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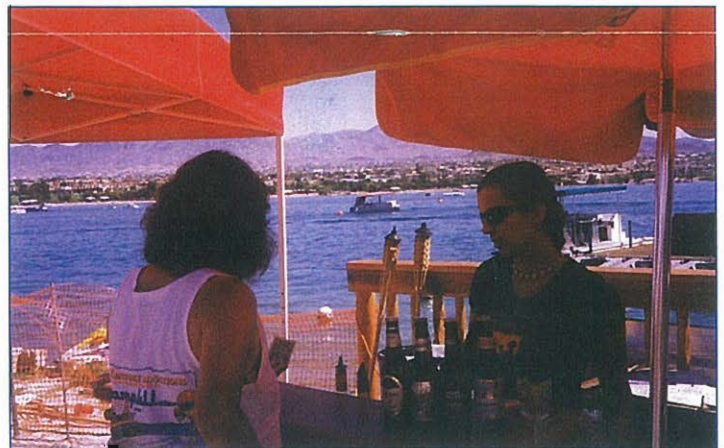
32nd CAMPBELL REGATTA - 2004

Friday, September 10, marked the beginning of the Regatta whose theme this year was "The Great Race". But that night looked more like "The Great Storm" as thunderclouds rolled into Havasu. About halfway through the cocktail party, a lightning strike hit close enough to light up the entire building and set off car alarms in the parking lot! But Campbell owners and guests were able to party on. The "Great Race" started early as Marty Raymond's son had constructed a magnificent 4 man beer bong which led to various "races" throughout the evening. As always, there was a band and burgers - after 32 years we have this pretty well figured out.

The one change was announced by Bob midway through the evening - this will be the last Regatta for competitive racing. As all of us who boat on Havasu know, more people are on the lake and they're boating longer into the season. We have never had a serious accident during the Regatta and want to maintain that record. After the announcement, we were encouraged to hear competitive owners immediately start talking about other activities that could be done during the Regatta - cardboard boat construction and racing, etc. So along with this newsletter comes a plea to all owners to come up with some alternate ideas - we're open, just let us know.

All of Saturday's races went off without a hitch, with the possible exception of the hapless buoy which was sheared off in the slalom by Roger Thomas. Mitch Parker again provided a carne asada lunch, though the Nautical insisted on catering - another sign of changes now and ahead. And, as always, the boat parade was amazing, as you can see by the centerfold pictures. Then back to the Nautical for dinner, awards and dancing.

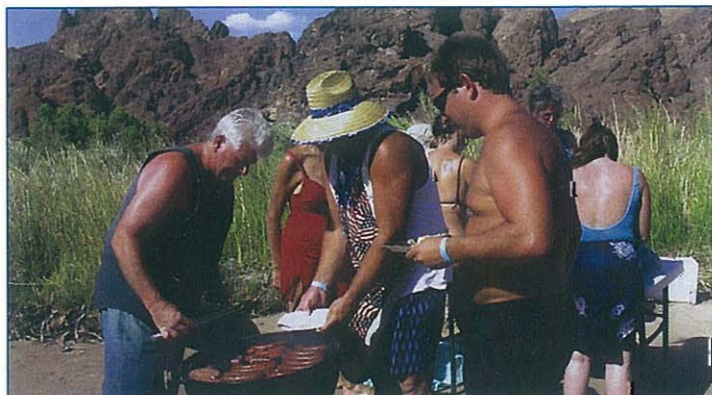
After finishing up the Sunday Slalom and the Ladies Powerpuff, Bob handed out the final racing awards. Of course the owners upstaged him beautifully by whipping out large handkerchiefs and wailing loudly. Then the traditional trek upriver for the barbeque and corn roast - some things won't change! Now we look forward to the 33rd Regatta next September and to the new form it may take. Give us your input - it's your party!



View of the start boat from the outside Nautical bar. Shade tops and bottled beer - things are changing!



Brad Riggins and friends begin the process of transforming Steve Proctor's ONE'S ENOUGH into a judging stand for their entry into the parade - the Catalina Ski Race. Their entry involved multiple boats pulling wooden "skiers."



Sunday's upriver "sandbar" barbeque

CAMPBELL CALENDAR

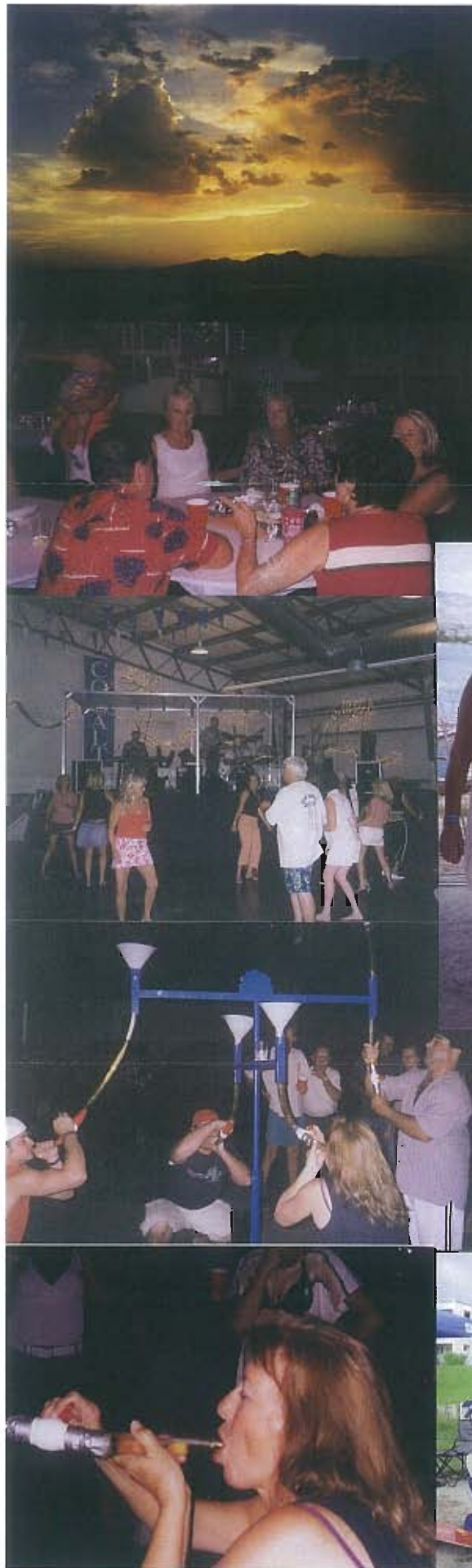
Saturday, Nov. 20 • 4 Wheel Drive Trip

Friday & Saturday, Dec. 3 & 4

Boat Parade of Lights through Bridgewater Channel

Saturday, Jan. 29, 2005 • Klaus's Klambake

Saturday, May ?, 2005 • Spring Roundup



3rd Campbell Regatta "The Great Race"



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LETTER from the PRESIDENT



I have some good news and some interesting news...

The good news is that Lake Havasu City's carbon monoxide monitoring and control system just completed its first year successfully. CO was carefully monitored in the channel each weekend and the results were displayed on large signs in the channel. On the 5 or 6 occasions when the air quality was unsafe, our officers closed the entrance to the channel. On all occasions the air returned to safe quality in about 1 1/2 hours. We also measured the blood absorption level of our employees working in the channel, as a backup. There were no reported health instances this season.

The interesting news is that the Lake Havasu Marina has started measuring boat noise levels, and several other law enforcement agencies are planning to follow suit. A stock Campbell 454 vee drive with under-water through hull wet exhausts will pass the test, as well all I/Os with through hub exhausts. Boats which don't pass will have to launch elsewhere and will not be allowed to rent a slip in the Marina.

The high performance people have brought this on themselves. As you know, some of the boats are really painfully loud. If you have loud exhausts, you will be turned away from the Marina, but soon the other launch facilities will be testing too. As we learned through the years with the Campbell Regatta, more people mean more rules.

But one good rule is to try to attend all Campbell events, good fun with a great group of people. I look forward to seeing you at one or more of these during the Winter and Spring!

Bob Wheeler

A NEW LIFE FOR THE "LADY"

Some of you may have read that Dan Blocker's 40 foot Campbell, THE LADY IN CEMENT, (named after one of his favorite movie roles) burned off Huntington Harbor on the Labor Day weekend. Dan, probably best know for his role as "Hoss" in the hit tv series "Bonanza", was an avid collector of Campbell boats (Bob and Judy currently own his 24 daycruiser "Missy").

When another well-known Campbell boat collector by the name of Cliff Lee read about the fire, he did some detective work, found what was left of the boat, purchased it from the insurance company, and had it towed to his home in Yucca Valley by a most interesting tow vehicle (see picture). After assessing the damage, it appears that the LADY is repairable. Most of the damage was done to the helm and front cabin, but the hull is in excellent shape. Cliff and fellow Campbell owner, Bill Buchanan, plan to restore the boat, rebuild the engines, and put it next to the Lee's 32 in Huntington Harbor. The one change they plan to make is to remove the aft cabin (the boat was constructed much like a Wailer, with a central helm and fore and aft cabins), thus making the boat look like a VERY LARGE 24. So the LADY will get a bit of a face lift and a whole new life as well!



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