendly town into a first-class boating destination.

Unlike many parts of Florida, access to the water is increasing in Carrabelle. New slips and dry storage facilities have been built, and many more are slated, as new waterfront developments spring up along the river.

One of these, the Carrabelle Boat Club, a state-of-the-art enclosed dry-stack storage facility with space for 284 boats, offers a first class clubhouse that rivals that of any yacht club, as well as a caterer's bar, restrooms and showers. The building is rated to withstand winds up to 130 mph and can accommodate boats to 40 feet.

In addition, the city has applied for a federal grant through the Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) program to create a marina in the heart of downtown Carrabelle for transient boaters cruising the Gulf Intracoastal. Currently, many transient boaters find themselves returning year after year to the Moorings at Carrabelle, which has just built 34 new slips off the deep water channel and a bulkhead for larger ves-

sels, which will be linked to the rest of the marina by a pedestrian bridge.

Melvin and Laurie Blank, longtime BoatU.S. members, have kept their 48-foot Egg Harbor *Blank Check* at the Moorings Marina since 1998. Residents of Tallahassee, the Blanks make the hour and 15-minute drive to their boat frequently on weekends.

"I think if I couldn't keep my boat in Carrabelle, boating wouldn't be as fascinating to me as it is," says Melvin Blank. "It's hard to find a place that offers as much as Carrabelle does as a boating community. The people are wonderful; the people at the marina were just invaluable teaching us the right and wrong way to do things."

The Blanks have watched Carrabelle change in recent years, but think it is for the better.

"I can see Carrabelle blooming in the

home on St. George Island — the experience of cruising the region and the availability of marinas dedicated to recreational boats changed their plans.

"We have the boat in Carrabelle because we had a hard time finding a recreational marina in Apalachicola," says McDonald. "There are not a whole lot of options from Panama City to probably Tampa for recreational boaters."

The list of options for boaters in Carrabelle is growing to include many new developments where new homes come with private docks.

Pickett's Landing, a gated community of luxury town homes along the river, has completed the first of three phases of construction and is offering three or four bedroom units that feature covered parking, private elevators, and balconies on the second and

It's not uncommon for neighbors to chat on the VHF."

For those like Spooner looking for property close to their boat, the community of Sandalwood at Carrabelle is offering 44 lots, each with its own deepwater slip on Timber Island, just across the river from downtown Carrabelle. The slips, with water depths ranging from five to 10 feet at MLW, were recently redesigned, casualties of Carrabelle's military past. An obscure Army Corps of Engineer rule states that a right-of-way wide enough to turn a warship around must be maintained in the river. Sandalwood's earlier dock plans trespassed on this imaginary circle, forcing the redesign. The community will feature a club house and pool with homes built in the style of a Florida cottage.

Farther up the river lies Kapes Bayou



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Photo courtesy of Sandalwood at Carrabelle.

Carrabelle offers sugar sand beaches, easy access to the Gulf, small town charm and exceptional fishing.

next three to five years," says Blank. "I see more people finding the boating community at Carrabelle." Those people perhaps might be like David McDonald, a new BoatU.S. member, who discovered the joys of boating in Carrabelle on a cruise.

After purchasing the 44-foot Sea Ray *Lorilei* last July from a MarineMax dealer in Pensacola, FL, McDonald intended to have it shipped to Lake Lanier, GA, closer to his family's full-time residence in Roswell, GA. But a MarineMax-organized cruise from Pensacola to Dog Island changed all that.

"We followed MarineMax to Dog Island and enjoyed it so much, we decided to keep the boat in the area," says McDonald. "We enjoy cruising out around the islands and up the Intracoastal. We even cruised to the Clearwater Jazz Festival as part of another MarineMax getaway."

While Carrabelle wasn't exactly unfamiliar to the McDonalds — they have a vacation

third floors. The community pool and adjoining pool house and community room have been completed and the construction of the community dock with slips available for residents is underway.

Other options include developments that offer lots rather than finished homes. Lisa Spooner, another longtime BoatU.S.

member, built her home on a lot near Pickett's Landing after five years of boating out of Carrabelle, while living in Tallahassee. Since 2005, she has commuted to her job as a certified public accountant in Tallahassee and lived in Carrabelle just down the street from her 30-foot Pursuit, *Bottom Line*. Her house's proximity to the Moorings Marina allows her to use an electric golf cart to run back and forth from her slip.

"I think Carrabelle is a great place and has a great future down the road," says Spooner. "It's a family-oriented boating community; everybody looks out for one another.

Landing, 60 single-family-home sites, including water and marsh-front lots. The community will offer docks for homeowners on the waterfront and a private boat ramp for the community.

And just across the river from Carrabelle, Anglers Harbor, a community of 26 homes, several of which are already built, offers both waterfront and water view lots, a pool, boat ramp and docks.

While this may seem like a lot of development, the town council has kept a tight rein on land use, maintaining a strict three-story height limit which means no beach-front sky scrapers.

"There are going to be some growing pains," predicts Spooner, but she is not worried. "Most people I know who have invested in Carrabelle's growth also fish, boat and dive out of Carrabelle. They all want to see this done right." ■

— **By Michael Vatalaro**

Angling 'Round the Big Bend



Photo by Michael Vatalaro

Never pass up the chance to fish with a local, especially when far away from home or chasing unfamiliar fish. Local knowledge, local techniques and even local lures, each represent a chance to increase the odds of a good day on the water. So when venturing to Steinhatchee, FL, for a weekend of chasing sea trout and redfish, I was happy to accept an invitation to join two local guides, Captains Rick Bouley and John Peyton.

The Steinhatchee River empties into a pristine stretch of Florida's Gulf Coast known as the Nature Coast. Leave the mouth of the river with its well-marked channel and civilization disappears. Miles of flats border vast stretches of marsh grasses and behind them stand nothing but acres of pine trees. Remarkably, this peaceful retreat is only an hour and a half southeast of Tallahassee.

In mid-October, the sea trout are running and the cooling waters push redfish onto the flats in increasing numbers. And while both captains specialize in sight fishing with fly rods for these species, an early morning squall line has churned up the seagrasses and made sight fishing difficult.

I am happy to use a spinning rod to cast top water lures and artificial minnows to sandy patches and nervous water as we watch birds and marauding jacks feast on enormous schools of mullet. Hungry sea trout slash at my top water lure as we catch and release our limit several times over. The redfish prove harder to find, but we catch a few over two days thanks to the persistence of our guides.

Captain Bouley began his career as a flyfishing guide in Key West, sight fishing the flats of Florida Bay for bonefish, tarpon and permit. After moving to Steinhatchee about two years ago, he decided to continue to emphasize catch-and-release sight fishing with fly tackle, which was uncommon there.



Photo courtesy of Steinhatchee Landing Resort

Top: Captain John Peyton poles Gary Jennings, associate publisher of *Fly Fishing in Saltwater*, and his wife Lisa in search of redfish. Above: The honeymoon cottages of Steinhatchee Landing Resort offer a cozy place to stay after a long day on the water.

"My flats experience in the Keys was the biggest factor in deciding to fish the shallows up here," says Bouley. "Steinhatchee has built its fishing business on filling coolers. We are trying to transition to catch-and-release from meat fishing."

To that end, he and Peyton along with two other guides, Captains Tommy Thompson and Sam LeNeave, formed a coalition of fly fishing guides to promote sight fishing in the region. Their efforts reflect other changes to the town as it transitions from a small fishing port to a vacation destination, driven by recreation.

While the Steinhatchee River brings in

fishermen attracted to the easy access to the Gulf, paddlers love the upper reaches of the river, which flows through forested and sparsely developed areas. In the winter, birders can spot migratory species including white pelicans, which gather in large flocks on the flats. Divers can explore the nearby springs and sinks of Peacock Springs State Recreation Area to experience a different side of Florida diving.

The influx of recreation-minded visitors looking to experience an unspoiled piece of Florida has fomented the development of several resorts and condo developments, including one that sets itself apart by offering guests a taste of "Old Florida."

Steinhatchee Landing Resort, a collection of 36 Victorian and "Florida Cracker" style cottages set on 35 acres that border the river just a few miles upstream from the Gulf, looks as though it has been there for 100 years, though it is less than 15 years old. The cottages nestle between mature oaks covered in Spanish moss; the curving gravel roads and paths loop gently around magnolia, cypress and cedar trees. Straight lines are absent from the grounds. The entire resort is at peace with the nature that surrounds it.

The resort's venerable appearance is belied by the modern amenities inside each of the cottages, which are privately owned but available for rent. Guests and owners have access to the resort dock with both slips and a bulkhead available for tying up.

The charm of the resort and its private setting have made it a favorite of sportsmen trying to get away, including former president Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalynn, who have stayed at the resort on more than one occasion.

For fishermen seeking to experience a slice of "Old Florida," and take a shot at landing a big redfish on fly, Steinhatchee is a great catch. ■

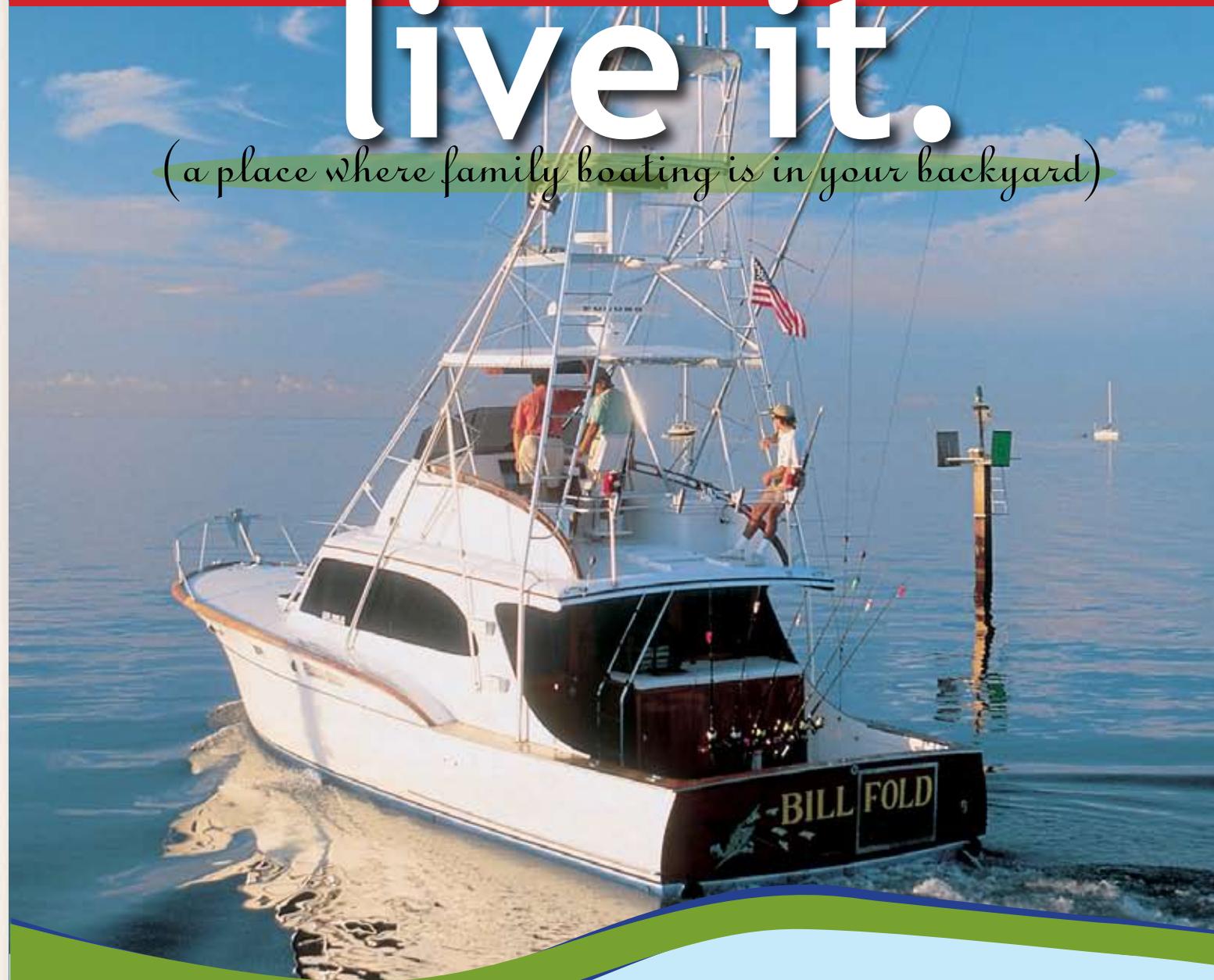
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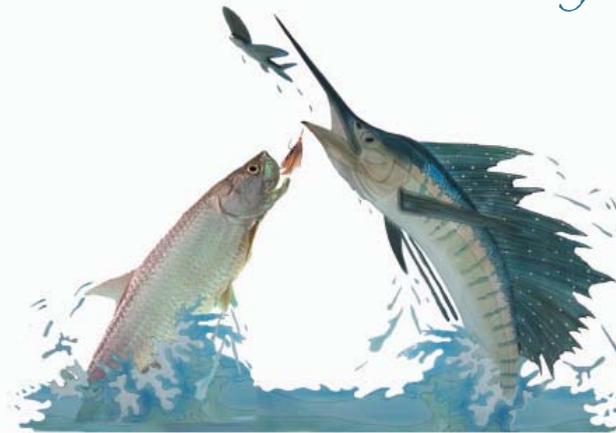
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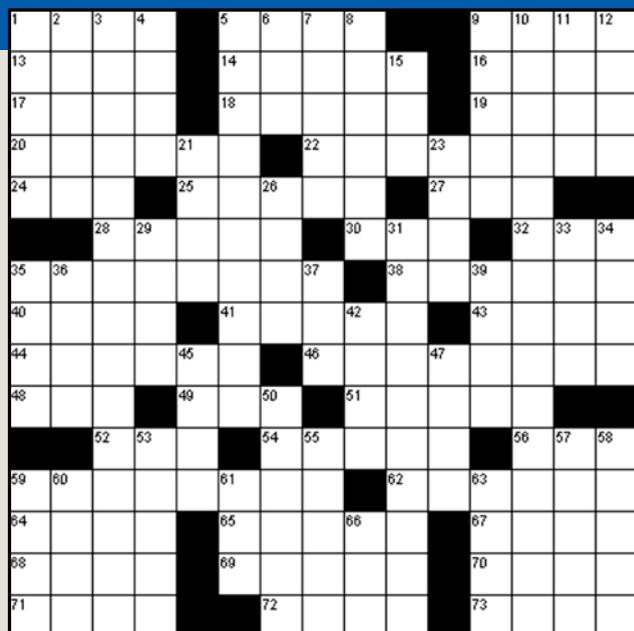
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- Church seat
- Have one's say
- "I ___ Rock"
- Tack on a few extra
- Teaches new skills
- Bird that feeds mainly on fish
- ___ Vista (popular search engine)
- Elizabeth or Isabella
- Let the boat's engine run
- "___ in court!"
- High-end boatmaker based in Florida
- Variety of green
- Part of a skirt
- "I ___ vacation!"
- "___ overboard!"
- O, to Onassis
- Sibling of bro
- It's also called a pipefish
- Port on the Black Sea

- Yam from an old pirate
- "In like a lion, out like ___"
- Modern marketplace
- Solo at the Opera
- Where Christopher Columbus learned sailing as a child
- "Now ___ it!"
- Got a fishhook caught in one's skin, maybe
- "Goodness gracious!"
- Actress Harper

DOWN

- Art class gunk
- ___ crow flies
- Capital of the U.S. Virgin Islands
- "Jane ___"
- French-owned island just north of St. Lucia
- Dublin's nat.
- ___ music (compose a tune for lyrics)
- ___ Australis (constellation near Sagittarius)
- Borden's cow
- Channel between Cuba and Hispaniola
- "Great lake" for sailing
- Drains, as energy
- M followers
- Largest of the continents
- Where some people get trim
- Galley's offerings
- Ask for help through a storm, maybe
- Scenic sailing spot on Jamaica's northwest coast
- Where you might get good lobster salad



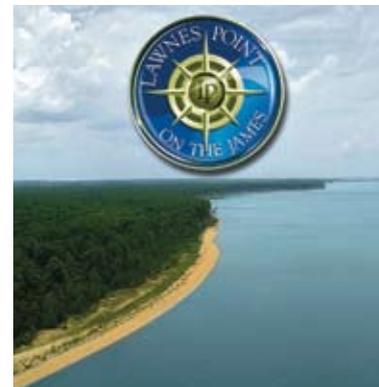
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- Made something green, maybe
- Be abrasive
- General Robert ___
- Six, in Salerno
- ___ Piper
- Feminine suffix
- Cry upon dropping your keys overboard
- Enjoy Patrick O'Brian
- Mecca visitor
- "Full steam ___!"
- Nasty person
- Castaways' homes
- Smelling ___
- Pierce with a knife
- "The Hunt for Red October" actor James ___ Jones
- You may use it to wax your boat
- Give off, as radiation
- Sailor's tattoo, often

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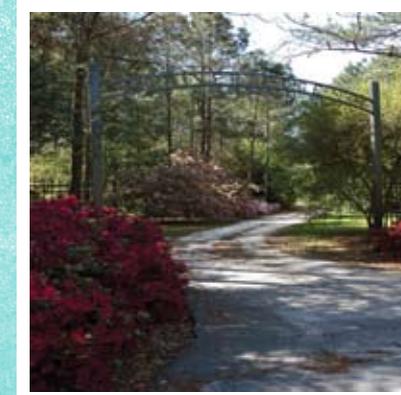
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