

The Scuttlebutt

FEBRUARY 2018

Happy Valentines Day to you and yours! We hope you make the season special and enjoy our beautiful Florida weather. Score big points by taking your valentine for a boat ride!

Charlie, Sheryl, Jeff, Steve & Stacy

Boat Project Feature

Every few months we are featuring boat projects that our boating family has either built, repaired or resurrected. Got a project to share? This month we are happy to share a one-of-a-kind boat built by Dave Tanges in the kitchen of his upstairs apartment. It was just big enough that he could get it out the door and down the steps. Great job, Dave!



Through-Hull Checklist

For safe spring boating...

- Inspect sea valves for smooth operation.
- Check that the handles are attached to valves for quick closure.
- Inspect hoses -are they in good condition and free from cracking?
- Double your hose-clamps below the waterline.
- Confirm through-hull plugs are near fittings or attached to hose in case of emergency.

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Frozen Zippers

Zippers with metal slides have a bad habit of becoming frozen with corrosion even though the teeth of the zipper are plastic. If you use force, you'll ruin the zipper. Instead, stand the cushion with the zipper up and place a small rag soaked with vinegar over the corroded slide, cover the rag with a piece of Saran, and wait. The acidic vinegar will dissolve the corrosion and free the slide. *By Don Casey, Boat US*



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- Valentines Day!**  Feb 14
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<http://orlandoboatshow.com>



The NSB Mardi Gras Celebration & Fat Tuesday Parade • Tue., Feb 13,
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New Fuel Tank Coming

The time has come to replace our Fuel Tanks near the parking lot. Later this month our fuel service will be suspended for up to 3 weeks as we pour a slab and install a new tank. The exact dates TBD- Stay tuned! Thanks for your patience!



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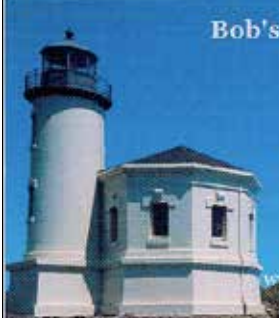
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