

Lemonade from Lemons

We started our journey on a warm, foggy morning when the Florida humidity was at its peak. Loading our Grizzly coolers and equipment on the boat, we headed out of the Plantation on Crystal River for a little R and R. Our spirits were high and we all laughed and joked about how many fish were going to be caught. Little did we know, we were in for a different kind of adventure.

The unsuspecting group that day consisted of George Large of Yo-Zuri, Capt. Jimmy Nelson of Extreme Fishing Adventures, John King, and myself. Nothing seemed out of the ordinary as we made our way through the channel. Once we were steadily underway at 30 knots, the engine wheezed loudly, and we were jolted forward in our seats. Gliding to a halt, we all looked back at the engine. We'd spun our prop!

Deciding to call for help, Capt. Jimmy pushed the button on the radio. Much to our dismay, in the middle of the call, the button had been pushed in too far, and stopped working! Now, we had a useless motor, and a radio that wasn't transmitting. We spent the next hour trying to get the radio to work. John relentlessly worked with the wires, and luckily touched the correct wires together to bring it back to life. We instantly called Tow Boat U.S., and secured our chance for rescue!

In the process of waiting for our tow to arrive, we sprayed our Yo-Zuri 3D minnows with Fish Bomb, and started casting in our chum line. We wrangled out a few really nice kingfish, sharks, and Spanish mackerel. Making lemonade out of lemons, we also limited out on red grouper; hauling so many into the boat we were throwing keepers back! Fighting the bounty of fish, we were pouring down sweat and stayed busy on that hot summer day awaiting rescue. The time flew by, and it was an incredible turnout for a completely unplanned spot to be stranded! We

marked the numbers in the GPS, and ended our fishing trip in triumphant victory.

Once securely attached to the tow, our voyage back to land began. When we arrived around midnight, the Plantation was nice enough to have a fantastic meal waiting for us. Even with our late return, the chef at the Plantation stayed true to southern hospital-

ity and made us feel at home with a lobster dinner ready in our rooms. All in all, we were very fortunate to have not been seriously injured or stranded at sea. Luckily, our relaxing day on the water turned towing adventure allowed us to bond over the experience while finding a very unlikely and random new fishing spot.

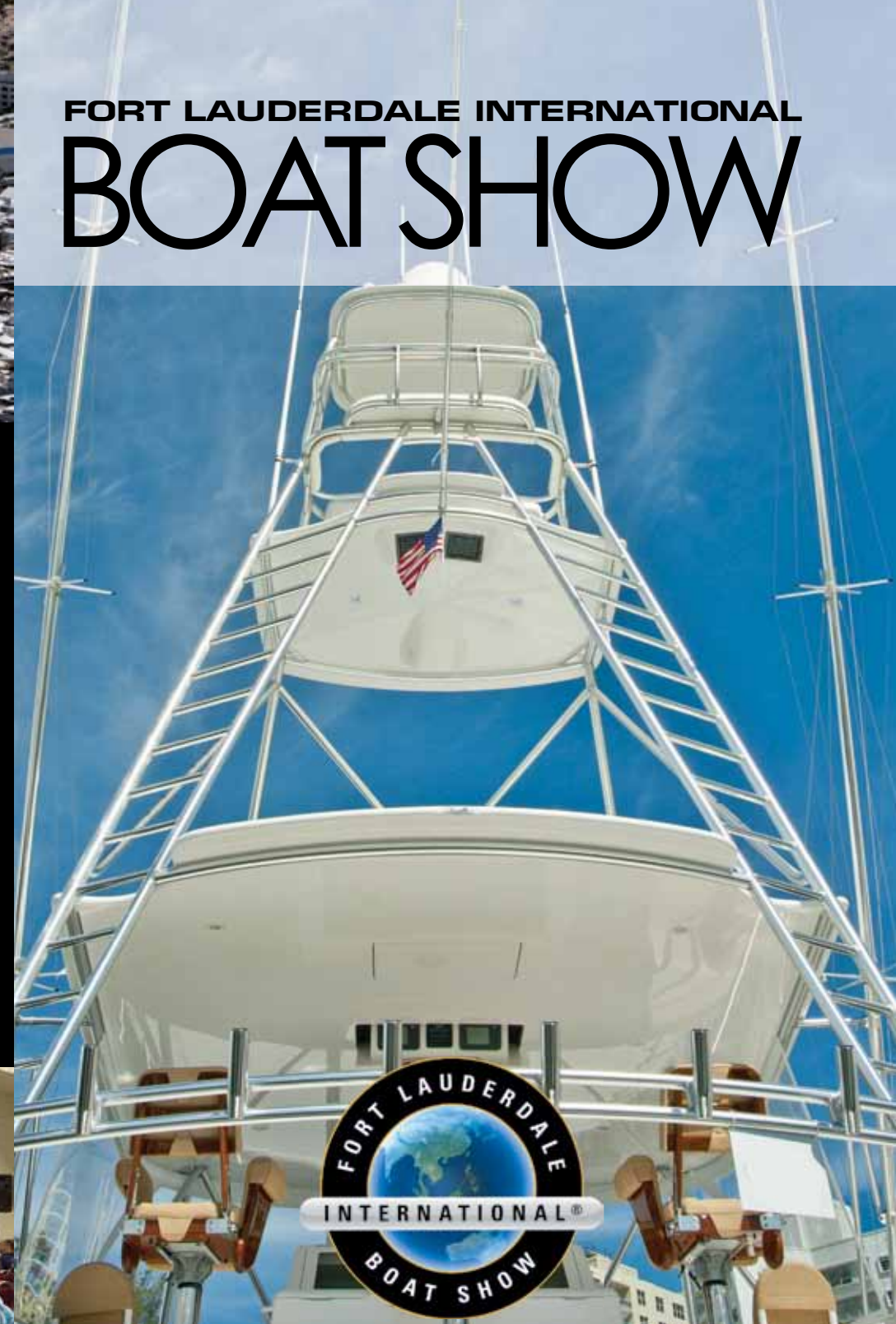
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