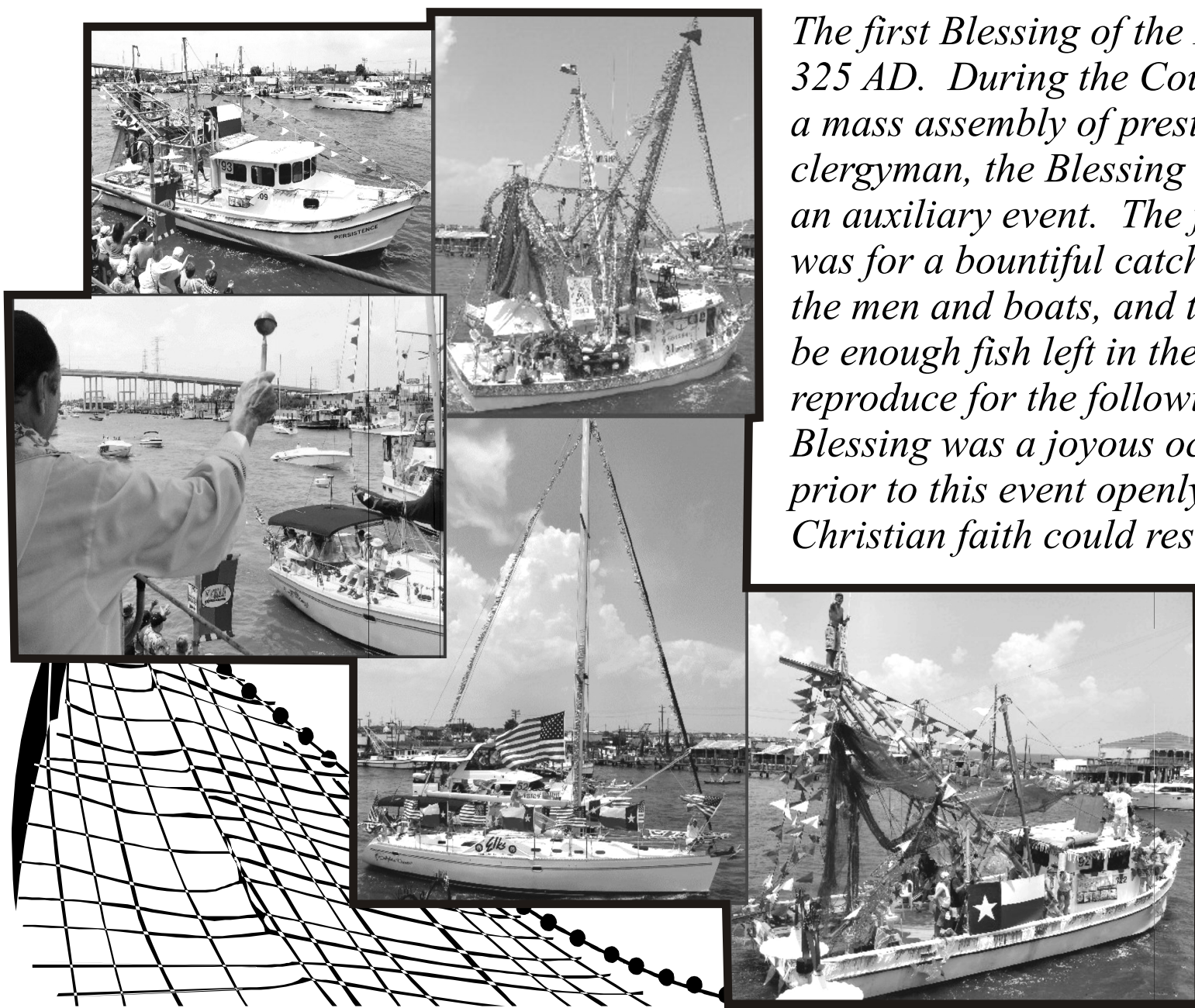
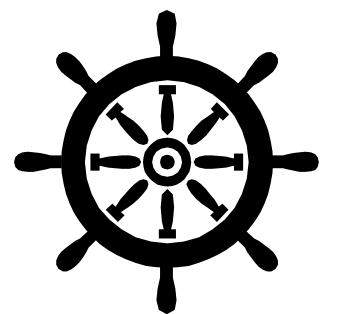


37th
 ANNUAL
Blessing of the Fleet
 Sunday, August 7, 2005
 2:00 PM on the Kemah Boardwalk

"Celebrating with the boats and crews who bring us the worlds finest shrimp, American wild-caught shrimp"



The first Blessing of the Fleet occurred in 325 AD. During the Council of Nicaea, a mass assembly of prestigious Christian clergyman, the Blessing was included as an auxiliary event. The first Blessing was for a bountiful catch, the safety of the men and boats, and that there would be enough fish left in the ocean to reproduce for the following catch. The Blessing was a joyous occasion, since prior to this event openly practicing the Christian faith could result in death.



Bring your family and friends down to the Kemah Boardwalk to witness the festive boats and their colorful crews as they parade down the channel in celebration of this time-honored tradition.

**BOAT PARADE & BLESSING @ 2:00 PM
 AWARDS CEREMONY @ 4:30 PM**

Whether you are a participant or a spectator, this is one event you won't want to miss.

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