



THE VERO BEACH POWER SQUADRON



Teaching Safe Boating to the Public

THE SAGA OF FISHING BILL AND HIS LOVELY BRIDE MARINA.

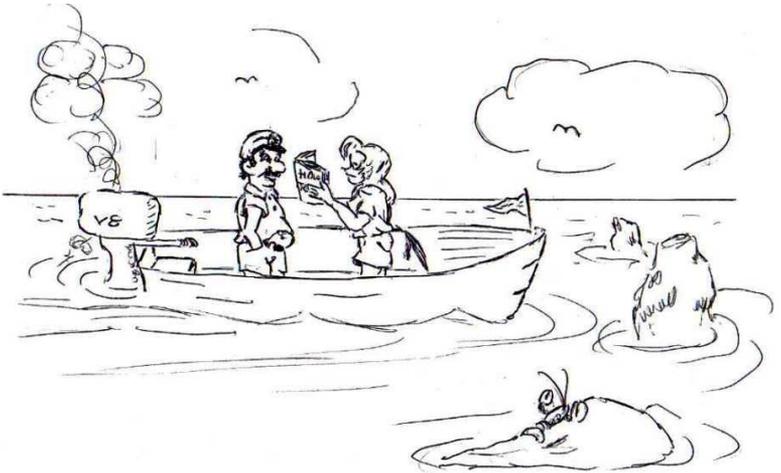
THE 10 TOP REASONS THEY SHOULD HAVE TAKEN OUR
BOATING COURSE AND JOINED THE VERO BEACH POWER
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Reason #10.

"Marina, the stupid engine just quit and we're still heading toward those rocks. Get the manual and find out where the emergency brake is". FACT IS...There are no brakes on boats but, even without an engine running, you can maneuver a boat away from a hazard. How? Take our Boating Course and you will find out.



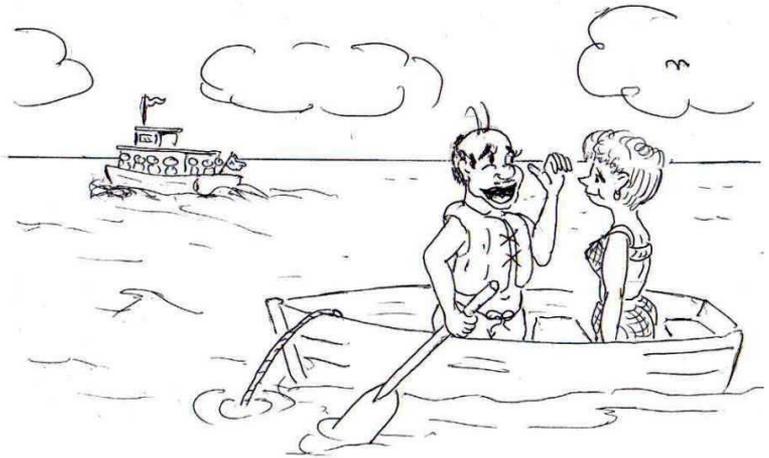
Reason #9.

"Bill, the guy on the dock wants you to turn the boat toward port". "Marina, tell him to speak English, right or left"? "He said turn starboard, and TURN Now!" "Yikes! Which way is Starboard"? FACT IS...Port & Starboard is speaking English. Take our Boating Course and you will learn to speak nautical English.



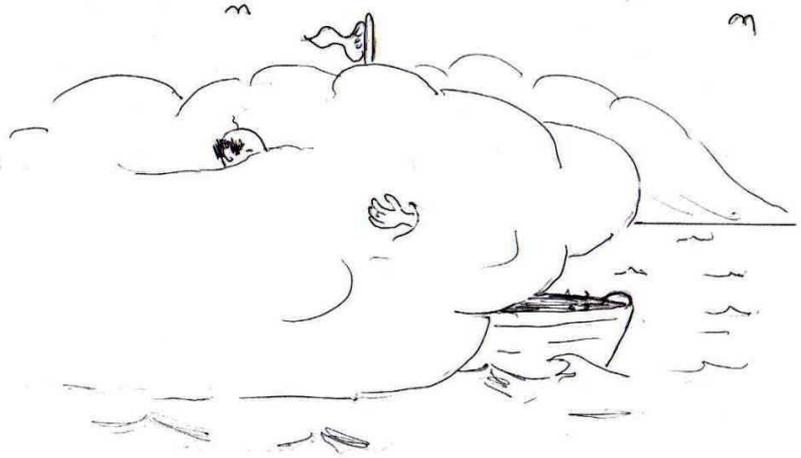
Reason #8.

"Marina, I'm not sure which way is North Port Island. Maybe we can follow that big ferry boat. I'm sure they must be going there". FACT IS... Well Bill maybe not. Just maybe they are heading the opposite direction maybe to South Port Island? If you wanted to go to North Port Island, you should have charted a course to North Port Island. How do you chart a course? Well funny you asked...Take our Boating Course and you will learn how.



Reason #7.

"Bill what is that dark cloud is coming toward us. It looks like fog to me". A few minutes later, "Marina I can't see anything. Where are the fog lights on this boat"? FACT IS...Going out in fog or at night, you should have Radar. Take one of our Advance Boating Courses and you will learn what Radar is and How to use it.



Reason #6.

"Marina, honey, it's nice we got away this weekend, away from the rat race. Lucky for us I didn't tell anyone where we were going". And when Bill & Marina experienced problems, see Reason # 3. No one could find them. FACT IS..Bill & Marina should have filed a float plan. What is a Float Plan? Well funny you asked...Take our Advanced Boating Course and you will learn what a Float Plan is and How to file one.



Reason #5.

"Marina, This GPS is the greatest gift you gave me for my birthday. Now I don't need to know about navigation or compasses as long as I've got my GPS and a cell phone". A couple of minutes later... "What's wrong with this GPS? It's saying it can't triangulate with the navigation satellites. What the heck does that mean? Marina, call the GPS Company on the cell and ask them what's up with that". Marina tries to call. "Bill! We are in a no service area for our cell phone". "Yikes!" **FACT IS...**Bill needed to know how to read his compass. Yes even if he has a GPS and a cell phone... Take our Boating Course and you will learn how.



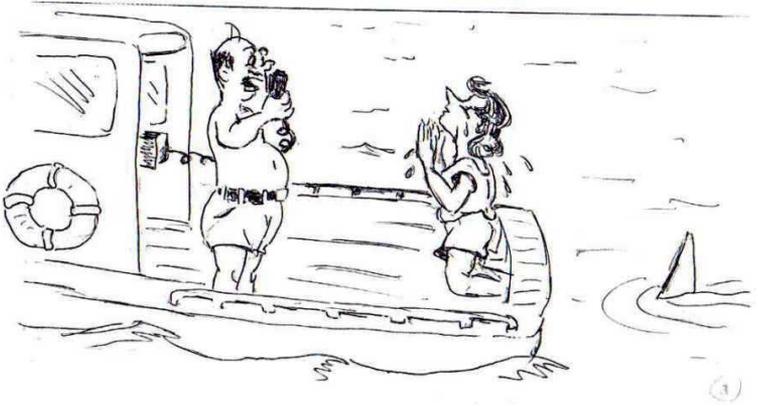
Reason #4.

"Hey this is great! Marina here we are on the river not a boat in sight, it's like the Autobahn. Let's open her up and see what she can do". Bill opens her up, a few minutes later..."Bill! Honey, there's a boat with flashing blue lights that wants you to pull over". "Yea Marina like there are cops on the river". Sorry Bill, **FACT IS...** Yes there are and there are things like speed limits and no wake zones you need to heed. Take our Boating Course and you will learn all about them.



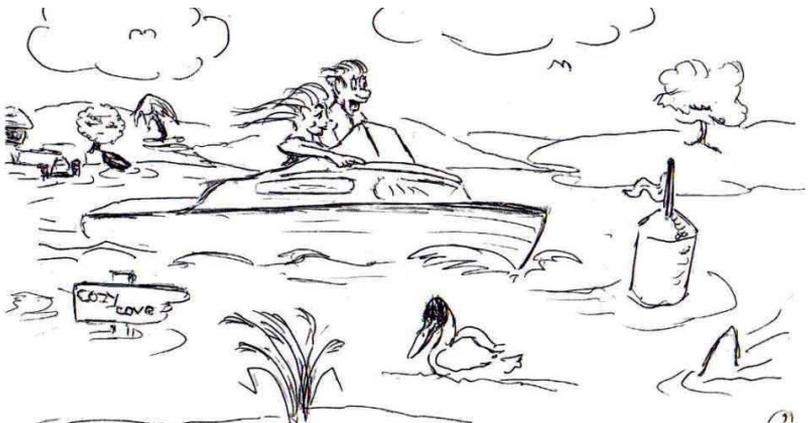
Reason #3.

"Marina I'm afraid the engine is dead and I can't see any land from here. Call the Coast Guard". Marina calls. "Hey Bill, They want to know your position". "Great! Tell them I am Vice President of The Last National Bank of Fogarea!" "FACT IS..The Coast Guard, although impressed, needs your Latitude and Longitude. Bill & Marina will be waiting a long time before the Coast Guard finds them. How do you know your Latitude & Longitude? Take our Boating Course and you will find out.



Reason #2.

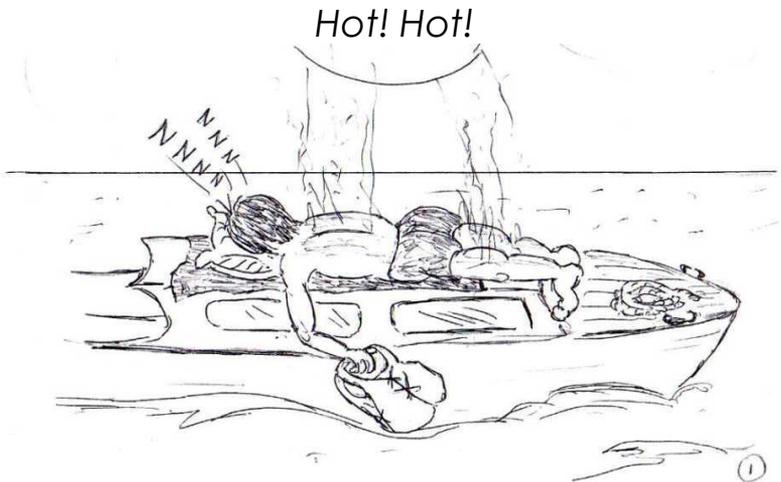
"Marina Honey, gee its great being here in Cozy Cove". I'm glad we followed Tom down here. Well Tom is heading to Old Port and we are going back to our slip up the river. In that 1 day safe boating course, the instructor said "think of the river as a highway" and gave us an easy way to remember. She said Red Something Return". Marina - "Right" Bill - "Good you remember, but something?" Marina - "Right" Bill - "Thanks for being so agreeable I know every time you have those Mango Martinis you become agreeable, however again something?" Marina - "Right" Bill - "Ok instead of saying Right when you agree with me say Correct. Again, didn't the instruction say that there was an easy way to remember"? Marina - "Correct". Bill - "But I can't remember what that something was"! Marina - "Right" FACT IS.... Bill, Marina is correct in saying "Right" It is Red Right Return meaning that the red buoys will be on your right side (read starboard) going up the river. That is something you would learn plus a lot more about buoys in our class. And about those Mango Martinis, who wouldn't die for a few of those delights?



AND FINALLY!!!!!!

Reason #1.

"Marina, honey, I don't care what they said! I can't get a tan with my life jacket on!" FACT IS...Bill maybe you didn't know but it is something you would learn in our public boating class. Most fatalities in boating accidents occur because of drowning and most of the victims that drowned didn't have on a life jacket. WE TEACH SAFE BOATING TO THE PUBLIC and re-enforce boating safety through our advanced courses. Bill & Marina had better think about taking our boating course and joining our squadron. Maybe, just maybe, their life may depend on it.



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