

Adopt a Key Largo Animal Shelter Pet

Meet a few of the animals who are currently available for adoption at the Key Largo Animal Shelter. If you are interested in taking one of these adorable furry friends home, stop by or call. The Shelter is located at mile marker 106 Oceanside; phone 305-451-0088.



George



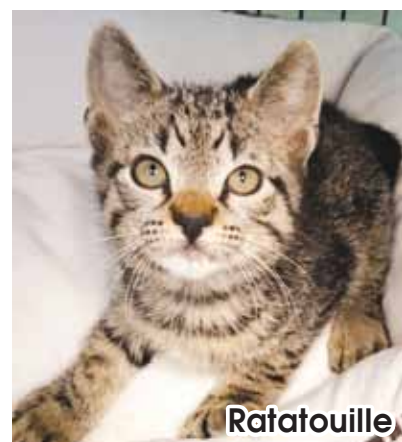
Carlo & Clyde



Bonnie



Stormy



Rafatouille



Merlin



Doris



Milo



Apollo



Living Dockside

by Ginny Jones

THE STUFFING BOX

What, you may ask, is the stuffing box? Ok, how about the packing gland? It has other names to be sure, to me it's a giant pain in my AFT!

Good play on words huh? Alright, the stuffing box is where your boat's drive shaft goes through the hull, you know where that little spinning thing is, which makes the boat move. Of course this is only if you have an inboard motor. What the stuffing box consists of is a large rubber tube attached to the drive shaft with hose clamps and a metal plate at one end, on the inside the metal plate has threads and a couple of large nuts.

Now, these nuts are what control the lubrication of your drive shaft, so it doesn't get overheated and burn up your engine, which is a bad thing. Inside one of the nuts is a space for a product called "Flax" which is square braided rope impregnated with wax and lubricant. This should keep the water on the outside of the boat. When you run your boat it should, and usually, drips, a drip every ten seconds is ok.

Mine is gushing now, it's a shower if you could stand under it! Luckily this thing is in the aft bilge, so as long as my bilge pump holds out, She Breeze keeps floating. I do so get tired of the sound of

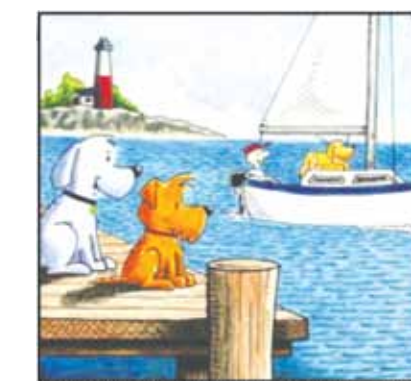
major dripping, my bunk is above the bilge area. Drip, drip, drip... you get the picture, I have to tighten the nuts up.

Ok, I've pulled up the floorboard and yes it's still gushing, I've got two large and very heavy pipe wrenches to loosen the packing nut from the locking nut. Did I mention these wrenches are f---ing heavy? It's not WORKING, I finally gave in and found my hammer. That did the trick, now I've got more water gushing in, PLEASE bilge pump don't give up on me now!

Ok according to the video I watched, I just have to turn the packing nut righty tighty, to get it to stop gushing. What, may I ask, am I to hold on to while turning the blasted nut? Oh goody, the rubber boot thing with hose clamps that love to cut my hands up, here I go, quar-

ter turn, still gushing, half turn, a little slower, three quarter turn, it's now at least dripping not gushing. At this point I realize I have to replace the packing in the packing nut, sh--, sh--, sh--!!!!

To summarize the project of the day, YES, it's still dripping, on the bright side that's better than gushing any day. I'm going to let my hands and back heal before I tackle that blasted packing nut again, I will keep you posted. I do keep asking myself, Why do I own a sailboat????



HE SAYS IT'S LIKE HANGING YOUR HEAD OUT THE CAR WINDOW BUT MUCH BETTER!

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Please get them out of my house before I build a bonfire of resentment to throw it all in. \$25 OBO. 305-555-MOMM

FOUND

Magical piece of driftwood, unknown origin. \$8,997 OBO. Will consider trade for boat.
(305) DFT-WOOD
Call or text.

MUSICIANS WANTED

Amateur & seasoned musicians wanted! The Keys Community Concert Band begins rehearsals for its new season in the fall. If you want to participate, call 305-451-4530.

JOBS

HELP WANTED "EXPERIENCED" MEAT MANAGERS
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TACO BELL is HIRING
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CLUBS

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Florida Keys Orchid, Fern and Bromeliad Society meets the 3rd Thurs. of every month at Key Largo Library Comm. Room 7pm. Open to public. 305-451-3000

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thekeyplayers.org

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FOR SALE
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THEY WALK DOWN THE AISLE IN THEIR UNDERWEAR, AND IT'S CALLED "ART" & "FASHION!"



WHEN I DO IT, I'M CALLED "DRUNK" AND NOT ALLOWED BACK IN K-MART

Son, allow me to offer my warmest congratulations. I'm certain that you'll remember today as the happiest day of your life.

Thanks, Dad. But the wedding is tomorrow!

I know.



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In a form of rubbernecking used to determine if roadside junk is trash or treasure.

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