



You Be the Judge

One of our favorite places is Jamestown, Rhode Island, located just across the bridge from its larger and louder brother, Newport. In the height of summer, Jamestown feels like another world, with its businesses along a single main road and a charming, small-town ambience. Follow that road (Narragansett Avenue) one mile across the island and you'll dead-end in Dutch Harbor Boatyard. Home to a terrific view, it also hosts The Shack, which surely offers one of the finest lobster rolls known to man. (That's right, Maine. You heard us!) Chef Matthew MacCartney, an alum of several of New York's finest restaurants (Restaurant Daniel, Gramercy Tavern, Craft) is manning the crustacean crackers this summer, reportedly working from Peter Liberati's delicious recipe, which dazzled us last year when he owned and ran The Shack. (Peter's moved on to a career as a chef aboard a 160-foot yacht, but his sister Cara, above with MacCartney, keeps the family's hand in the business.)

The Shack's lobster rolls are just one of many great things Jamestown has going for it. What about your town? Think you've got a better one (town or lobster roll)? Go to yachtingmagazine.com/50BestTowns2012 to vote and help us name Yachting's Best Town 2012.

GET CRACKIN'

SEE A VIDEO ON THE WORLD'S BEST LOBSTER ROLL AND LET US KNOW YOUR FAVORITE AT FACEBOOK.COM/YACHTINGMAGAZINE.

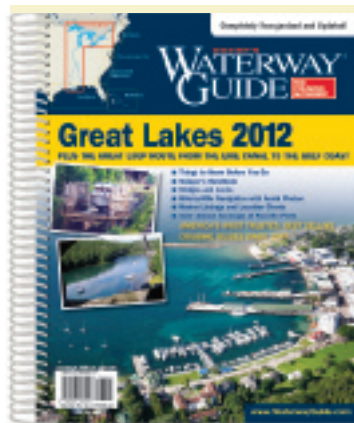


FPBs Aren't Bad for You

Steve Dashew nicknamed his current project “The Wicked One” but he’ll be the first to tell you that she won’t mistreat her owner and guests. On the contrary, this latest iteration of the FPB line of ocean-voyaging yachts simply elevates to lofty heights Dashew’s original concept — fast, relatively effortless, economical and comfortable long-range cruising. Here’s what Dashew had to say: “The newest FPB [has a] 5,000 nm range at 11.5 knots, is totally self-sufficient at anchor without fossil fuels, [is] designed for owner operation with or without crew, has [a] five-foot draft, and, of course, is totally self-righting (better inverted instability curve than modern sailing yachts).” She’s also able to take the ground bolt upright, resting on her stabilizer fins and twin skegs. Construction of Hull No. 1 was scheduled to begin in April 2012. setsail.com

15,000+

The number of warm-weather records broken across the United States in the month of March 2012. According to NOAA, it was the warmest March since climate records started being recorded in 1895.



Go In-the-Know

“Don’t leave home without it.” Those of us of a certain age will recall Karl Malden’s sage admonition for American Express, but it can also be applied to your choice of onboard reference materials for this year’s summer cruise: Meet *Dozier’s Great Lakes Waterway Guide for 2012*. “Updated annually by experienced on-the-water cruising editors,” according to the publisher, the guide includes mile-by-mile navigation, aerial photography, locator charts, anchorage and port information, bridge tables and more. In addition, this year’s publication offers new Triangle Loop coverage, an upgraded bridges and locks section and more than a dozen new images. *Dozier’s Waterway Great Lakes 2012* retails for \$39.95. waterwayguide.com

Can You Hear Me Now?

Sea Tow has been working since June 2010 to clean up VHF frequencies by providing an automated radio check system. Mariners can turn to a designated frequency, send out a radio check and have their hail transmitted back to them. More than 100 stations have now been launched, and the initiative is being praised by the U.S. Coast Guard because of the reduction in nonemergency hails on Channel 16. Sea Tow is currently seeking waterfront businesses willing to host its antennas to expand the service area. For more information, visit seatow.com.

G: I Need a Pilot

Mount Gay Rum has released the Eclipse Nautical "G" Limited Edition bottle (\$17.99). It features the nautical flag design of the letter "G" and is sure to be enjoyed wherever sailors drink ... in other words, everywhere. If the fancy bottle isn't temptation enough, Mount Gay has devised a very tempting cocktail. Mariners may remember that the G flag signals "I Need a Pilot." But with moderation, it may just mean "good."

NAUTICAL GOLDEN COCO
Pour 2 ounces of Mount Gay Rum over ice in a glass. Top with 4 ounces of coconut water and pink grapefruit juice to taste. Stir and serve.



Ride Along with Coast Guard Florida

Finally, a reality TV show that even the cast of *Jersey Shore* won't want to be featured on. Following the success of the hit show *Coast Guard Alaska*, the Weather Channel and Al Roker Entertainment have announced that a new docu-series, *Coast Guard Florida*, will air this October. Scheduled for 13 hourlong episodes, *Coast Guard Florida* will bring viewers aboard as

the men and women of the 7th Coast Guard District interdict drug smugglers, defend our borders and rescue mariners in distress. *Coast Guard Alaska*, which introduced viewers to life at Air Station Kodiak a year ago, is scheduled to continue running for at least two more seasons. weather.com

“The impression to me was it's very lunar, very isolated. I felt as if, in the space of one day, I'd gone to another planet and come back.”

— JAMES CAMERON, THE MOVIE DIRECTOR, ON HIS EXPERIENCE OF DESCENDING TO THE OCEAN FLOOR OF CHALLENGER DEEP IN THE MARIANA TRENCH, ALMOST 36,000 FEET BELOW SEA LEVEL AND THE DEEPEST KNOWN POINT OF THE EARTH'S SEAFLOOR.

A Raft of Attention

Kon-Tiki has made the news again; only this time she's a replica starring as the main attraction at the Risør Wooden Boat Festival (trebatfestivalen.no) and as a prop at the opening of the new Norwegian film titled, of all things, *Kon-Tiki*, scheduled to premiere Aug. 24.

You may remember that Thor Heyerdahl and a crew of five sailed the original balsa raft from Peru to the Tuamotu Islands of French Polynesia, a distance of about 4,300 miles. The raft set sail on April 28, 1947, and crash-landed on a reef off Rariora Aug. 7 of the same year. Skipper and crew escaped injury and proved that a pre-Columbian craft could have carried South Americans west to colonize the South Pacific. Heyerdahl's book *The Kon-Tiki Expedition: By Raft Across the South Seas* appeared in 1948, and the documentary film *Kon-Tiki*, which he directed, won an Oscar in 1951. You can view a trailer of the new film at kon-tiki.no.

