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DAVE L. STILES: I'm Captain David Stiles. I've been a guide for the last 12 years, this is my twelfth year guiding. I was a commercial fisherman for 10 years prior to that.

There's nothin' like a greenhorn. I go down there every time I know a greenhorn's goin' out. Uh, I've seen 'em almost kill themselves. I had to go out and rescue 'em.

Well, we were all standin' up in the parking lot. And, we were just standin' there 'cause the surf was big, and one of my ex-clients, one of many, bought a, bought a dory and thought he was gonna be a doryman. And, he was coming down the ramp with him and his buddies. Very intelligent man, don't get me wrong, but street smart he didn't have. And, so I stopped him, and I, I said, "You don't want to go out in this." And, I said, "It's not very smart." I said, "It's gonna be a better day tomorrow. Just wait 'til tomorrow." [Speaking as the Greenhorn] "Well, nobody's ever called me smart before." I said, "Okay." So, they proceeded to go down on the beach, they launched the boat, they took some big ones, got water in the boat before they even started to take off. They got sideways, the boat knocked him down, went over the top of him. He was flat in the water, and, it's a good thing the water

held the boat up, 'cause it could have crushed him and killed him. And, so I ran down there and got him out of the water, pulled the boat out. That was quite an experience. He never tried that again.

Now he calls me! [Speaking as the Greenhorn] "Is it gonna be good to go tomorrow?" [Laughter] [Speaking as the Greenhorn] "Are you going?"