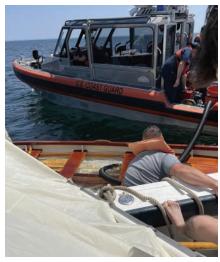


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From the Captain's Log May Day, May Day – for REAL





"A MASTER IN CHARGE OF A VESSEL SHALL RENDER ASSISTANCE TO ANY INDIVIDUAL FOUND AT SEA IN DANGER..." 42 USC \$ 2304.

On our way out to the Isles of Shoals this past weekend we spotted an overturned vessel about 3 miles offshore. As Litigator approached, we overheard the US Coast Guard on channel 16 calling all vessels to render assistance. Captain Chris advised the USCG that Litigator was on scene and would take control of rendering assistance, being the largest vessel in the area. Pulling up to the vessel, it was a capsized sailing craft of about 20' and the skipper was plucked from the water by a small Grady White. As the doomed skipper was being warmed by the Grady White crew, we backed Litigator's stern to the capsized vessel and my son grabbed the trailing sheet from its mainsail so as not to foul in Litigator's props. We were then able to pull on the vessel's submerged main sheet to start righting its mast and then, while continuing to back down on the vessel, walk its mast up to

fully right the vessel. Once righted it was still awash, so we lashed it to the stern of Litigator and began to dewater with 5 gal. buckets. At this point the USCG rescue boat, the NH Marine Patrol, and the Kittery Harbormaster all came upon the scene and the USCG unpacked its emergency dewatering pump and handed the hose to Litigator. The USCG personnel then attempted to start its pump - it refused. USCG then pulled away, to not collide with Litigator, and began trouble shooting its pump. Litigator's crew continued to manually dewater with reliable, always start, 5 gal. buckets. Crew members from the Grady White also donned 5 gal. buckets and the bucket team successfully dewatered the vessel while the USCG stood off, troubleshooting its pump. Once the scene was secured, we offered to tow the stricken vessel back to its home port, but Grady White offered that task. The stricken skipper agreed.

Litigator advised the USCG that its § 2304 duties now complete, Litigator was returning to its intended destination. Just another day for Litigator. ●





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Being Perfectly Frank

In 1916, Polish immigrant Nathan Handwerker got the ball rolling in Coney Island, New York, on the Nathan's Famous hot dog franchise. He had previously worked at Feltman's, New York's then-reigning hot dog champ.

Young Jimmy Durante, a singing waiter on Coney Island — and future voice of the *Frosty the Snowman* animated classic — had suggested that Nathan break away from Feltman's and sell hot dogs for 5 cents; Feltman's dogs were a pricey 10 cents. His entrepreneurial spirit stoked, Nathan concurred, though he was concerned the public might equate "cheap" with "unsafe."

So, he oiled up the marketing machine. Whether he handed out flyers to hospital workers, offering free hot dogs if they showed up at his stand in medical garb, or hired people to pose as hospital workers — the history is fuzzy — what appeared to be throngs of medical personnel crowded his stand, bestowing a beefy endorsement.

Over the decades, many prominent figures loved them some Nathan's. President Franklin Roosevelt hosted a White House lawn party for Britain's King George VI and Queen Elizabeth featuring Nathan's Famous hot dogs. King George requested seconds! Gangster Al Capone was a big fan, too — possibly a mixed blessing. Actor Walter Matthau's will instructed that Nathan's Famous hot dogs be served at his funeral. Now that's a last testament.

Of course, the Nathan's Famous hot dog eating contest is held every July 4th. Over 30,000 spectators and 1–1.5 million television viewers watch questionably sane competitors cram hot dogs (and buns!) down their gullets for 10 minutes for cash.

Nathan's Famous finally expanded its operations in 1968. With over 200 restaurants (brick-and-mortar and virtual) worldwide and their hot dogs sold at supermarkets in all 50 states, there have been very few losers ... but a whole lot of wieners.

July 3 Wimbledon Championships begin

July 4 Independence Day

> July 7 **Chocolate Day**

July 14 Shark Awareness Day

2023 Notable Dates July 16 National Ice Cream Day

> July 22 Hammock Day

Don't Let That Insurance Adjuster Bully You

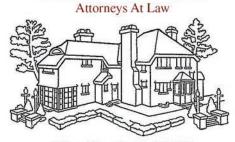
July 29 Lasagna Day

People are often surprised to find out that insurance adjusters and the companies they work for are not on your side. Make no mistake: insurance adjusters are well-trained employees who have one goal in mind - to limit the amount of compensation paid out for your claim (or to deny it altogether). And, they've got lots of tricks and tactics up their sleeves to achieve their goal, including:

- Trying to get you to give a recorded statement in the hopes that you will make a mistake in your recollection of the accident, omit key details or prior injuries or maybe even admit that somehow you are "sorry" for the crash and they will take that to mean that you believe you were partially at fault;
- Asking you to sign a medical release form, which gives them access to your entire life history of medical records. This ٠ isn't done to make sure you get a fair settlement; instead, it's done to find evidence of pre-existing injuries or other factors that can minimize your claim or lead to it being denied;
- Pressuring you to accept a lowball settlement offer within days of the accident. Again, the adjuster isn't worried about you getting fair compensation to cover your medical bills or help to ensure your future financial security. He or she simply wants you to accept a low amount of money that will limit the insurance company's payout;
- Trying to talk you out of hiring an attorney (which the adjuster knows will almost certainly lead to you receiving more compensation);
- Delay and drag their feet on your claim hoping that you might give up, accept a low offer or maybe even pass away. ٠

And it is not just the other guy's insurance adjuster that will try these tricks, your own insurance company adjuster may treat you no better in reimbursing you for your car damage, rental coverage, or even uninsured motorist benefits. We know all of the tricks insurance companies will use to gain an advantage over you. Call us to level the playing field.

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Hidden Danger on the Grill

Over the summer (and beyond), grill masters should beware of transferring more than mouth-watering grub from grill to plate.

Stainless steel and brass wire brushes used to clean grill grates may drop sharp, tiny bristles that remain on the grate and find their way into food on the next go-round of grilling. They can get caught in tissues of the esophagus or make their way to the digestive tract, triggering pain, inflammation, infection, nausea, breathing or swallowing difficulty, and dangerous perforations, possibly necessitating emergency surgery.

Making matters worse, bristles might be difficult to detect with X-rays and other scans due to their tiny size. In some documented cases, patients underwent tests and doctor visits spanning weeks and even months before the culprit was discovered ... and suffered in the meantime.

The frequency of swallowed metal bristles is tough to determine. A 2016 study indicated that over a 12-year span, 1,700 Americans sought help at ERs. That might not sound like a huge number (try telling that to those affected), but the statistics included only *reported* cases and also didn't take into account urgent-care and other outpatient facilities.

Effective alternatives to metal-wire brushes include non-wire scrapers; "stone" tools; coil-shaped, bristle-free brushes; nylon brushes; and crumpled balls of aluminum foil, among others. YouTube has some helpful videos on safe grill-cleaning techniques.

If you insist on using a metal-wire grill brush, check out its condition prior to each usage, inspect the grill grate thoroughly, and give the grate a wipe-off with wet paper towels to help scoop up stray bristles. Buy a new grill brush each year, if not sooner.

May you enjoy a healthy and delicious grilling season! •

