

Fishing

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Miami Beach, Fla., April 17, 1926.

Geo. LeBoutillier,
V.P., Long Island RR,
Pennsylvania Station,
New York City, N.Y.

General Tyndall will meet your 9:45 train arriving here Monday evening Stop Presume you will go thru to Long Key and meet Mister Costin Stop If you and your guests wish to stop over here can send you down to Long Key Tuesday Stop Only four hour trip on my boat from here Stop If you prefer to go to Long Key I will come down Tuesday or Wednesday and help to perfect your plans for return Stop Can loan you for several days Captain Charles Thompson to assist you on fishing trips Stop No other fisherman in America can compare with Captain Thompson in this sport Stop Wire me from Jacksonville.

CARL G. FISHER
MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA

Fisher

April 3, 1927.

My dear Net:

I have yours of the thirtieth. I think you had better send the new machine in care of Vic as he is posted on this sort of stuff and can help me out. As you know, my bump of mechanics is a dimple.

We have just returned from a trip to Cuba and I want to tell you now, I know at this time where there are more tarpon than any other place in the world. About four amateurs caught sixteen and lost at least thirty. Of course, they lost the big ones. This place is located in Port Isabella on the north shore of Cuba. There is a very small river that runs out of the center of Cuba and comes down into the sea there. We had on tarpans so big they broke the lines and they jumped eight and ten feet into the air and it was impossible to gaff them. The minute they are touched with a gaff they broke out, spitting out the hooks and kissing us good bye. I had with me Albert Champion and Caley Bragg and we almost had to put them in irons to bring them home. I want to take you there next year if possible.

Yours,

Mr. Charles F. Kettering,
Mutual Home Building,
Dayton, Ohio.

CGF:T

Foley

April 5, 1927.

Dear Jim:

We have had a lot of trouble recently with the boat. We ran into some rocks, knocking the boat wheels off and bending the propeller point to Key West and were laid up three days. We finally reached St. Isabella landing in Cuba; and when I tell you that we saw thousands of tarpon in a day I am not exaggerating a bit. We caught sixteen tarpon with amateurs, and to catch tarpon is one hell of a job. They don't start fighting until they get right along side the boat.

We have made about eleven hundred miles in the ocean since we saw you and we have not seen hide or hair of the killer whale. They seem to have entirely disappeared from this section of the country so that to go out and hunt for one now would be absolutely useless. But I can take you and Jim Watson and a couple of your friends to St. Isabella Harbor on the Cuban Coast, which is about two hundred twenty miles from here, and you can fish for tarpon with a possible chance of getting the record tarpon of this country.

I am going north tonight and will be north for about a week and am coming back especially to give you this trip if you want it. We can make the entire trip from here in three days and then we can spend, if you wish, one day at one of the remote islands of the Bahamas where very few fishing boats or yachts ever call and we can get a different kind of fishing which will be mostly twenty-five, thirty, or forty pound groupers and amber-jacks. I will be at the Plaza for the next two or three days and then I will return here. Write me or wire me there.

Yours,

Hon. James J. Davis,
The Secretary of Labor,
Washington, D. C.

CGF:T

MEMORANDUM

FROM MR. FISHER

SUBJECT ~~S wordfish picture~~

To: Steve Hannagan.

July 26, 1927.

I note the picture of Captain Thompson with the Sword Fish. I think we should have a number of these at the hotel and posted around the docks. I want one for the boat and one for the Port Washington office, also in the Montauk office.

CGF:T

Fishing

Fishery

Mr. Caffrey. Captain Thompson

August 8, 1927.

Mr. Fisher.

Fishing Boat

We want some kind of a slip to turn in after each fishing trip, with the names of the guests. The best way to do this is for Captain Thompson to have a Guest Book on board and ask the people to sign it, then Captain can turn in the slip giving some details of the trip; for instance, if they catch a large sword fish or something else worth while. Then we can write a personal letter to the guests congratulating them on their success at a fishing. We at least have their names and address which may be valuable to us almost any time.

The fishing boat must be made self-supporting. It must pay Captain Thompson's salary, expenses of tackle, gasoline, upkeep of boat. Arrive immediately at a price per day for these fishing trips. All gratis trips from now on are discontinued. It would probably be best for Captain Thompson to assume the management of the boat himself as a private individual. This will give him a chance to collect and to bill the customers for the trips. Send to this office a daily report giving names of guests and the amounts charged. Of course, Captain must be allowed considerable latitude as he may start out and run into rain which may make it necessary for him to come back without catching any fish, and under these conditions only a nominal sum should be charged. Also there should be a difference between half a day and a day's fishing.

I think it would not be a bad idea for Captain Thompson to have some cards printed on which he states plainly his charges. He could hand these to his guests who know exactly what his charges are. This would save explanations and would be the nicest way to handle the situation. At any rate, have a talk with Captain Thompson on this subject and settle it at once and have definite instructions and see that they are carried through. Captain Thompson has a drawing account which we will absorb if there is not fishing business to pay for same, but I believe there is enough fishing business for Captain Thompson to more than take care of his drawing account and also give him a profit besides.

We are up to the point now where it is not necessary to haul folks fishing unless they are prepared to pay for the entertainment.

CGF:T

fishing

August 18, 1927.

Mr. Z. Marshall Crane,
Dalton, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Crane:

I know you will be interested to know that the first seven-foot sail fish ever caught north of Palm Beach was landed at Montauk yesterday. We have already captured a ten-foot sword fish, harpooned a large shark, and caught hundreds of sea bass weighing three or four pounds. We have Captain Thompson with us with a good fishing boat, and if you will let us know we will arrange so that you can go out with him. He would have to know in advance as he has been so successful in his fishing that he is constantly on the go when the weather is fit.

It is perfectly satisfactory with us your investment not being increased; we are very thankful for what you have already done. We make it our business to send our stockholders information every week or ten days of the new things that are going on at Montauk.

Hope to see you soon.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

Fishing

Port Washington, L.I.,
September 21, 1927.

Mr. G. LeBoutillier,
Long Island Railroad Co.,
New York City.

My dear LeBout:

Thanks for yours of the 20th regarding the fishing trip. Captain Thompson is in great demand and if we know something in advance about this club or some of its members who may want to come out and look the situation over we will make arrangements so that Captain Thompson can be with you. Captain is having phenomenal success at catching fish; two bushel the other day in an hour and a half, sea bass and blue fish.

I am going to bring some Miami fishermen up for next season, who will have regular fishing boats. The fishermen who are there will not do at all to handle our guests; they have very slow and dirty boats and boats without toilets or any facilities whatever. This we will entirely change.

It will be great if Fletcher will organize that club. Charlie Thompson says there is no place in the world where there is better fishing than right off Montauk.

Yours,

CGF:T

Copies: Mr. Sheedy
Mr. Champion
Mr. Coffin

Fishing

October 17, 1927.

To: Parke G. Haynes.

Subject: Captain Thompson.

Enclosed find Captain Thompson's statements for the season. We had him on a salary of \$5,000 for the year but we cut his drawing account to \$200. a month some time ago. We were to pay Captain's expenses while he was down here and let him have a place to live.

According to Captain's statement, we owe him \$603. I think you can send him \$300. and call his attention to the fact that his expenses for the family trip were somewhat high. As he drives through he can probably drive through at less than \$300. in a few days. At any rate, I have mentioned it and asked him to send an itemized list of expenses going home and we will send him check.

Painting and putting the boat in shape here will be charged to Montauk. This will probably not be more than a couple hundred dollars.

We received enormous benefits from Captain Thompson's association at Montauk, more than we can ever directly check up. This week we will have in Collier's two full pages of Montauk by Grantland Rice, and we have used Thompson's pictures throughout this entire country, which has been a big benefit, so I feel we are particularly lucky this season in getting off as easy as we have.

Next season we will make arrangements, however, with Captain Thompson on a guarantee and try and see if we cannot start the boat earlier, as the Captain lost the best fishing months we had.

CGF:T

Fisher

November 25, 1927.

Mr. Roy D. Chapin,
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Roy:

Have just wired you as follows:

CAPTAIN THOMPSON NOW WITH VANDERBILT AT NASSAU EXPECT HIM
BACK BEFORE ELEVENTH IF THOMPSON NOT AVAILABLE WILL GET
EITHER THOMPSONS BROTHER OR ANOTHER GOOD MAN

Mr. Vanderbilt was in here with Captain Thompson
yesterday morning and they left for Nassau, but Mr. Vanderbilt
was not sure what they would do after they arrived at Nassau.
They may be gone ten days or two weeks.

Captain Thompson is no longer on my regular
payroll as he is making a lot more money fishing on his
own. I paid him \$5,000 a year but he gets thirty-five
dollars per day as guide and in addition to these funds he
some times gets some very handsome presents, especially
where they run into some unusual catches. I pay him from
now on thirty-five dollars per day as we use him.

Captain Charlie's brother is very good. I
think his cost is twenty-five dollars per day. Then there
are other fishermen around here who will take Mr. Dwight
Douglas out for ten or twelve dollars a day, but the two
Thompson brothers are so far ahead of other fishermen there
is no comparison whatever. If there are any fish around in
the neighborhood they will catch them where a lot of these
fishermen could not get a bite. I would advise Mr. Douglas
to get Captain Charlie first, if possible, and next Charlie's
brother. If both of these men are not available, let Captain
Charlie suggest somebody to take them out.

I have anew pair of engines here for my
"Shadow II" which is a very fast express cruiser. It can
go very quickly to fishing grounds located fifty or seventy-
five miles from here, and return the same day. I am not sure
that the motors will be in by December eleventh as Captain

Mr. Roy S. Chapin,
November 25, 1927,
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Hewes is waiting for some parts at Fort Washington. As soon as these parts arrive, he will start south and they should install these motors in three or four days. If the "Shadow II" is available, I would like to have Mr. Douglas use the boat for at least a day or two days for a run down south where there is some very unusual fishing at times. We have had a northeaster now for three weeks. It has been very pleasant weather on shore but not such good fishing weather outside. There is always some fishing inside for small fish.

Mrs. Chapin and the little girls seemed to be doing fine at Howard's place, and if the little girl ever was ill she has certainly recovered by this time as she can crawl all over the boat from top to bottom in a minute and she seemed to be full of pep. I am anxious for them to come down here as I promised to give a little special party for her.

Hope to see you soon. Expect Mr. Hoffman of the Sahoff Corporation here soon. Don't know what he will be able to do but will show him what we have. Bob Tyndall is stopping off to see Howard on his way down to Miami. He should be here in the next few days. Will write you as soon as he arrives.

Yours,

CGF:T

We are now on the arabia sea -
be in the red sea tomorrow
stop at aden Yacht Ara March 5 -
and 299 ft.

My Dear Mr Fisher
hope you and
yours. are all well. and
having a big season
at Miami Beach. I
know. you shall have
a big one. this summer
at Montauk. as you
have the only place
where the rich congregate
and enjoy themselves
I do wish Mr Coffin
would give up the idea of
making a place for tony
at his Island.

he can ~~not~~ spend all the millions
he wants, and he will never
get the people to stay there
if he would only stick to
Montauk with you. In a
few years you would
never be able to take
care of the people. I
can tell you how I have
them say, and from the
best people of the country
you will be surprised to
know that the people are now
writing already to me about
Montauk. We shall have Mr
Wanderball, and a lot of his
friends out there next summer
also he is planning to spend
most of his time at Miami Beach
in the winter. If I have a boat
large enough this summer
I will show you what can
be done. You have heard
come out O.K. This has been
a great trip but I will
be glad

When it is over, and
get back ^{Yacht Area} home.

Most people out here
in India are crazy about
religion, and are bad
cranks, they would
rather die than live
one has to be very careful
what he says or does.

We are now on our road
home, hope it won't be
long with my very best
wishes to you all
I am very truly yours

Edgar H. Thompson

Fishing

YACHT ARA

March 5.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Hope you and yours are all well and having a big season at Miami Beach. I know you shall have a big one this summer at Montauk as you have the only place where the rich can go and enjoy themselves. I do wish Mr. Coffin would give up the idea of making a place for tourists at his island. He can spend all the millions he wants and he will never get the people to stay there. If he would only stick to Montauk with you; in a few years you would never be able to take care of the people. I know from what I hear them say and from the best people of the country. You will be surprised to know that the people are now writing already to me about Montauk. We shall have Mr. Vanderbilt and a lot of his friends out there next summer; also he is planning to spend most of his time at Miami Beach in the winter.

If I have a boat large enough this summer I will show you what can be done there. H

Hope Lucille came out O.K. This has been a great trip but I will be glad when it is over and get back home.

Most people out here in India are crazy about religion and are bad cranks. They would rather die than live. One has to be very careful what he says or does. We are now on our road home. Hope it won't be long.

With my very best wishes to you all, I am

Very truly yours,

Chas. H. Thompson.

We are now on the Arabian Sea. Be in the Red Sea tomorrow. Stop at Aden and Egypt.

Fishy

To : Mr. C. W. Chase, Jr.

March 6, 1928.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Benedum are at the Royal Palm Hotel in Miami. I want them to go without fail on a fishing trip while they are here. Get in touch with him and arrange a trip for him soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. De Keim (at Flamingo now) also want a fishing trip and we might arrange for these at the same time.

Let General Tyndil know what you plan as he will probably go along with the party.

CGF:T

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Z. MARSHALL CRANE
DALTON, MASSACHUSETTS

July 21, 1928.

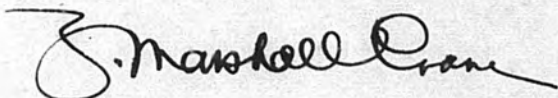
Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Port Washington, L.I.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

If Capt. Thompson's vivid
yarn needed any further substantiation
here it is! While in Pittsfield yesterday
I dropped in and saw the "monster", and
got quite a kick out of it. Possibly
Tom LeBout. and I thought the Captain was
drawing the long bow, and if we did the
laugh is decidedly on us.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Z. Marshall Crane". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Sincerely yours".

July 28, 1928.

Mr. Z. Marshall Crane,
Dalton, Massachusetts.

Dear Mr. Crane:

I have yours of the 21st. I have always told you that Charlie Thompson is the greatest fisherman in the world, also he is the greatest liar; and also the poorest business man on earth, and that is why about a dozen of us have all gotten together to see that he gets by.

Charlie is catching all kinds of fish at Montauk every day and we are doing big business out there in the hotel line; in fact, we have more business than we can handle. We must either build one or two or three more hotels or I don't know what will happen.

Hope to see you soon.

Very truly yours,

CGF:T

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JULY 28, 1923.

CAPT. CHARLES THOMPSON. MONTAUK BEACH DEVELOPMENT CORP.
MONTAUK? LONG ISLAND.

MR. FRED FLETCHER BRINGING TO MONTAUK NEXT TUESDAY

REX BEACH IRVING COBB GRANTLAND RICE RING LARDNER

ROXY ALSO NEWS REEL CAMERA TO TAKE PICTURES OF

SWORDFISHING. ARE YOU ENGAGED SO THAT YOU CANNOT

COOPERATE WITH THEM. TRY AND HELP THEM OUT IF POSSIBLE.

C. G. FISHER.

CGF:T

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WILL HOLD TUESDAY AND DO ALL I CAN FOR PARTY=

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August 13, 1928

Capt. Charlie H. Thompson

I have your letter of the 3rd. I will be down at the end of this week and will talk with you about your compensation. Please remind me of this matter.

CGF:T

Thompson

Montauk Point L.I.

Aug - 3rd '28

My dear Mr. Fisher; -

Sorry Mr. Fletcher made such a blunder with his sword-fishing party and I can assure you it was no fault of mine as my understanding was that I was to take them out and see that they got what they wanted in line of which I made all necessary arrangements -

Instead Mr. Fletcher took Mr. Cheek's boat and Captain who has never caught a sword fish or been near enough

to one to know the difference between
a sword-fish and a shark, so I
had to take another party and
went out right behind them and
captured a big sword-fish and
several tuna which they could
have had if they had made proper
arrangements -

They had to come over to my
boat and get what pictures they
could by following -

In the future if I am to guaran-
tee sword-fishing please have parties
leave all arrangements to me as
only in this way can I assure
success -

I would like very much to have
a talk with you or anyone you
may in charge out here as to my
salary and the man with me
on the boat so I can turn over
to you all the boat earnings for
each day the boat goes out.

I have been here now two months and had my man one month and have received no check from the Company.

As you know a man with a family must know how he stands. Have paid all my own bills and am working as hard as I possibly can for your interest and good.

Not only the people I take out but others who wish to go out, I have to see that they have boats, men,

tackle and everything they
need, which is quite a
job when I come home
tired after 7 P.M. -

The fishermen here are
unreliable and I not only
have to charter their boats
(with no commission)
but see that they are ready
to leave next morning before
I leave -

However I am only too
glad to do this because
this helps you and I'm
willing to work day and
night in anyway to help

you succeed here.

With kindest regards
to you and the madame

Sincerely Yours

Charles H. Thompson

P. O. Box 253

Fishing

September 28, 1928.

Capt. Charles H. Thompson,
Montauk, Long Island.

Dear Charlie:

I had a talk with Howard Coffin this morning on the phone. He is going to ask you to go next week to St. Simons, and this is o.k. with us. There is no real need for you to be here longer than next week.

I would like to have you make a special effort to stop off at St. Simons and demonstrate what you can catch off the coast there. First, you can get a lot of publicity and stir up a great deal of thought and talk in all Georgia. This will please Howard Coffin and it will also give a wide open entrance to the press of Georgia. It is worth while for you to go to a lot of trouble to really catch something.

If you remember, we sighted the big white whales right opposite St. Simons. As I remember, they were almost 200 miles east of St. Simons in the Gulf Stream, but there is no reason why you cannot go 200 miles out if necessary and catch something. Mr. Coffin will give you every assistance you need. Then we could establish definitely a stop between Montauk and Miami Beach as the one great fishing grounds of America.

Mr. Coffin will telephone you in the next day or two just when he is ready for you and you can stay with him as long as it is necessary, but do not leave St. Simons until you demonstrate what there is to be caught around this locality if it takes all winter.

Yours,

CGF:IT

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Fishing
March 5, 1929.

Mr. G. LeBoutillier,
217 Pennsylvania Station,
New York City.

My dear LeBout:

I wish you would figure out just what days you are going to be down here and want to go fishing on the "Shadow K". This is the first season I have ever chartered the "Shadow K" but I am doing so at a very fair price of \$1,000 a day and I have two more charters in sight for this season. I can arrange these charters so they will not interfere with your visit and Mr. Keys' visit if you can tell me definitely when you wish to go.

There never has been such fishing as we have had this year. Almost anybody can go out and catch a sailfish. Also there has been an unusual amount of rough weather and windy on the Gulf Stream; so that I think it would be safer with your crowd to make a bee line for Cuba and catch tarpon where you will have a good harbor and lots of comfort. We can, of course, go across to Bimini and get a harbor and catch a lot of big fish, but not sailfish or tarpon.

If you wish to preserve specimens of sailfish or tarpon, I believe it would be best to take some taxidermist from Miami, whose expense would be only about twenty-five dollars a day but this would insure the preservation of any unusual specimens you might want to keep.

Let me hear from you.

Yours,

CCF:T

Copy to Mr. Keys.

Fishing

April 19, 1929.

Mr. C. F. Redden,
Sea Island Company,
Brunswick, Georgia.

My dear Redden:

With reference further to this
Jim Thompson who is coming up to see you:

Jim Thompson is just as good a
fisherman as Charlie Thompson but, naturally,
the two brothers have more or less jealousy.
I must be loyal to both of them. Jim Thompson
is all set on going to Montauk and I would
really like to have him there, but if you can
snake him off and harpoon him to tie to Saint
Simons, you will have one unit of the best
fishermen that the world has ever known.

Jim is not particularly anxious
to come up and compete alongside of Charlie,
and Charlie is not particularly anxious to
compete with Jim; and yet Jim has a tremendous
lot of friends and acquaintances who prefer to
go out with him on his boat rather than with
anybody else. Of course, Vanderbilt and a lot
of other very wealthy people have put Charlie
on the top of the pedestal -- and personally,
I believe he belongs there; yet Jim is making
a record for himself that equals anything
Charlie has done.

This is just a quiet tip to you
and Howard: We want Jim at Montauk if you
don't want him, but if you can grab this fellow
off and keep him at Saint Simons, I would ad-
vise you to do it. We can get along with Charlie
and the other fishermen who are coming to Montauk.
You will notice Jim is a very strong character.
He is a first class seaman from every angle and

Mr. G. F. Redden,
April 19, 1933,
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the people you entrust in his care will be well entertained and well taken care of. He may not be as accomplished a liar as Charlie is but he is almost so.

I don't think it would be bad business for all of our interests to have Jim Thompson at Saint Simons and Charlie Thompson at Montauk. The fishing conditions at Saint Simons may not be quite as ideal as they are here or in the north, but whatever the fishing conditions are, you will know all about them if you have this fellow around for a couple months, and then with his assistance you can build up a fishing reputation. Down here our fishing reputation has run away with us; all the fish guides we had in this country (and there must have been 125 of them) could not take care of the demand this season.

I suggested to Jim that he stop off and stay a couple days with you and look over the situation. I think you will find he makes the same complaint Charlie made, that you did not have proper equipment and boats for fishing; and of course, without the right kind of boats you are at a great disadvantage. However, this letter is along the line that I want to help you get going and don't want you to start without the proper kind of people to help you. It might not be a bad idea to read this letter over with Howard and have him personally meet this Jim Thompson, as Howard is very keen on sizing up individuals he would like to tie up to for more than twenty-four hours.

Yours,

COF:T

Fishy
Montauk

Montauk

June 7, 1929.

Captain Charles Thompson,
Montauk.

Dear Charlie:

Mr. Bragg, Mr. Grozer, and myself
have been a committee to make some rules
regarding the fishing boat.

First, the charges for the boat
should be \$100. per day; this to include
gas, your assistance and your sailor's
assistance and whatever bait is necessary.

All the dating for the boat
should be made through Mr. Grozer so
that there will be no confusion. We
wish to give first consideration always
to members of the Montauk Yacht Club.
The boat, as you know, is for the gen-
eral benefit of our properties and par-
ticularly the Yacht Club. If the boat
is booked up and we cannot accommodate
the increased number of applications,
you can refer the extras to some of the
other fishermen who will undoubtedly be
here to help supply the demand.

Yours,

CGF:T

June 21, 1929.

Fishing

Mr. Lee E. Olwell,
55 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear Lee:

I have decided not to charter the boat this coming week. Why not have Mr. Mitchell pick up the boat about Wednesday, and if he wants to try fishing let me know so I can arrange with Charlie Thompson.

Yours of the 20th has just come in. Of course, the time to go fishing is on a nice bright balmy day when the sea is very smooth, giving good visibility for harpooning big fish (and also to retain your lunch). Taking days ahead in July and August mean nothing at all to the weather gods.

Really, the last word in fishing is to take the Shadow out about forty miles off the point and let Thompson come along with the small boat which is also fast enough to keep up with the Shadow. Then transfer to the small boat to catch some fish, come back to the Shadow for home comforts and right back to the dock for a quiet night's rest.

We have a new fishing boat which is built to order for harpooning big fish and we have Captain Thompson -- the best outfit in America. An 800 pound tuna was

Mr. Lee E. Olwell,
June 21, 1929,
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caught yesterday about 20 miles off the Point. It took three hours to land it. Just three inches short of ten feet in length. General Atterbury caught a big shark the other day and two swordfish with Thompson.

You let me know tentatively what dates will suit you best and I will get you booked, and then we will pray for right weather, but you ought to be able to make fishing dates as elastic as a banker's conscience.

I believe it will be better to have Mr. Mitchell have the boat around here and catch some fish for himself than to have some bridal couple on the boat down in Jersey.

Yours,

GGF:T

THE CARL G. FISHER PROPERTIES

MEMO TO Messrs. Carl G. Fisher
Irving A. Collins
FROM Paul Kunschik

DATE November 20, 1929.
SUBJECT NAUTILUS, JR.

Mr. Abel has approached me on the subject of the fishing boat NAUTILUS, JR. and wants to know whether there isn't some way that the Nautilus Hotel might be relieved from the overhead of carrying this boat on its expenses as a charge to the Nautilus Hotel. This boat was built specially for the Nautilus as a fishing boat, but has never made expenses, one reason being that there is such a great competition of charter boats in the Miami district, and the other reason being that guests expect the use of the boat free of charge. Personally I do not know any other place where we can use the boat unless we can find somebody who would be willing to charter it for the season or part of the season and relieve us from any expense. The only other alternative would be to find a buyer and sell the boat. I would like to have an expression from you on this subject.



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MEMORANDUM

FROM MR. FISHER

DATE Nov. 21, 1929.

TO Mr. Paul Kunschik.

SUBJECT

I am glad Abel does not want to be bothered with the Nautilus, Jr. I would like to get rid of it, if we can get some other fishing boat to hang around the Nautilus, and I think we can do this.

I think the best thing is to bring the Nautilus Jr. to Captain Hewes and have Tom paint it up and get it ready for sale. It is not big enough for a good fishing boat, anyway. I think the time has come when there are enough people with good boats ready to take the guests fishing and we won't have to be bothered with any of the details except to help our people make their charter arrangements.

CGF:T

May 21st, 1950.

Fishing

Mr. Roy D. Chapin,
Detroit,
Michigan.

Dear Roy:

I received yours of the 16th with photo of Charlie Thompson, and it certainly is one of the best pictures I have ever seen of Charlie, and I am having it framed.

Charlie is a great fellow, and I would not think of going on a fishing trip without him. He will be up here in about a week, and I hope you will come down and take a trip with him here off the point. If the weather is good, you can go off the point here about 24 miles and if you have some luck, you will get into sword fish which is even a much huskier and harder fight than tarpon. These sword fish run as much as 300 pounds and they certainly will battle you, and of course there are all kinds of other big fish and a lot of small fishing for sea-bass.

We have a splendid ideal fishing boat, ideal for sight-seeing and for harpooning. Last year this boat was engaged almost continuously throughout the season and I want you to be sure and give me some notice so that I can have the boat for you. If you can tell me about what time you expect to come, I will book the boat and hold it.

Margaret's new car arrived and it is a beauty and I can get her red-headed in a minute by telling her that I don't think it is better than my pig-skinned Essex. Margaret tells me to tell you that as soon as her typewriter arrives, she will thank you personally.

With your usual great attention to details in that factory, it gives me great pleasure to tell you that you forgot to send any sort of an ownership tag so that we are afraid to drive the car as they are very stiff in this country on the license question. I am sorry to report this carelessness to you. I get so many kicks myself that I like to pass on a few occasionally.

Yours,

Fishing

August 13, 1930

Mr. Caleb S. Bragg,
Star Island,
Montauk.

Dear Galey:

I have been wanting to talk to you about the Fish Boat. In spite of heavy bookings on this boat, we are losing money at the rate now charged, one hundred dollars per day. We can hardly keep the boat booked up.

Charlie Thompson is going to cost us at least \$3,000., then we have \$1,000. expense on the boat in getting it in the water, painting, etc., and we have more than \$1,000. expense for gasoline, so you can figure it out. I would like to see us put a price on the boat of \$1,000. a week, at least, so we can come out even, and if we have two or three rainy days, it is too bad.

There is no reason why we should furnish practically \$25,000. worth of equipment and the finest fisherman in the world at starvation prices. Considering the salary of Charlie Thompson, the number of days he works, together with the salary of his sailor, you won't have to figure long to see that \$100. per day does not make anything. Every so often one of our special guests breaks or loses some of our tackle, and they never think of repaying it. Where we have wealthy guests who are accustomed to having the best, I think we ought to have a price that will at least maintain the boat.

Let me have your thought on the subject.

Yours,

CGF:T