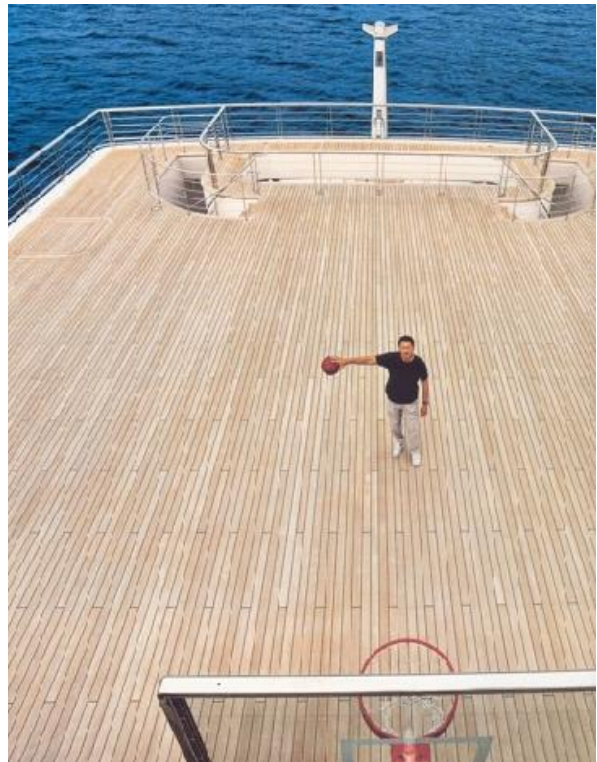


Basketball Overboard!

In an article naming [Larry] Ellison as a possible suitor for the Los Angeles Clippers, the *Wall Street Journal* dropped the following tidbit about [the tech tycoon's recreational habits](#):

Mr. Ellison, who routinely ditched schoolwork for basketball practice during his high-school years in Chicago, has yet to break into a major American sport. His top sporting accomplishment has come in the America's Cup, which his team won in 2013.

The Oracle chief has had basketball courts on at least two of his yachts, said Tom Ehman, who handles America's Cup matters for Mr. Ellison. He said Mr. Ellison liked to relax by shooting hoops, and has had someone in a powerboat following the yacht to retrieve balls that go overboard.



Yes. Larry Ellison is so rich, he has someone retrieve his basketballs when he loses them off his yacht. But is that really a sound business decision?

My question is this: How many basketballs would he have to retrieve to make this worthwhile?

Problem Solving Framework

Define the Problem

What is the problem about? What is it asking you to do?

Analyze the Problem

What do you **know** from the problem scenario or lessons that can help solve the problem?

What concepts or information do you **need to know** in order to solve the problem?

Brainstorm Strategies for Solving the Problem

What strategies might you use to solve the problem? How will you start the problem?

Your work