

Campbell

Shoreline

NOVEMBER 1997

Regatta 1997—25 Years of the Same @#%&*## Party!



The post-Regatta party, Sunday afternoon on the sandbars. Photo by Bill Follmer.

This year's Regatta proved once again that Campbell boat owners' enthusiasm for competition and a good time has not diminished over the past 25 years! If anything, more people are competing in the ski race, slaloms and powderpuff than ever before and are having more fun doing it. Some Campbells are on their third generation of drivers! Competition results can be found in this newsletter's insert.

The theme for the 25th boat parade was "Regatta Reminiscences", which brought back some memories of past parades. For those who chose not to decorate, the judges awarded "Best Looking" in each category. In some cases a bit of ingenuity was required. For example, there was no 18 foot flatbottom in the parade, so that award was given to Kermit Larby for his 18 inch radio-controlled flatbottom. Ron and Bob Cherry's 1968 red and white two step won for the daycruisers and Gary and Teri Elder's 22ft

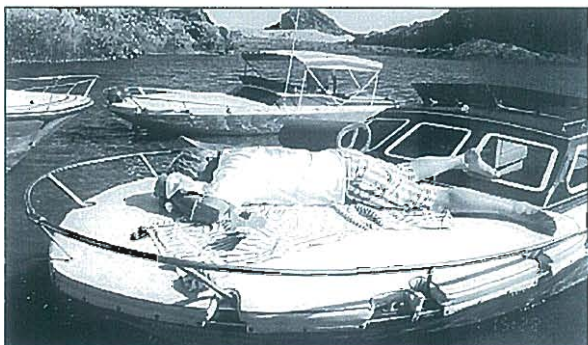
PLAYFUL was the winning superwailer. Cliff and Kathy Lee's CAVALLINO RAMPANTE was a repeat 24ft cuddy cabin winner and Tom and Barbara Tyrrell's TOMAHAWK won best-looking 28ft. (This win was completely unrelated to the fact that as they passed by the judges' boat, they dropped off a magnum of champagne.)

For those decorated boats, Tony and Savonia Angelica won Honorable Mention in the Costume category for ANGEL'S FLIGHT'S balloons and silver costumes to commemorate the Regatta's Silver Anniversary. Best Costumes went to David Kahn family's KAHN JOB with a Fun and Games theme. All of Las Vegas was on that boat: showgirls and even Siegfried and Roy (complete with white stuffed tigers and the requisite makeup). Jack Moran's TRIPLE SEC won Honorable Mention for its King Neptune underwater effects and Cap and Barb Peckham took home Best Decorated for making A

WEAKIE into a playpen with diapered and bonneted "Babies at Play". Martha and Michael Kahn's KAHNQUEST won Honorable Mention for Theme with silver decorations and a birthday cake on the bow for "Campbell's Silver Anniversary Regatta." Best Theme went to Clay and Jera Bartholomew's SANGRIA with everyone on the boat wearing a costume from past parades. These brought back a lot of memories: the gorilla suit from "King Kong", the pirate outfits, and the ducks who were part of the "Bad Boys" greatest achievement—the 3 boat mobile London Bridge. For Honorable Mention in the "Spirit" category, the judges liked Michael and Toni Brayley's 24' lime green wailer with the theme, "Honey, I Shrunk the LIMO." The Best Spirit award went to WAKEMAKER whose owners, Bob and Mimi Richardson, considered the Coors "silver bullet" as representative of true "Spirit." Participants were wearing Coors can costumes and, along with a huge can on the bow, there were strings of hundreds of empty Coors cans dangling everywhere. To the WAKEMAKER crew no sacrifice is too great to get the proper effect!

After the parade it was nice to finish off the evening with dinner, awards and dancing in the Nautical's air-conditioned convention center. So we made at least one improvement in the last 25 years!

On Sunday the course was opened up for the Extended Slalom and the Powderpuff, where the times get closer every year. And after the final awards, the group ran upriver to beach the boats on a sandbar and enjoy the final hours of the 25th Regatta. Hopefully you'll enjoy it too through the pictures in the centerfold.



After a Regatta weekend, even "The Animal" needs a cat nap.

NOVEMBER 15, 4-WHEEL DRIVE TRIP

Hope you'll be able to join us here in Havasu for the annual Campbell 4-wheel trip, led by Gary and Marge McDade. If the weather and the roads cooperate, our destination this year will be Swansea, the best known of the local old mining towns. There has been a lot of interest lately in the town as the local Archaeological Club has adopted it in an effort to prevent any further destruction of the remaining buildings. On the theory that getting there is at least half of the fun, Gary hopes to take us in via the Bill Williams River route (warning-scratches on vehicle possible) and then back out on the good road to Parker. Anyone without a 4-wheel drive vehicle could use the Parker road both ways and meet us in Swansea for a picnic lunch.

We'll finalize plans at the factory that morning around 9am (and also around the Bloody Mary pump-bottle). Come prepared with everything from sunscreen to ski masks for unpredictable weather and with plenty of food and beverages for your crew. The success of the 4 wheel drive trip proves once again that Campbell owners don't need water to have a good party!

CAMPBELL'S 25th REGATTA 1997



Friday night - burgers, beer and a band at the factory



Poker hands are traded-



David Kahn's "crackerboat" is admired-



The WAKEMAKER gang kicks off the weekend-



A "best wishes" tee shirt is signed-



And various other antics occur



The Nautical welcomes the Regatta



Competitors prepare for the 1st event - the ski race



Mitch & Terri Parker prepare & serve carne asada for the entire group



Mark & Laura Low (who took most of these pictures) are one of the poker hand stops and get to see everyone



Immediately after the afternoon slalom, the boats are decorated for the parade



Mimi Richardson hands Judge Sue a large bribe which is clearly enjoyed by all



KAHN JOB wins "best costumes" with their Vegas theme and the SANGRIA crew best carries out the "Regatta Reminiscences" theme with costumes from past boat parade entries



The illegal (but always enjoyable) post-parade raftup



"Best Spirit" goes to WAKEMAKER with their 25th Regatta "Silver Bullet" entry. They also got "best bribe" - no coincidence there



Sunday's Powderpuff & Giant Slalom is a chance for everyone to whoop it up



Butch announces the last results



After the parade, the dinner, dance & awards at the Nautical - strange people & strange behavior



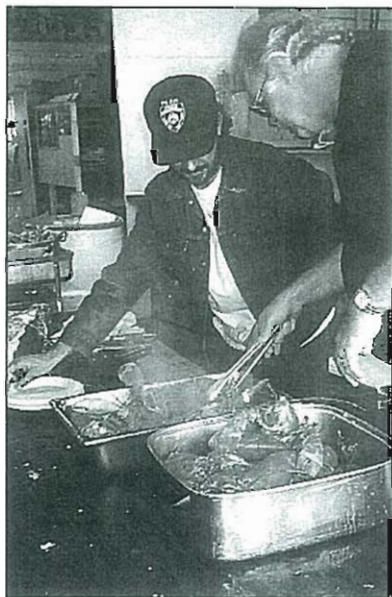
And the 25th Regatta comes to THE END (S)

NEED A FEW GOOD REINDEER

Lake Havasu's Boat Parade of Lights is scheduled for Saturday, December 6, through Bridgewater channel and Campbell Boats has entered its now traditional Rudolph and 8 reindeer pulling Santa in his sleigh. Contrary to the "incredible precision precision driving" so much praised by last year's announcer, only Rudolph and the first two reindeer are actually under power. The other six reindeer and their crews are free to relax and enjoy drinks and snacks and the cheers of the crowds that line the channel. It's really quite a thrill to hear that huge roar coming out of the darkness and we are especially honored this year by being asked to be the Grand Finale. It should be a lot of fun and we hope you will volunteer to be part of our entry. Call Bob or Karan at (520) 855-2133 for more information.



After landing all 10 boats, the lighted "reins" are adjusted to loop evenly from boat to boat.



KLAMBAKE JANUARY 17!

Mark your calendar (the 1998 one) immediately and plan to be here on Saturday, January 17 for the world-famous Klambake, hosted by Klaus and Ilona Brittinger. Klaus promises the usual overabundance of shrimp, mussels, oysters, swordfish and those lobsters. So what's wrong with an entire day of gluttonous eating and drinking??? Actually we do sneak in a LIMO boat ride while the shrimp are being iced down. Reservations are a necessity as the lobsters are flown in from Maine, so call us at (520) 855-2133 before Friday, January 9. Experienced Klambakers arrive with their own bibs and claw crackers!



Tom Tyrrell presents Ilona & Klaus with a complimentary Regatta registration with the thanks of all well satisfied (burp) Klambakers.

CAMPBELL BOAT SERVICE CO., INC.

850 LONDON BRIDGE ROAD
LAKE HAVASU CITY, ARIZONA 86404-2402

PHONE 520-855-2133

FAX 520-855-1591