

## M/Y *Lady Linda* One Up

DOCKED IN Isla Mujeres, Mexico, crew on Trinity motor yachts *Lady Linda* and *Positive Carry* prepared for their guests' arrival while enjoying the laidback ambiance of the beautiful island with its crystal blue waters. Barhopping, fishing, sunbaking and, of course, cleaning, their relationship began on good terms. Guests arrived and the next stop for *Lady Linda* was an anchorage in Cozumel, Mexico, and the crew were pleased to again have *Positive Carry* as a friendly neighbor...or so they might have thought.

### The Beginning of a War

What began as a usual "Mexican-themed St. Patrick's Day Party"...um, if there is such a thing, *Lady Linda's* guests and crew donned green, toasted margaritas and enjoyed a Mexican feast from Chef Alex to celebrate the final night of a fabulous trip. With drinks flowing, the chatter volume increased and from this developed an idea of the "water balloon sling shot" – or what could also be known as the beginning of a war.

*Positive Carry*, anchored 200 feet downwind of *Lady Linda's* port quarter, was a sitting duck as *Lady Linda's* party moved from the bridge deck to the sun deck, enabling maximum launching capability. And so began an hour and a half of water balloon after water balloon launching from *Lady Linda's* slingshot (held by guests and crew) toward *Positive Carry*. *Lady Linda's* Capt. Rob, behind the force of the sling, hobbled back with his bung leg, letting the balloons go and wait...BOOOOOM! as they hit *Positive Carry's* bridge windows, sides, aft and bridge deck while stewardess' served their guests dinner...oops.

A few good hits and *Positive Carry* was on to the cause; *Lady Linda's* five guests and eight crew hit the deck in the dead of night as a spotlight veering towards them tried to catch "red handed" the source of the sudden loud bangs that had occurred over the past hour.

Following a good few minutes of lying on the sun deck, thirst got the better of the culprits, who revealed themselves and continued to fire. *Positive Carry's* spotlights seriously inhibited vision though and after seeing white spots everywhere they looked, *Lady Linda's* jokesters returned to their duties.

### The Retaliation

Now, being a *Lady Linda* crewmember, I should be biased, but I must say that *Positive Carry* outdid themselves with their creative retaliation.

*Lady Linda's* crew were wary to the point that Engineer Mark locked all entries to his engine room and laz, as we were feeling the most vulnerable in the aft of the boat. Bosun Jason, on board for only two weeks and out to prove his worth, was beside himself when, at approximately 1:00 am on his anchor watch, he realized the tender was no longer tied to the stern, but was now tied to a buoy 100 feet away, in between *Lady Linda* and *Positive Carry*.

At 6:00 am the following morning, Engineer Mark, fitted out in flippers, snorkel, goggles and tender key tightly in hand, braved the seas to rescue the 24-foot Novurania. On reaching the target and being presented with the unusual sight of an outboard with no propeller, Mark realized this wasn't going to be as easy as he had first thought. He switched to an alternate channel and later learned that *Positive Carry's* Capt. Whitney also switched channels and listened to the tool request. *Lady Linda's* Capt. Rob, now also fitted out in flippers, snorkel, goggles and tools safely in hand, braved the seas to help take back ownership of the lonely tender.

A prank with an outcome of both captain and engineer swimming 100 feet in "not so calm" waters at 6:00 am.... Well, no need to say more.

### A Final Farewell

Back in Isla Mujeres, once again the two Trinity's docked next to each other. *Lady Linda* crew carried out the finale to tip the scales in their favor, removing *Positive Carry's* golf cart wheels, placing them under the cart. They then bid farewell to Mexico.

Getting back to the title of this story "*Lady Linda* One Up," we ask *Positive Carry*: with publication of this article, is it now "*Lady Linda* Two Up?"

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Forty 1° North's opening party

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## MARINA NEWS

### NEWPORT NEWS

Forty 1° North, Newport, Rhode Island's, newest contribution to the superyacht industry, had an extra special reason to celebrate Independence Day as the state-of-the-art marina celebrated its grand opening at an open house preview party and cocktail reception, July 1 and 2. July 4 was the official opening day.

Boating industry veterans got a special taste of the new outdoor deck dining and gorgeous waterfront views at the Grill restaurant, which served a special menu to mark the occasion. Guests could lounge at the deck or gather at the bar to enjoy specialty foods and take in the new marina. A few glamour yachts were docked for the party, including vintage motor yacht, 122-foot *Atlantide*.

The new marina will have two restaurants, private event space, a specialty retail shop and four luxury rental units. It has room for 24 vessels ranging in size from 45 feet to 250 feet, features new floating docks, 480-volt power and a full program of yacht services.

And the crew are in for some entertainment too – every Tuesday night is Crew Night, running throughout the season. From 9:30 to 12:30 pm, crew can enjoy live entertainment with DJ Butch and – an added perk perhaps? – have the entire Forty 1° North staff at their beck and call. Ahh, it's good to be on the receiving end of good service! [www.41n.com](http://www.41n.com)

