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EDITOR'S CHOICE:

Wanna buy a boat?

Hey, winter is starting to make us all a bit grumpy. How about buying a yacht? This story in today's Fort Lauderdale *Sun-Sentinel* tells of the Fort Lauderdale-based National Liquidators Inc.

The company, which has a branch in Cleveland, sells fishing boats and pleasure craft it repossesses for banks.

"Individuals or dealers who want to make bids can view boats on the Internet, visit boats at the company's headquarters in Fort Lauderdale, or see vessels at its branches in Newport Beach, Calif., and Cleveland, or at marinas in other states," according to the article. "Bidders, who must first talk to a broker and fill out a bid form, make offers via fax or e-mail. The bidding closes each Monday at 4 p.m. National Liquidators earns a percentage of each sale, usually 10 percent, plus fees for repossession, transportation, storage and other services."

Well ... now you know what I'm thinking about on this rainy Tuesday afternoon.