Boating and Fishing Tips

If you take your fishing seriously, start keeping a written record of each trip. Record the date, hours fished, where you fished, lures and baits used, weather conditions, water temperature, how many you caught, their size, etc.

This information will be useful when planning future trips. Use a notebook and glue in pictures of your catches. This makes a good combination fishing log and photo album.

After cleaning fish, to remove the fish odor from your hands try using catsup.

When using light line on spinning reels, you must retie often to remove weak ends. Failure to do so may cost you a fish.

Cut off about eight feet of line each time you retie. This not only removes the worn and nicked end, it also removes the area of the line worn by your forefinger from casting.

Looking for a way to dry out the inside of wet waders and hip boots? Try using your wife's hair dryer. Turn the warm air inside, and they will dry in no time.

When cleaning fish use a newspaper or magazine as your cleaning surface. When the surface gets messy simply turn a few pages for a clean working area.

Night fishing time, is here. Croppie, stripes and bass are now being caught after dark. Many bass clubs are having night tournaments.

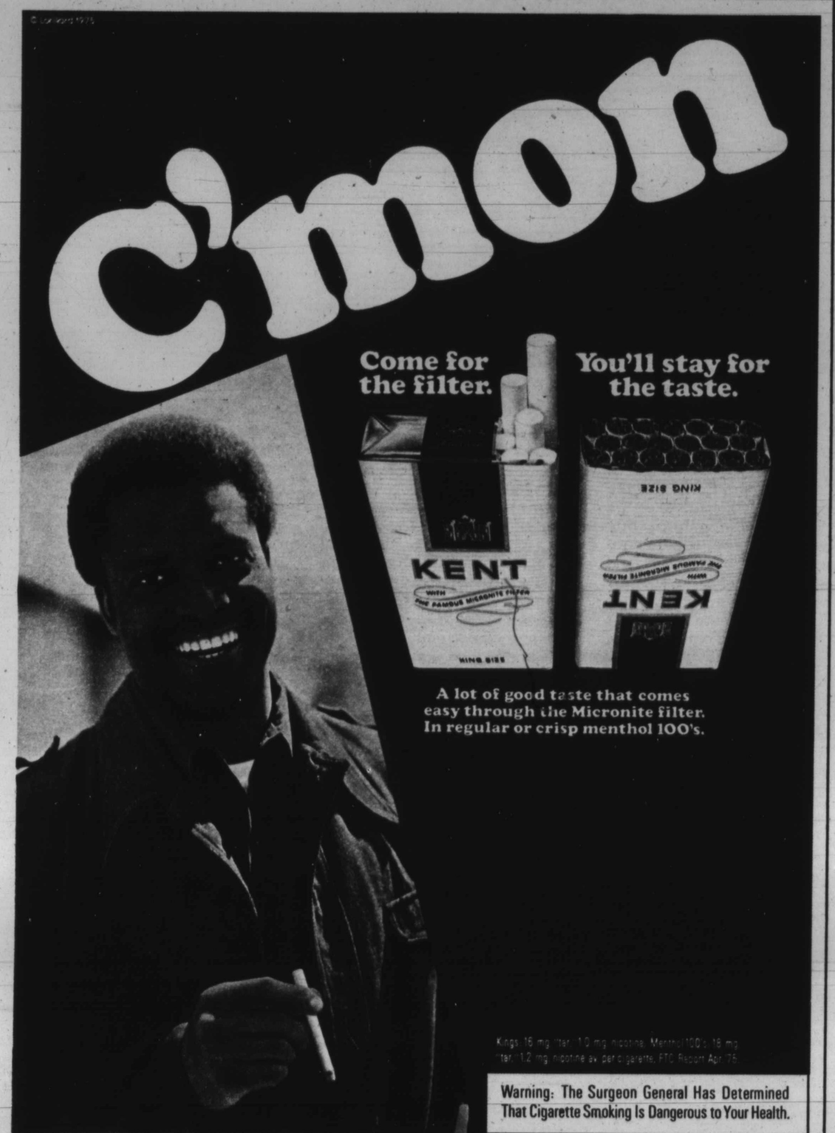
Don't forget to turn on your running lights when moving. Leave the anchor light on when stopped. I know that this is sometimes inconvenient, but put safety first.

Launching ramps are more crowded than ever this year. Nothing is more irritating than to wait in line while some joker in front of you takes his time to load all his gear. Some people take up to 15 minutes to load and place everything in their boat.

Let's all use a little more courtesy. The parking lot is the place to do these chores, not on the ramp where others have to wait. When properly done, loading and launching should take no more than a couple of minutes.

Have you been throwing away roe (fish eggs) when you clean your catch? If so, you are missing a real taste treat. There are several ways to prepare roe for the table. A favorite method is to dip it in milk, roll in hush puppy mix, and fry along with the fish.

Bluegill Fishermen: A sock makes a great container for crickets and grasshoppers — when you reach in for one it hugs your hand preventing others from escaping. Close the end with a rubber band.



Homestead

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homesteading legislation, says: "What worries me is making an eagle out of a gnat and over-promising and over-selling this program. This is only a drop in the bucket, so why make it a big deal by complicating and inflating it. It's not designed to be a panacea."

Although some homesteaders have turned back their houses because they became too expensive to repair, Sen. Biden is not discouraged. "If only one boarded-up house is made livable and only one family moves in, that's better than leaving the house empty and the homesteading program is worthwhile," he said.

In Baltimore, Leonard H. Wilmore, a postal clerk, purchased a house originally built in the 1830's for one dollar and is spending $22,000 to fix it up. "It's close to my job at the Main Post Office. I like the close atmosphere of the city and I like the idea of having my own home."

Most of the houses being sold for a song by the cities belong to the federal government. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) holds title to or mortgages on 250,000 housing units throughout the country. In Detroit, there are more than 15,000 HUD-held abandoned dwellings. Philadelphia has 36,000 abandoned houses. The federal government sells the abandoned houses for a nominal fee to the cities and they are in turn sold in special drawings to qualified applicants.

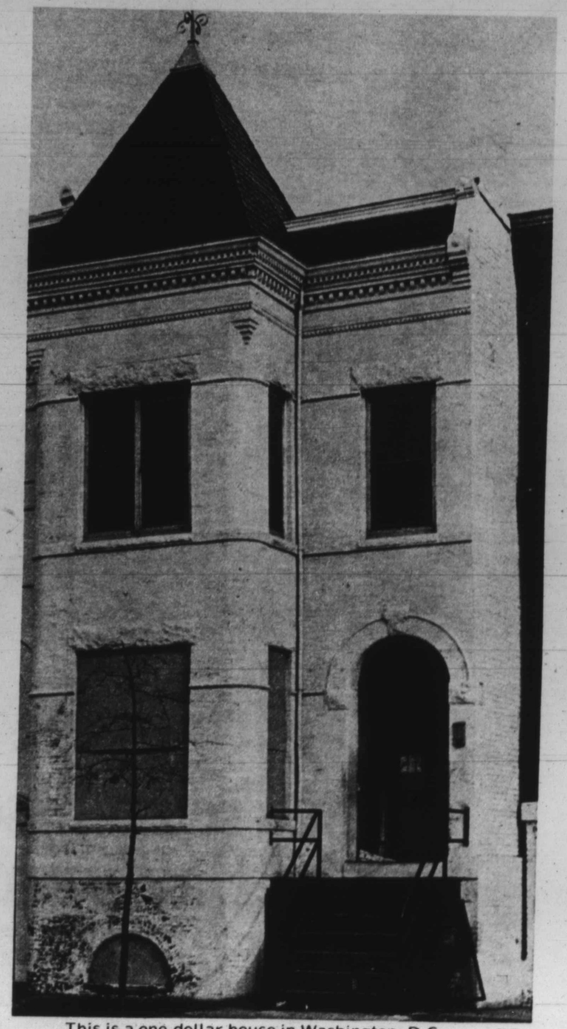
Mary F. Berry, a consultant to the HUD Office of Policy Planning, wrote in a recent magazine article that urban homesteading is "essentially an excellent idea" but is "doomed to failure if it is seen merely as a way of transferring the unpleasant burden of abandoned, foreclosed housing from government agencies to homesteaders.

"That approach would be yet another attempt to renew slums on the cheap . . . putting people into vacant houses does little to arrest the process of social and physical decay and of inadequate social services that usually combine to produce the problems of housing abandonment."

A nationally-circulated magazine editorialized:

"The urban homesteading program looks like a good one and blacks can only blame themselves if they do not take advantage of it. In these days of inflation, to be able to get a home merely for the price of putting it into livable condition is a god-send. Properly handled, the urban homesteading program can be a real boon to black people. We urge them to take advantage of it."

As the debate on the merits of urban homesteading rages, with even the experts disagreeing, it is anybody's guess as to whether the housing experiment will turn out to be a boon for city residents or just another bad dream.



This is a one-dollar house in Washington, D.C.

Personal Touches

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crease them to 15 then to 20. By using the spray-on cream rinse, your afro will be more managable and will hold its natural style longer. To help prevent shrinkage during humid weather, keep scalp and hair oiled with a light (not too greasy) hair product. Many brothers and sisters are now using a dab of coconut oil on their hair and scalp (coconut oil is greasy so don't use too much).

Quick Quotes

"If a man possesses only nickel ideas, the worst things that can happen to him is to learn a whole lot of two-dollar words."

"The ability to ask a good question reveals more about a man than his ability to give a good answer."

"Tread softly in his presence, for even in his most peaceful moments man is nothing more than a restrained barbarian."

"Weigh carefully the words of any man whose testimony might undo him."

"Good, bad, or indifferent, the behavior of children always reflects the behavior of their elders."

"The eagerness with which some people look forward to retirement, is an admission that they have spent their lifetime doing the wrong thing."

—DAVID M. WARREN