

# Cruise News!

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

## Welcome Aboard

Captain Mohammed Bin Kohmeini and the entire staff welcomes you aboard and promise you a cruise that you will never forget.

We would first like to thank the 520 members of the Fraternity of American Gay Singles (FAGS) for again selecting our ship for their annual convention, and we look forward to their floor show at tonight's dinner.

**Some Important News to Report.** During the night many of you on the lower decks aft, heard a fairly loud noise. It is our regret to report that we had a small collision with a Mexican shrimp boat who was operating without lights. The

resulting collision put a slight tear in the ship's hull just below the water line on the port side. **Please Do Not Be Alarmed! We have the situation under control.** The compartment has been sealed and arrangements have been made to dock in the closest shipyard, at Port Castro, Cuba for emergency repairs.

Our pumps are currently able to keep up with the water that we are taking on, at least well enough to arrive at Port Castro, which we anticipate being after midnight tonight. Again, there is no reason to be alarmed. All is well!

As the United States and Cuba do not have any diplomatic recognition

of each other, we will not be allowed to disembark while repairs are being made. However we can expect the Cuban government to board the ship and interview some of our American passengers. A new Itinerary will be announced on Monday.



*This will be a cruise you will never forget*

## Today's Movie is "The Perfect Storm"

*Review by your Cruise Director* Izzrach al Bidden

**Release:** 2000, Warner Bros.  
**Starring:** George Clooney, Mark Wahlberg

**Summary:** When a stubborn fishboat captain (Clooney) takes his crew out into the Atlantic to catch a quarter million dollars worth of swordfish, three storm fronts converge upon their position, putting them at ground zero of one of the most powerful natural disasters in history. Based upon a true story.

**The Perfect Storm** is good at showing us the day to day operations of a commercial fishing boat, offering an interesting glimpse into the lives of

the men who do for a living. A half dozen fishermen load up in a boat, pull in giant loads of fish, return to port, sell the goods, and use the money to drink, pick up slutty women, then drink again. Typical American Infidels! I was impressed with the authenticity of the boat's American Style interior: from the cramped, mildewed bunks to the sloppy galley with the outdated VCR. It was just as you would expect.

Virtually all of the characters in the story have family "back home" on land -- and virtually all of the relationships explored are typical American. The only exception might be the brief scene between John C. Reilly and

his ex-wife and son. From their short time on-screen, you can tell his character regrets the mistakes in his life, and wants nothing more than his ex and his kid to be happy. He turns out to be the only sympathetic character -- everyone else you want to see die in the storm.

A couple of the action scenes are passably decent. The best one is when Reilly's character accidentally has a giant hook impale through his hand as the lines are let out, and is pulled into the icy waters. Another funny scene finds the crew unwittingly reel in a Great White shark, attacks Marky Mark as soon as it hits the deck. I give it 2 stars!

## Weather Update

Hurricane Ike is now a Category 4, but it appears as if we will miss it, even with our detour to Cuba. Hurricane Ike is currently projected to slam into the eastern coast of Florida Monday night.

However, Hurricane Josephine is heading right towards the island of Cuba, and is projected to then turn Northwest towards Galveston. For this reason, we will be in Cuba long enough for the emergency repair of welding a steel plate over the gash in the hull, then quickly disembarking for a course due south, so we can avoid the hurricane.

Hurricane Kishandra is now a Category

3 hurricane, and is expected to enter the Gulf after passing over Puerto Rico on Tuesday. This will force the ship into a northwest direction to stay ahead of it.

All of this puts us in the unique position of having to avoid two hurricanes at the same time by staying between them.

**There Is No Need To Worry!** Our ship's Captain has been through this once before and we are in no real danger. We will however be in for some very



*Hurricane Season in the Gulf of Mexico creates unique chal-*

rough seas, which will necessitate us enforcing an emergency storm plan for our passenger's protection.

Starting Tuesday night, we ask you to not go on deck without wearing your life jacket, and you will be at your own risk of being washed overboard.

Also, meals will be served on paper plates and cups, using plastic utensils to reduce the chance of injury. We thank for your cooperation in this matter.

## Great White Sharks - Fact vs. Fiction

### Fact:

- Great White Sharks travel in packs of 30 to 60 adult sharks
- A mature Great White Shark can grow to 40' long, or twice the size of an average life boat.
- Male Great White Sharks have been known to attempt to have sex with their prey prior to killing them
- Great White Sharks never sleep
- A Great White Sharks will eat twice their own weight every 72 hours

- Great White Sharks are the only shark that can smell its prey before it has even entered the water
- Great White Sharks are especially attracted to the smell of diesel fuel

*"The Great White Shark is the only fish with the strength, speed, and stamina to keep pace with a cruise ship on a 7-day cruise."*

### Fiction:

- That Great White Sharks kills for sport. They in fact eat all of what they kill
- That Great White sharks will not attack rafts if they are orange in color. In fact a Great White Shark will attack any vessel smaller than it, including vessels that are orange in color. Life boats and rafts are orange to make them easier to spot from the air
- Great Whites are the greatest killers of humans. Fact is the Mexican Tiger Shark actually kills more humans.

## Your Ship's Officers



Captain Mohammed Bin Komeini

### Ship's Captain

Captain Mohammed Bin Kohmeini graduated from the University of Tehran with a degree in Maritime Law. After serving 23 years in the Iranian Navy, Captain Kohmeini has spent the last 5 years as Ship's Captain of various oil tankers. This is Captain Kohmeini's first cruise with us, as he was retained as an emergency replacement for our previous Ship's Captain, who recently passed away. I'm sure you will join the crew with wishing Captain Kohmeini the best of luck on his 1st passenger cruise.

### Cruise Director

Izzrach al Bidden was born in Saudi Arabia and moved to Paris, France as a young girl. She attended the University of Paris, majoring in Hotel Management. Her cheery disposition has makes her a natural as Ship's Cruise Director. She is also the Ship's female Islam councilor — leading the Islamic prayer service every morning at 6AM. If you are part of the Schultz group that has received this bogus newsletter and still believe a word of it — shame on you for being so gullible.