

News from the Rock

2017 CHRISTMAS EDITION

Seasons Greetings

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Editors Note ~ Memory Lane

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December 2016 was busy with a lot of visitors for the Holidays!

Bunco Girls @ Christmas Time!



Mary Grace & Frank visit before departing to the Caribbean!



Christmas Eve with Michelle, Filip Wieland & Clan!>>

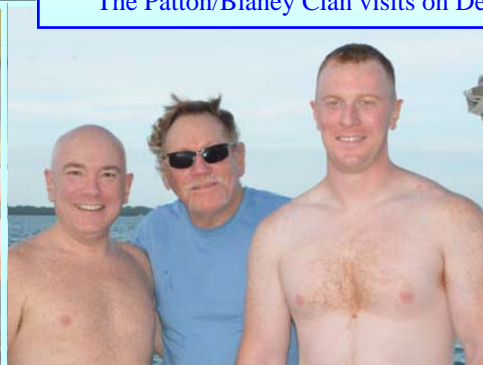
<< David & Lynne Brooks visit aboard SeaQuest!



The Patton/Blaney Clan visits on Dec 26. Everyone had fun aboard SeaQuest!



Granddaughter Brooke



Three Generations, Craig, Glenn, Steven



Craig, Glenn & Ilsa



In January, Mike & Angie Visit and go Sailing aboard SeaQuest!



Kim pampers the boys! NO, I'm not standing in a hole, Kyle is over 7 feet tall!!

JENNIFER COTTELEER
VISIT FOR CHRISTMAS &
NEW YEARS



Jan. 31, 2017, Our 35th
Anniversary Date Night!



Mary's Birthday Feb. 5



Stitching with the Girls



<< In February, Bill & Jackie for Boat Show visit us in Key Largo and go day sailing aboard SeaQuest!



In February, the Wallin Clan was in West Palm Beach Golfing and such! So, Mary & I went to WPB for a day visit.



Tom & Joyce come to get away for the cold weather in PA. We enjoy their company





Mary & I enjoyed a 5 day trip to Bahia Honda in the lower Keys in March!



In March, Aboard SeaQuest, we did a Day Cruise, Pat's Birthday Party and Dinner with the Crenshaw Clan and Spring Breakers!





Fishin with the Guys.
Pat Crenshaw,
John Georgiades, &
<< John Seoder with his
big Grouper Catch!

Fishing with ILSA—Black Fin Tunas later in March



Great Fishing with ILSA. SeaQuest is a great boat cause ILSA does not get sea sick! And Sea-Quest is so quiet it catches Fish.





Diving in April



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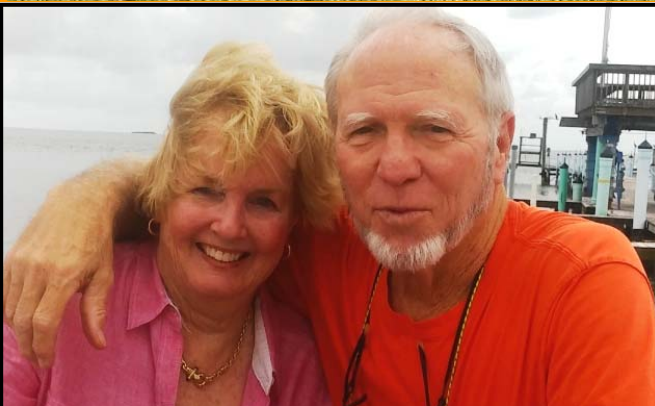


In May, We had a Mermaid & a Merman swimming around SeaQuest !

Lt. Derek Wallin takes Command!



In June we attended ceremonies to install Lt Derek Wallin as Commanding Officer of US Coast Guard Base, Ft Lauderdale. L to R, Jim Nixon, Nikki Nixon, Barbara Wallin, Sloane, Derek, Jordan, Colby, Joe Walker, Caitlin Walker, Jake Wallin, Mary, Glenn, Carey Wallin.



Met with Linda & Drew on the way north!



Debbie, Chrissy, Mary, Barbara & I

June~July 2017 ~ Trip to West End & Andros, Bahamas



Ilsa, Craig, & Dave had a great time competing on who could catch the most fish! We caught a bunch of fish & conch! Delicious! Mike & Angie are wonderful fun! We fed the Sting Rays with them!



Mike & Jim showing off a good size Mahi-Mahi. Yummy fried fish.



Mike, Donna, Angie and our Bahamian Friends having some dinner & appetizers. One night we had 14 guests for dinner aboard SeaQuest.

SEAQUEST ~ JULY & AUGUST 2017



Rene, Filip & I enjoyed an overnight fishing trip!



Mike & Angie entertained everyone at an August Party.

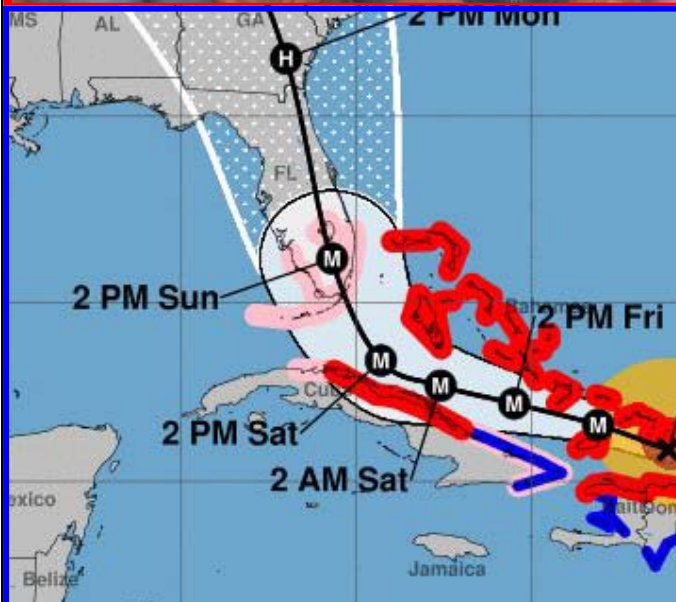


MEREDITH & STEVEN'S WEDDING IN VA!



Mary, Evie and Kim enjoying the Music!

Visiting Cookie and Fred for Cookie's Birthday with the Francis Clan ~ Sept. 2nd!



Hurricane IRMA 5 PM advisory. Thursday, Sept 7~we evacuated Saturday AM to Cookie and Fred's



<< As Hurricane IRMA approached the wind was blowing at Hurricane force in the picture to the left ~ close to 100 mph...Our neighbor, Dave did not evacuate and took this picture. The debris had not yet inundated the canal. I tied up SeaQuest in the middle of the canal with 15 lines, only one broke! We were lucky we only suffered minor damage!

September 2017 ~ Las Vegas onto Barbara's 60th Birthday Get Together—Hurricane Utah



In Vegas we saw "LOVE"!

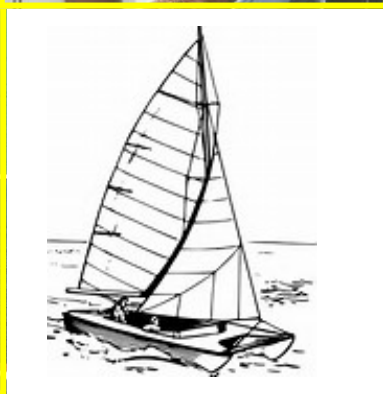
This trip was a great break from the post Hurricane IRMA's chaos!



Hunting with Mike Gorman in Oct, NO piggies or bambies!



In November, a Full Moon Cruise



Try out Filip's Spinnaker on SeaQuest while Michelle supervises!

KATIE & CODY's Wedding ~ Nov 10, 2017



We have been neighbors with Filip & Michelle for over 25 years. So, we got to watch Katie grow up practicing her Cheer Leader Dance Routines on the dock. Now we got to watch her Dance down the dock and marry Cody !



Thanksgiving @ the Wallin's—Nikki & Jim, Barbara & Carey, Jordan & Derek, Catlin Walker, & Mary in the sink!
Derek fried a turkey, and it looked charred but it tasted good!



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

2017 has been an interesting year! We spent a lot of time sailing around on SeaQuest. It is great comfortable boat that even sea sick prone sailors can enjoy. We probably put another 1000+ miles on SeaQuest this year. It is not unusual for us to put 100+ miles on SeaQuest on a weekend. Our trip to West End, Bahamas was very special because everyone really enjoy the trip.

You know how old people talk about all their medical issues, well I am NOT going to bore you with all that but all I can tell you is that getting old is NOT for sissies. We are moving forward because slowing down is not good.

How our life change over the years is amazing! Sometimes just fate, but sometimes it is a plan. Over 4 years ago, I started planning on getting a bigger boat so I could scratch off an item on my bucket list. I knew it would take a long time to convince Mary that it was what we needed to make our life more complete and fulfilled. Well, now after 18 months of owning SeaQuest I can say the effort was worth it and Mary agrees. Ours lives are filled with a beautiful adventure of sailing aboard SeaQuest. With another year passing, I marvel in astonishment that we are so fortunate!

We love sharing our life with others, so please don't be shy about making arrangements to visit us in the Keys or aboard SeaQuest. We love company and love sharing our home and our boat!

With Our Love, Glenn & Mary

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Dear Santa,

I already have everything I could possibly wish for this year. Got my family, good friends and LOVE. Please take care of those who need you. THANK YOU!! XX



REFLECTIONS Creating "News from the Rock" for the last 21 years has been very introspective and cathartic. It has helped shape lives. We have come to realize that publishing and sharing our newsletter is one of our greatest pleasures. It is sharing a little part of us and our life. When we sit down to create this newsletter and we ask, "What did we do this year?". At the same moment, we can not help but ask, "What should we

do in the coming year?". Well the answer is simple, it is to share as much of our life with family and friends as possible. Sharing our newsletter filled with love and affection, is what makes life wonderful!

Love, Glenn & Mary

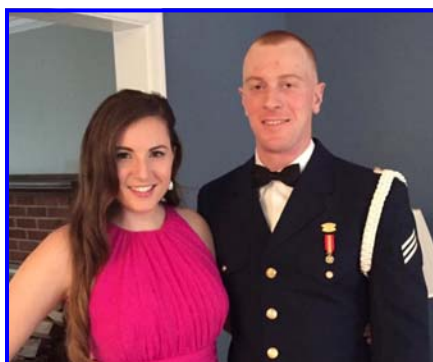


Merry Christmas
Happy New Year

Family members on ACTIVE DUTY in the US Armed Forces. God Bless America and keep our family safe!



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We are sure that "Our Troops" would like to hear from you, so send them an e-mails or packages!!