CUCUMBER BOATS

Use tiny tender cucumbers for this garnish which makes an excellent hors d'oeuvre. Trim ends from cucumber; cut each vegetable into short pieces. Split each piece into 2.

Make a thin lengthwise slice parallel to the center, taking care not to cut through the end. Leave about one quarter of the slice still attached. Scoop out the seeds to form a hollow hull the boat.

Fill the hull with berries or grapes or pomegranate seeds and fold back the top slice to resemble a sail. Secure with a wooden pick. Use as a garnish for hot or cold seafood or as an appetizer.