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PELAGIC BLACKFIN

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As soon as I put them on, I felt ready for battle. The rugged, quick-dry nylon is more utilitarian than laid back. Matching large cargo pockets feature drains, provide plenty of stowage, and fasten with Velcro. Dubbed the ultimate fishing shorts, these held their own in the cockpit. Sizes: 30-48.



LONG AND SHORT OF IT

The last time mid-thigh fishing shorts were in style, Reagan was president. I put three top fishing-oriented board shorts through their paces on the offshore grounds.

—JON MEADE



FISHWORKS SPORTFISHER

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Thanks to a ripstop butt panel, crotch reinforcement, and quick-drying heavy nylon fabric, these are ready for punishment. Each side boasts custom plier or file pockets. The contoured waist gave them a great fit. These are the kind of shorts I could fish in every day. Sizes: 32-42.



AFTCO DECKHAND FISHING SHORT

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The quick drying microfiber fabric felt light, soft, and comfortable—almost like good-quality cotton. I liked the twin zippered pockets across the back—perfect for a wallet while on land. These shorts offered serious comfort. Sizes: 28-44.

MISSING!

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HAVE YOU SEEN THIS BOAT?

REPORT #47140-04



Frenzy

2001 38' CIGARETTE TOP GUN

Disappeared 8/15/2004
from Fords Landing Marina, Bricktown, NJ.
Last seen October 2005
on Lake Pleasant, Phoenix, AZ.

Call the Bricktown Police at 732/262-1115

\$5,000 REWARD

PROVERB PROPHECY

MY GRANDFATHER HAD AN UNCANNY ABILITY TO PREDICT THE weather. But was he just a lucky kook? I spoke with Brian LaMarre, a NOAA meteorologist, to see if those old-time proverbs hold merit. —J.M.

● Red sky in morning, sailor take warning. Red sky at night, sailor's delight.

Particles in the atmosphere, such as precipitation and pollution, cause blue light to scatter, leaving mostly red wavelengths. High air pressure, which indicates fair weather, holds these particles close to the earth, causing a vibrant red. As weather systems often approach from the west, a red sunset means smooth sailing. However, if you get a red sunrise, then high pressure is to the east and a low-pressure system, which brings clouds or storms, may follow.

● A wind from the south has rain in its mouth.

South wind doesn't always mean rain, but low-pressure systems spin counter-clockwise and the leading edge of these systems will have a south blow, followed by storms.

● Mare's tails and mackerel scales make tall ships take in their sails.

There are no sails for us to take in, but boaters should beware: A scaly or ribbed sky is the mark of cirrocumulus clouds, a sign of moisture with an approaching warm front. Wind and rain will follow.

● Seagull, seagull, sit on the sand—it's a sign of rain when you're at hand.

These stupid birds actually know something. During a low-pressure system, it's harder for the birds to fly to feeding grounds because the air is thin. So sitting gulls usually means there's rough weather offshore.

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