

News from the Rock



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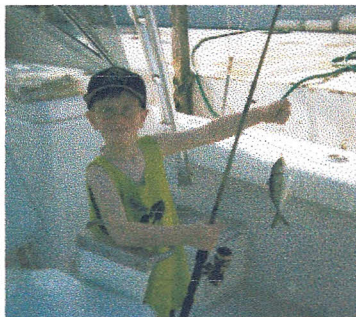
December 1999

1999 Started Out Good ?

The first week in January 99, Mary and I were in the Exuma Island, 35 miles southeast of Nassau. We had a great time on this 10 day trip.

The last week in March, Ilsa, Steven and Brooke came for a Spring Break visit.

Steven and Brooke found ingenious ways to stay wet. They were ready for fun in the sun.



Steven was ready to go fishing!

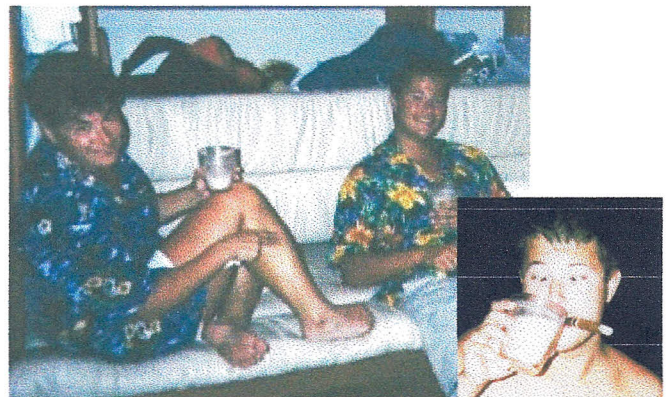
Bike Ride in Costa Rica

Mary and Barbara went to Costa Rica for a Backroads bike trip. They enjoyed it very much. They had 8 days of riding and enjoying each others company. The country, people, and food were terrific. The road conditions were horrid.



Derek and Mary's Summer Visit

Mary Kathryn DeGraw and Derek "Lloyd" Wallin were here for the summer. They worked at Pennekamp Park and Senior Frijoles (Mr. Beans). They worked hard all summer and made a lot of money to pay for college.



Mary Kathryn and Derek "Lloyd" partying aboard Sundance

Sundance

On July 4, weekend Mary and I spent 5 days in Bahamas aboard Sundance. We stayed around Cat Cay and Bimini.



Lobster Season

On July 28, opening day of the Lobster Mini Season, Mary Kathryn, Derek, Jake, Mary and I caught our limit of 30 lobsters. Jake became very good at catching lobsters by the end of the day.



Jake, Derek and I getting fitted with Lobster bats.

Ceremony at Arlington

On August 9, 1999, Mary's Dad, William D. Powell was placed in his final resting place at Arlington National Cemetery. It was a beautiful ceremony and Dad would have been very proud. He truly deserved the 21 gun salute.



The Honor Guard folding the Flag.

Summers last trip to the Bahamas

On Aug 24, Mary Kathryn, Derek, Mary and I went to the Bahamas for 4 days. The diving was fantastic, Derek and I made a 85 foot dive at Victory Reef. Derek loved the clear water.



Here is Derek at 75 feet, in the crystal clear water of Victory Reef!



Giving Derek spearfishing lessons in the Bahamas is easy!

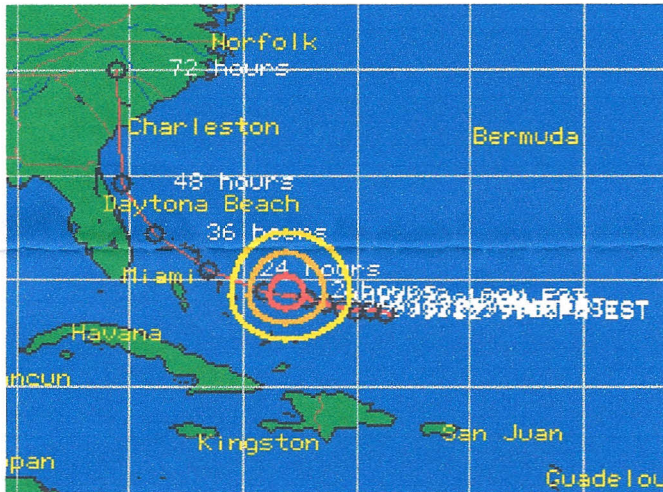


Hurricanes



Hurricane Floyd.

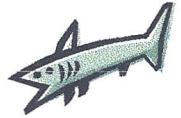
On Sunday, Sept. 12 we were preparing for Hurricane Floyd. It was blowing a 145 mph and a category 5 hurricane. It was not until Tuesday morning that we knew we were spared the devastation of



Floyd's position 9/13/99 1pm, it was getting too close!

The Hurricane season was very busy. October 15, while we were at Bollettieri Tennis Camp, Hurricane Irene formed off the south of Cuba. Irene was suppose to go North and hit the Tampa area. However, it went North East and slammed into south Florida. We did not even get home to prepare for this storm, our neighbors took care of everything. We had a little water damage but Sundance was OK. During Hurricane Season it feels like we are in a shooting gallery dodging bullets.

Fishing & Boating in the Fall



The second week in October, Rick Howard and I went to the North Carolina Outer Banks. We fished for Tuna aboard "Tuna Fever" with some other guys. We caught 8 Yellow Tunas between 30 and 40 pounds. The Tuna was delicious. They said it was a slow day. I was very impressed with the fishin' off the Outer Banks.



*Merry Christmas and a
Happy Year to one and
all..*

Glenn and Mary