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THURSDAY - MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>, '89

IN PORT EVENING OF 5<sup>TH</sup> - 6<sup>TH</sup>.  
@ SAILFISH MARINA (LAKE WORTH  
INLET) BACK SIDE OF SINGER'S  
ISLAND. HEAVY CURRENT WHICH I  
EXPERIENCED ENTERING MARINA.

HAD PROBLEM DOCKING BOAT,  
DUE TO CURRENT (EVENING BEFORE)  
⇒ SOUGHT TO AVOID SAME. HIGH  
TIDE (SLACK) WAS SCHEDULED TO  
BE AT 0645 & WE DECIDED  
THAT WITH PROPER WEATHER  
FORECAST WOULD LEAVE AT SLACK  
TIDE. MY OLD FRIEND NOAA CALLED  
FOR 4-5 ON OCEAN & SE to  
E 10-15. NOT WANTING TO  
BRIDGE IT ON ICW TO MIAMI  
BEACH MARINA ELECTED TO JUMP  
OUTSIDE. WRONG! Got Battered  
to Hell By BEAM SEAS 4-5+.  
CHARLEY DID MOST OF PILOTING  
AS I WAS EXHAUSTED. AFTER  
5 MILES OF REALLY TOUGH SEAS  
ELECTED TO TURN BACK & DO  
BRIDGES. LOST 2-3 HOURS IN  
EFFORT. MADE HALL OF FAME  
MARINA AT 1700±. TIED IN

SWP 206 (Very Good). BAHIA MAR  
SIDE, 4-5 Slips from B.J.'S LANDING  
RESTAURANT. GARY, THE DOCKMASTER  
REMEMBER ME & THE BOAT. I  
CONNED HIM INTO A WESTREC  
DISCOUNT (10%).

FRIDAY MAY 5, '89 - IN PORT FORT  
 LAUDERDALE @ HALL OF FAME MARINA.  
 RICHARD & CONNIE VISITED &  
 I WAS ABLE TO PICK UP SUPPLIES  
 NEEDED WITH RICH AS DRIVER.  
 WITH RICH'S HELP REPAIRED  
 LEAKY FITTING ON GENERATOR  
 DISCHARGE. CHARLEY COOKED  
 DINNER ON BOARD. PORC TENDERS  
 WITH SEVERAL VEGGIES.  
 DIDN'T GET MUCH SLEEP AS BASTARD  
 IN SAILBOAT NEXT SLIP CURLED  
 UP WITH A BOTTLE OF GRAND  
 MARNIER & A TAPE PLAYER  
 ALL NIGHT LONG.

SATURDAY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> - FORT LAUDERDALE

HALL OF FAME MARINA

WEATHER GOOD! FORECAST FOR SE 10-15 KNOTS. LEFT PIER 0730 RADIOED MARINA OFFICE (PAT FLYNN OF LIVERPOOL LADY) ADVISED OF MY LEAVING & REQUESTED SHE MAIL RECEIPT TO BOOT KEY. GOT KNOCKED ABOUT AFTER PASSING 17<sup>TH</sup> ST BRIDGE BY SPORT FISHERS NOT GIVING A DAMN ABOUT ANYBODY (THEIR WAGES.) CRUISE WAS PLEASANT & ROUTINE. NAVIGATION GOOD ARRIVED AT RODRIGUES ANCHORAGE AT 1600. MADE HOOK GOOD AT 1/2 MILE FROM RODRIGUES ISLAND & 1 MILE FROM MAIN SHORE. WATER DEPTH ADEQUATE NO SHALLOWS. CHARLEY LAFOLLETE, THE MATE, COOKED DINNER. WE HAD DOLPHIN RODRIGUES. CHARLEY MAKE A WHITE CLAM SAUCE OVER THE FISH, VERY TASTY.

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Sunday May 7<sup>TH</sup>, 89

At anchor in Rodrigues Key. NOAA predicted good overnight weather (Sat - thru Sunday) with light winds no precipitation. I woke at 4 AM to a cold front passing thru. Winds estimated @ 15 knots. Anchor (Deepset) held well no problems - no sleep. Woke at 6 AM & decided to get underway. Weather Predictions SE 10-15. Underway by 0645. Anchor had MASSIVE BALL OF SAND ENTANGLED WITH WEEDS. Took Great effort to clean anchor with salt water hose & boot hook. Seas only slightly lumpy. Managed to maintain speed of 8-9 knots. As we came past Indian Key saw TOMAGAM. PLAYED "GOD SAVE THE QUEEN" ON THE PORTABLE HAILER WHICH WAS ENJOYED BY ALL. WIND PICKED UP TO 15 KNOT GUSTING TO 22 KNOTS FOR DOCKING. Made Boot Key By 1230 & All Secure by 1300 AFTER BUMPING AROUND THE PIER WHEN LANDING. Good to be home. & have some of the PRESSURE OFF.