

# Log of "Isle of Skye" September 15, 2005 to May 06/06

This is not our real log as it is too long and detailed for me to take the time to transpose it for this purpose. This is an abbreviated version showing only highlights that may interest those planning this trip.

<b>VESSEL:</b>	1971 C&C trawler	<b>HULL TYPE:</b>	Displacement ( ballast keel )
<b>LENGTH:</b>	37' 42' 0" with bow sprits/davits )	<b>POWER:</b>	1 -Perkins 165hp turbo diesel
<b>BEAM:</b>	11' 1"	<b>FUEL:</b>	2 X 100imp. gallon tanks
<b>DRAUGHT:</b>	4' 0"	<b>POTABLE WATER:</b>	3 X 50imp. gallon
<b>DISPLACEMENT:</b>	11 tons (dry)	<b>BLACK WATER:</b>	1 X 50imp. gallons
<b>GROUND TACKLE:</b>	44lb. Bruce on 100' 3/8" BBB chain. 35lb. Delta on 30' 3/8 chain & 250' 3/4" rode. 45lb. Danforth on 250' 3/4" rode		

**Date:** Self explanatory

**Time:** **A1000** = Arrived at 1000hrs. **D0800** = Departed at 0800hrs.

**Port:** Port, harbour or anchorage

**Mile:** All mileage shown on the charts are statute miles. Where charts have no mileage marked, I have used Skipper Bobs mileage as per his guides. Where mileage ranges change, the copy is highlighted in **blue**. ie. I have marked the start of The New York State Canal system with **mile 0** at Oswego and ending with **124** at The Hudson River. The Hudson River starts at **Mile 0** at Troy Lock and ends with **154** at Liberty State Park. New Jersey miles start with **0** at Manasquan and end with **117** at the west end of the Cape May Canal. The ICW proper starts with mile **0** at Norfolk and ends with mile **1243** at Key West. Alternate sections are marked with their charted miles (ie. Dismal Canal route)

**Daily hours:** Daily hours run. We run at 1300RPM and as this may be at 5knots or 9knots it makes more sense to keep track of hours than miles covered.

**Total hours:** Cumulative hours run

**Fuel:** Our fuel tanks are two 100 imperial gallon cylinders. Fuel is measured in inches by dipstick with 24" being full. "g" shows US gallons taken on.

**Moor:** **A** = anchored, **FD** = free dock, **M** = marina, **FM** = free mooring ball

DATE	TIME	PORT	Mile Marker	Daily hours	Total hours	Moor	Fuel Port	Fuel Stb.	COMMENTS
9/15/05	D0800	Port Credit	0				22g	17g	<b>Oil, oil filters &amp; fuel filters changed immediately prior to departure.</b> Smooth run, gentle rollers Engine surging slightly at 1300RPM on Starboard tank. Switch to port tank
9/15/05	A1300								
9/15/05	A1550	Port Hope		7:30	7:30	FD			Could not get to Port Hope fuel dock due to shoaling in harbour. Get some sleep at PHYC before moving on.
9/15/05	D2315	Port Hope							
9/16/05	A0930	Oswego		10:15	17:45	FD	78g	83g	@ <b>\$3.89/g</b> cleared customs and got cruising permit. Just like every other time we were not asked for \$25.00 for a "customs decal" and it took only 10 minutes.
9/17/05		Oswego	<b>0</b>			FD			
9/18/05	D0930	Oswego							
9/18/05	A1530	Phoenix	<b>6</b>	6:30	24:15	FD			
9/19/05	D0830	Phoenix							
9/19/05	A1640	Canajoharie	<b>80</b>	6:40	30:55	FD			Nice place, free dock like the rest of the Erie System. Charlie Clarke (local prosecutor) offers local assistance or ride if needed.
9/20/05	D1300	Canajoharie							Tried to depart 0800, no power to starter, bad ground ? After 2hrs. of checking no luck. Voltage on start battery shows good but insufficient current. Start generator and engine starts immediately. Robert Wainwright (mechanic at Outer Harbour Marina) courier's a diode to Waterford where we will meet it.

9/20/05	A1600	Amsterdam	<b>96</b>	3:00	33:55	FD			Yet another of the free docks on the NY State Canal System
9/21/05	D0730	Amsterdam							
9/21/05	A1500	Waterford	<b>124</b>	7:30	41:25	FD			Check lift pump screen, first few threads of top plate screw are stripped, can't secure top plate to lift pump. Beat hell out of top plate with hammer and manage to bend it far enough for screw threads to catch.....works ok.. <b>Change all three fuel filters</b> , starboard filter full of slime, which explains RPM surges !
9/22/05		Waterford				FD			
9/23/05		Waterford				FD			
9/24/05		Waterford				FD			
9/25/05		Waterford				FD			Planned on leaving today.....seam on dinghy split !We have a factory repair kit ! glue in repair kit is totally dried out.....damn ! Dave Berry at Manta Inflatables (Etobicoke) couriers a repair kit overnight. Kit is rejected at border as a hazardous material. Dave tries again (this time removes hazard label from bottle). Dave's two part contact cement works instantly.
9/26/05		Waterford				FD			
9/27/05		Waterford				FD			Waterford is a great place for cruisers with free docking, internet access and a great group of volunteers but we've spent too long here.....we've got itchy feet and want to get moving
9/28/05	D1200	Waterford, NY							Wait at Troy lock for a couple of hours while they repair lock gates.
		<b>Troy Lock</b>	<b>0</b>						<b>Hudson River miles start here with 0 at Troy Lock</b>
	A1445	Schodack Crk.	<b>24.5</b>	4:15	45:40	A			
9/29/05	D1445	Schodack Crk.							
	A1700	Catskill		2:15	47:55	FD			Free dock if you eat at the restaurant. \$10.00 buys a side of ribs big enough to feed the fleet. Leftovers lasted for three days. Excellent free WiFi signal
9/30/05	D0830	Catskill	<b>40.8</b>						
	A1830	Nyack	<b>124.5</b>	10:00	57:55	A			Good free WiFi signal
10/01/05	D0800	Nyack							
			<b>0</b>						<b>Mile 0 of the New Jersey stretch starts at Sandy Hook</b>
	A1400	Atlantic Highlands		6:00	63:55	A	<b>51g</b>	<b>36g</b>	@ <b>\$2.48/g</b> Good Free WiFi signal
10/02/05	D0700	Atlantic Highlands							We run outside as inside route is no good if you draw more than 3'
									<b>New Jersey inland route miles start with 0 at Manasquan and ends with 117 at the west end of the Cape May Canal.</b>
	A1800	Atlantic City	<b>65.1</b>	11:00	74:55	A			
10/03/05	D0830	Atlantic City							We run outside since the weather is so good.
	A1400	Cape May, NJ	<b>113.5</b>	5:30	80:55	A			Good Free WiFi signal if you anchor on north side near canal entrance.
10/04/05	D0700	Cape May, NJ							
	A1305	Cohansey River		6:05	87:00	A			
10/05/05	D1000	Cohansey River							
			<b>0</b>						<b>Chesapeake mileage starts with mile 0 at the west end of the C&amp;D Canal</b>
	A1350	Chesapeake City.	<b>13.7</b>	3:50	90:50	A	<b>16"</b>	<b>15"</b>	Good Free WiFi signal
10/06/05	D0800	Chesapeake City.							
	A1310	Sassafras River	<b>18.0</b>	5:10	96:00	A			Explore up to the top of the Sassafras...New portable genny will not start...dealer says they had a shipment with bad spark plugs and we should replace it.....of course it's an odd size and will take a few days to get one. . Good Free WiFi signal.
10/07/05		Sassafras River				A			
10/08/05	D0900	Sassafras River							
	A1730	Chestertown	<b>44.0</b>	8:30	104:3	A			Explore up to the top of the Chester River.Beautiful

									old town of colonial architecture, astonishing number of major renovations and restorations going on. Good Free WiFi signal. Very good anchorage with good holding and two nearby dinghy docks. two mile walk to any kind of shopping other than touristy stuff. Finally found my spark plug for the portable generator and it now starts fine but will run for only 15sec. ...dismantle fuel system and carburetor, find nothing wrong..... dealer will ship new carburetor from Toronto, which we will meet it in Annapolis.
10/09/05		Chestertown				A			
10/10/05		Chestertown				A			
10/11/05		Chestertown				A			
10/12/05		Chestertown				A			
10/13/05	D0930	Chestertown							
10/13/05	A1445	Annapolis	53	8:45	113.1	A	15"	15"	3:1 scope in Back Creek, don't like it much but that is the way of Annapolis and crowded anchorages. Good Free WiFi signal midway between north & south dinghy docks. Over 100 schooners from 40 -120' coming out as we went in...great show. Tammi & Tony drive down and spend the night. Steve & Shirley drove down to spend the night aboard Bill & Judy's boat and everybody goes to the boat show.
10/14/05		Annapolis				A			
10/15/05		Annapolis				A			
10/16/05		Annapolis				A			
10/17/05		Annapolis				A			
10/18/05	D0800	Annapolis							
10/19/05	A1400	Solomons	97	6:00	119.1	A	14"	12"	Generator carb. finally delivered to marina. genny still does not work...sucks. External Wi-Fi antenna proves it's worth as again we get free internet access anchored close to the Holiday Inn..
10/20/05		Solomons				A			
10/21/05	D1130	Solomons							Crappy running outboard finally died....dismantled and cleaned the most fouled carburetor I have ever seen and re-assembled....runs great.
	A1700	Yeocomico River		8:30	127:4	A			Anchor off Tom & Kaye Assenmachers' home where I have to do a tonnage survey on Geoff & Bunky Cunliffs' new Lagoon 41'
10/22/05		Yeocomico River	121			A			
10/23/05		Yeocomico River				A			
10/24/05		Yeocomico River				FD			Tom wakes us with fog horn at 0630, our kids had called him with news of the birth of our new grand daughter. Move boat to Toms dock, Rent car, drive 13hrs to Fergus and get hugs from our girls and our Al'
10/25/05		Yeocomico River				FD			
10/26/05		Yeocomico River				FD			
10/27/05		Yeocomico River				FD			
10/28/05		Yeocomico River				FD			
10/29/05		Yeocomico River				FD			
10/30/05	D0800	Yeocomico River							
	A1530	Piankatank River	152	9:30	137:1	A	11"	12"	
10/31/05	D0630	Piankatank River							
	A1600	Great Bridge	11	9:30	146:4	FD			<b>Mileage south on this section starts with mile 0 at Norfolk.</b> Bow thruster died.....always dock like you don't have one !...sloppy docking job. Found faulty relay to series/parallel switch...incredible...I actually have a spare relay...thruster repaired before departing. Good Free WiFi signal
11/02/05	A1700	Ltl' Alligator Rvr.	82	9:00	155:4	A	9" 78g	9" 72g	<b>Fuel @ \$3.44/g</b>

11/02/02		Lt' Alligator Rvr.							High winds - stay on hook. Very cold.....genny works so we have heat !
11/03/03	D0900	Lt' Alligator Rvr.							
	A1600	Bellhaven	135	7:00	162:4	A			Tachometer doing 360's goes back to normal after 1hr. running.
11/04/05	D0700	Bellhaven							Good Free WiFi signal
	A1530	Beaufort NC	204	8:30	171:1	A			Sighted first dolphins of the trip Have dinner with Chris & Julie. Two anchors are necessary mostly because everyone else does this. I don't like using two because they get twisted together.
11/05/06		Beaufort NC							Do not anchor near catamarans, boats with nylon rodes or very light boats. Good Free WiFi signal
11/06/06		Beaufort NC							
11/07/05	D1200	Beaufort NC							Tried to leave at 0800 but caught little finger in windlass when hauling anchor, exposed and crushed bone, tape flaps of skin back together and move to town dock to fill water tanks. Boat will not start and I am in too much pain to deal with it...call electrician and paid him \$120.00 to find what turned out to be a loose battery terminal.
	A1530	Mile Hammock Bay	244	3:30	174:4	A	17"	19"	John & Mary on "Choices" are already at anchor and have dinner waiting for us, a great way to end an otherwise miserable day.
11/08/05	D0830	Mile Hammock Bay							
	A1430	Wrightsville Beach	283	5:00	179:4	A			John & Mary introduce us to Claude & Odette who were waiting for there newly purchased boat to be readied for cruising and Paul & Nancy who are in a rented house waiting for the insurance money (after their boat was destroyed in a "head-on" with a barge) so they can buy another boat and get back to cruising. Great dinner together with great people.
11/09/05		Wrightsville Beach				A			Stay on hook. Good Free WiFi signal
11/10/05	D0700	Wrightsville Beach					15"	17"	
	A1600	Barefoot Landing	354	9:00	188:4	FD			Lots of boats rafted up to four deep at 700' long free dock
11/11/05		Barefoot Landing				FD			Useable Free WiFi signal.
11/12/05	D0800	Barefoot Landing				FD			
	A1330	Jerico Creek	394	5:30	194:1	A			<b>oil &amp; oil filter change.</b>
11/13/05	D0800	Jerico Creek							
	A1500	Eagle Island		7:00	201:1	A			
11/14/05	D0730	Eagle Island					15"	12"	
	A1400	Toms Point Creek	495	6:30	207:4	A			
11/15/06	D0830	Toms Point Creek							
	A 1400	Beaufort SC	536 . 3	5:30	213:1	A			very cold
11/16/06		Beaufort SC							very cold, stay on hook
11/17/05	D1000	Beaufort SC							
	A1500	New River	570 . 1	5:00	217:1	A	12"	12"	
11/18/05	D0700	New River							
	A1400	Cattlepen Creek	625 . 5	7:00	224:1				
11/19/05	D0730	Cattlepen Creek							Intermediate stop at Two-Way Fish Camp up 3 miles up un-charted River for cheapest fuel and cheapest (and best lunch) in Georgia. Gale and Tornado warnings issued for Southern Georgia we decide to run , unfortunately we have to cross St. Simon, Jekyll and Cumberland Sounds in what could be very rough stuff.
	A1600	Jove Creek		7:30	231:4		10" 68g	10" 71g	Short side trip off the charts to @-way Fish Camp for cheap fuel
11/20/05	D0730	Jove Creek	670 . 9						

	A1300	Fernandina	716.5	5:30	237:1				Three sounds in half a day, winds building, very unpleasant
11/21/05		Fernandina							Stay on the hook in gale force winds, waves breaking over the bow at anchor. We set tandem anchors and did not move all night, did'nt sleep all night either
11/22/05	D0730	Fernandina							
	A1700	Fort Matanzas	792.4	9:30	246:4				
11/23/05	D0730	Fort Matanzas							
	A1400	Rockhouse Creek	842.2	6:30	253:1				
11/24/05	D0800	Rockhouse Creek							
	A1330	Titusville	878.2	5:30	258:4				
11/25/05	D0800	Titusville							
	A1630	Verobeach	951.7	8:30	267:1				
11/26/05		Verobeach							
11/27/05		Verobeach							
11/28/05		Verobeach							
11/29/05		Verobeach							
11/30/05	D0800	Verobeach					16" 31g	16" 38g	\$2.89/g
	A1600	Lake Worth	1018.4	8:00	275:1				
11/31/05		Lake Worth							
12/01/05		Lake Worth							
12/02/05		Lake Worth							Blackwater discharge pump diaphragm broken...shitty repair job.
12/03/05		Lake Worth							
12/04/05	D0400	Lake Worth							10lb. Mahi Mahi @ 0736hrs. Flying fish @1218hrs. Big BBQ tonight !!! Gulf stream crossing - 10knot winds SW moving to SE, very gentle 4' swells.
	A1500	Xanadu (G.B)		11:00	286:1		21"	16"	Cleared customs in Bahamas at Xanadu Marina ( Just East of Freeport) and spent the night on their dock.
12/05/05	D0930	Xanadu		1:30	287:4				
	A1100	Ocean Reef YC							We harbour hopped along the coast toward Lucaya and stumbled into Ocean Reef Yacht Club. What a great place. We backed the boat up to the swimming pool & hot tub and were welcomed with a free buffet and rum punch. We decided to settle in here for a month as it was perfect for the kids and grand kids who were flying in for Christmas
12/06/05		Ocean Reef YC							
12/07/05		Ocean Reef YC							fishing
12/08/05		Ocean Reef YC							lobstering
12/09/05		Ocean Reef YC							fishing
12/10/05		Ocean Reef YC							lobstering
12/11/05		Ocean Reef YC							fishing
12/12/05		Ocean Reef YC							lobstering
12/13/05		Ocean Reef YC							fishing
12/14/05		Ocean Reef YC							lobstering
12/15/05		Ocean Reef YC							fishing
12/16/05		Ocean Reef YC							lobstering
12/17/05		Ocean Reef YC							drunken fool
12/18/05		Ocean Reef YC							lobstering
12/19/05		Ocean Reef YC							I am almost sick of lobster.....almost
12/20/05		Ocean Reef YC							Cruise through canals at Lucaya on Leslies Lagoon43
12/21/05		Ocean Reef YC							fishing
12/22/05		Ocean Reef YC		2:15	290				lobstering
12/23/05		Ocean Reef YC							Craig flew in from London. What a treat to have my baby home.
12/24/05		Ocean Reef YC							Alan, Linz, Emily and my Madi flew in from Fergus. We now have our whole family together for the first time in a year. This is the way its supposed to be. Alan and Linz sleep in pilot house double with Emily, Craig and Madi sleep in our bed. Laura sleeps in the single at the bow and I sleep on the floor.

12/25/05		Ocean Reef YC							Craig and I go lobstering....not his thing ! We all go to the Xmas show in Lucaya
12/26/05		Ocean Reef YC							Me & my Madi swim
12/27/05		Ocean Reef YC							Me & my Madi swim
12/28/05		Ocean Reef YC							Me & my Madi swim
12/29/05		Ocean Reef YC							Me & my Madi swim
12/30/05		Ocean Reef YC							Craig, Alan & I rent scooters and trespass on the Pirates of the Caribbean set....great photos
12/31/05		Ocean Reef YC							Me & my Madi swim
1/01/06		Ocean Reef YC							Laura & I get to watch our girls while Alan & Craig take Linz out to teach her how to drive a scooter.... Never again they say !
1/02/06		Ocean Reef YC							Day at the beach with all our kids...it just does not get any better.
1/03/06		Ocean Reef YC							Kids went home today, heart breaking.
1/04/06	D1015	Ocean Reef YC							
	A1600	Mangrove Cay		5:45	295:4	A			
1/05/06	D0800	Mangrove Cay							
	A1530	Allans-Pensacola		6:45	302:3	A			Winds shifted to NW (not supposed to) and we were fully exposed to a full blown gale. We put out all three anchors and held through the night.
1/06/06	D1130	Allans Pensacola							All three anchors let go at 0700 and we dragged quickly down on a catamaran. With 3 anchor rodes tangled we had to cut the snubber and Danforth loose, by this time our rudder was inside the bridle of the catamaran (about 4' off their bow) and we were afraid to hit the throttle in case our prop caught their rode. We waited and waited (about 5 seconds, it seemed like hours) until a wave lifted our stern higher than their foredeck and hammered the throttle. We managed to get clear but we still had two tangled anchors in the water at our bow. Once out of the cove we tried for a couple of hours to untangle the mess without luck. We figured our only option was to head for the marina at Spanish Key. We called on the radio and they advised that entrance was unsafe.
	A1400	Manjack Cay		2:30	305:0	A			Mike on Sheena II heard us on the radio and told us of a mooring ball at Manjack Key. As we approached the mooring ball we had to cut very close to a sand bar to come around into the wind to the ball. We cut it too close and hit bottom hard twice as we fell into the trough. Mike came out in his dinghy and helped Laura get the mooring painter aboard. This was an incredible feat as the bow heaved up and down over his head with two anchors swinging in the wind.
1/07/06	D1200	Manjack Cay							After a good nights sleep we untangled the rodes.
	A1300	Green Turtle Cay		1:30	306:3	A	14"	17"	
1/08/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			Laura's Mom died so she took water taxi to treasure Key and flew home from there.
1/09/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			
1/10/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			<b>Fuel filters, oil, oil filter changes</b>
1/11/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			
1/12/06	D1100	Green Turtle Cay							
	A1500	Marsh Harbour		4:00	310:3	A	14"	16"	
1/13/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/14/06		Marsh Harbour				A			Laura came home today. It was very lonely spending a week aboard without her.
1/15/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/16/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/17/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/18/06		Marsh Harbour				A			Went to an Eileen Quinn concert. What a treat, funny, witty and insightful...a great show
1/19/06		Marsh Harbour				A			

1/20/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/21/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/22/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/23/06		Marsh Harbour				A			
1/24/06	D1000	Marsh Harbour							
1/25/06	A1330	Green Turtle Cay		3:30	314:0	A			Dropped the hook in White Sound this time. Another
1/26/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			gale. Two trawlers, one catamaran and one sailboat
1/27/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			dragged over the course of this two day gale.
1/28/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			
1/29/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			
1/30/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			
1/31/06		Green Turtle Cay				A			
2/01/06	D1000	Green Turtle Cay							
	A2100	Mangrove Cay		11:00	325:0	A	10"	16"	
2/02//06	D0100	Mangrove Cay							
	A1600	Fort Pierce	964 . 8	15:00	347:0	A			We now start counting miles back up the ICW with
2/03/06	D1230	Fort Pierce					10"	12"	mile 0 at Norfolk
	A1430	Vero Beach	951 . 7	2:00	349:0	M			Left WiFi antenna out in the rain....need new WiFi
2/04/06	D1000	Vero Beach							antenna. Stoopid Stoopid Stoopid !
	A1500	Eau Gallie	914 . 4	5:00	354:0	A			
2/05/06	D0900	Eau Gallie							
	A1330	Titusville	878 . 7	4:30	358:3	A	10" 30g	9" 33g	Fueled only to 15" level since fuel is so expensive @
2/06/06	D1030	Titusville							\$4.30/g will take on full load in Georgia as diesel is
	A1500	Rockhouse Creek	842 . 2	4:30	363:0	A			much cheaper there.
2/07/06	D1000	Rockhouse Creek							
	A1130	Daytona	831 . 9	1:30	364:3	A			
2/08/06	D0930	Daytona							
	A1600	St. Augustine	778 . 1	6:30	371:0	A			
2/09/06		St. Augustine				A			Steve & Shirl on a "driving" (ugh !) holiday meet up
2/10/06		St. Augustine				A			with us and drive us to Walmart to get a new WiFi
2/11/06		St. Augustine				A			antenna. We miss Steve & Shirl a lot.
2/12/06		St. Augustine							
2/13/06	D0930	St. Augustine							
	A1430	Ft. George River	73 5	5:00	376:3	A			Anchored here before we turn back and head up the St.
2/14/06	D0800	Ft. George River							Johns River to Jacksonville
	A1030	Jacksonville		2:30	378:3	FD	11"	12"	We did not mark miles up the St. John or St. Mary
2/15/06		Jacksonville				FD			rivers.
2/16/06		Jacksonville				FD			
2/17/06	D1000	Jacksonville							
	A1300	Green Cove Springs		3:00	381:3	A			
2/18/06	D0900	Green Cove Springs							
	A1330	Palatka		4:30	386:0	A	10"	10"	Met up with Roger Bass AMS on "Boatpokers".
2/19/06		Palatka							Another 6" of dinghy seam pops 3M 5200 to the
2/20/06	D1200	Palatka							rescue.
	A1300	Murphy Creek		3:00	389:0	A			
2/21/06	D0930	Murphy Creek							
2/21/06	A1430	Green Cove Springs		5:00	394:0	A			
2/22/06	D1030	Green Cove Springs							
2/22/06	A1300	Jacksonville		3:30	397:3	FD	8"	10"	

2/23/06	D0930	Jacksonville							
2/23/06	A1400	Amelia River		4:30	402:0	A	8"	9"	Tried to get into Skipper Bobs recommended anchorage at mile 731. Chart shows 7' at MLW - we found 3' at High Tide.....move on to next anchorage.
2/24/06	D0900	Amelia River							
	A1100	St. Marys		2:00	404:0	A			St.Mary – pretty cruiser friendly town with some kind of monthly festival and a free turkey dinner for cruisers at Thanksgiving
2/25/06		St. Marys				A			
2/26/06		St.Marys				A			
2/27/06	D1000	St. Marys							10.2 knots down St. Marys River down to 3.8knots when we turn into Cumberland Sound.
	A1600	Jove Creek	670 . 9	6:00	410:0				Jekyll Sound and Jekyll Creek are the most changeable part of the whole ICW with 2'6" where chart in several places and marks bear no relation to charts. Must do this on rising tide. Shows 12'
						A			Trouble finding entrance, bump & grind our way in. Snarling roar of a bobcat in the middle of the night.
2/28/06	D0900	Jove Creek							
	A1100	Altamaha River	661 . 9	2:00	412:0	A	65g	81g	Off the charts up the Altamaha River to 2-Way fish camp for cheapest fuel of the trip (\$2.41/g)
3/01/06		Altamaha River				A			
3/02/06	D0800	Altamaha River							Headed for Kilkenny Creek but gale warnings deter us from crossing St. Catharines Sound so we stop at Cattlepen instead.
	A1400	Cattlepen Creek	585	6:00	418:0	A			
3/03/06	D0900	Cattlepen Creek							
	A1430	Turner Creek		5:30	423:3	A			Tight anchorage – bow & stern anchors – no room to swing. Front half of boat is aground at low tide. Easy access for provisioning. Bow is aground at low tide.
3/04/06		Turner Creek				A			
3/05/06	D0800	Turner Creek							
3/05/06	A1100	Bull Creek	565	3:00	426:0	A			Removed fender racks to refinish teak cap rails..... dropped one overboard in strong current. Spent2-days dragging the creek and managed to get it back.
3/06/06		Bull Creek				A			
3/07/06		Bull Creek				A			Craig called today he was accepted at Westminster School of Law in London...what a kid !
3/08/06	D0830	Bull Creek				A			Beware of new buoys, missing daymarks etc. at mile 550.
	A1200	Beaufort SC		3:30	429:3				
3/09/06		Beaufort SC				A			Tied up at town dock (free) to do laundry then moved to anchorage up Factory Creek.
3/10/06		Beaufort SC				A			
3/11/06	D0830	Beaufort SC							At Mile 516 ( Ashpoo Coosaw Cut)we pushed through 100yds of 2' deep water and 2' of mud at low tide. Chart says 24' Bull ! Also pushed through several areas of 3' water around Mile 510 where the chart shows 16' at low tide. Mile 496 – 517 should be done on a rising tide!!!!
	A1400	Toms Pnt Creek SC	516	5:30	435:0	A			
3/12/06	D0930	Toms Pnt Creek SC							Hot – sunny Sunday 2000 boaters on crack! in Charleston Harbour and all the way to Isle of Hope
	A1430	Hamlin Sound SC	455	5:00	440:3	A			
3/13/06	D0730	Hamlin Sound SC							
	A1230	Minim Creek SC	416	5:00	445:3	A			Dead pigs & alligators
3/14/06		Minim Creek SC				A			We counted more than forty dolphins that herded fish into the creek and sealed it off for two days straight---- feeding frenzy !
3/15/06		Minim Creek SC		1:30	447:0	A			NOAA said 10knot winds so we headed out and found



									30knot winds against tide in Winyah Bay. We didn't feel like getting beat up so we went back to Minim and settled in for another day.
3/16/06	D0700	Minim Creek SC							
	A1400	Barefoot Landing	355	7:00	454:0	FD			The days of free docks here appear to be at an end, they are installing power posts ! Too bad this was 700' of dock that was often rafted 4 boats deep with cruisers every fall and Spring.
3/17/06		Barefoot Landing				FD			Another 6" of split dinghy seam repaired.
3/18/06		Barefoot Landing				FD			
3/19/06	D0830	Barefoot Landing							Lockwoods Folly inlet (mile 321) chart shows 4 marks...we counted 18
	A1430	Southport	311	6:00	460:0	A			Anchored in "Pipeline" a pretty little anchorage with clean beaches and very well protected.
3/20/06	D0800	Southport							Caught the tide and rode it all the way to Carolina beach
	A1030	Carolina Beach	295	2:30	462:3	A	16"	14"	Another gale at anchor !
3/21/06		Carolina Beach							
3/22/06	D1230	Carolina Beach							
	A1400	Wrightsville Beach	283	1:30	464:0	A			Cold, wet windy & the only boat in the anchorage
3/23/06	D0830	Wrightsville Beach							Could only find 3'6" of water at R72 at New River Inlet on a half rising tide. Put the hammer down and pushed our way through
	A1330	Mile Hammock Bay	244	5:00	469:0	A			Camp LeJeune – every time we anchor here we get surrounded with live fire military maneuvers. Today is no exception
2/24/06	D0730	Mile Hammock Bay					14"	14"	
	A1330	Beaufort NC	204	6:00	475:0	A			<b>Fuel filters, oil, oil filter, changes</b>
3/25/06		Beaufort NC				FD			Free dock at home of admiralty lawyer Bill Wheatley in downtown Beaufort.
3/36/06		Beaufort NC				FD			
3/27/06		Beaufort NC				FD			Do some glass work on delaminated areas on lower decks,
3/28/06		Beaufort NC				FD			Replace turbo-exhaust hose, seal two leaking ports
3/29/06		Beaufort NC				FD			More deck work. Head plugged....dismantle pump-nothing, dismantle base...nothing, dismantle seacock...nothing . Finally find 5"catfish at pump cylinder intake! I love working in pee & poop !
3/30/06		Beaufort NC				FD			
3/31/06		Beaufort NC				FD			Manual bilge pump rebuilt.
4/01/06		Beaufort NC				FD			Had a drink with John Roop, local AMS.
4/02/06	D0830	Beaufort NC							
	A1400	Broad Creek NC	174	5:30	480:3	A			Manual waste pump rebuilt. I love working in pee & poop.
4/03/06		Broad Creek NC				A	14"	12"	We had planned to head to Belhaven this morning but at 0700hrs. NOAA predicted severe thunderstorms, damaging winds, large hail and a tornado watch for late this aft. We did not want to cut it that close and stayed put. Two sailboats and a 48' MY left. The first storm hit at 0800hrs and the 48' MY returned. At 1100hrs an unmanned 40' trawler was found running off Belhaven. Glad we stayed ! The second storm hit at 1315hrs with gusts to 50 knots and winds in a direction that drove water out of the river leaving us aground for a few hours. The third storm hit at 2300hrs with sustained winds of 60 knots and lasted for about five hours with a most incredible sound and light show. We thought about putting out a second anchor but did not want to deal with tangled rodes if we had to weigh.
4/04/06		Broad Creek NC				A			25-knot winds... we decide to stay another day, as Pamlico Sound is still pretty stinky.

4/05/06	D0730	Broad Creek NC							Engine surges on port tank. Coming out of Goose Creek into Pamlico River we got stuck in the mud, could'nt push through so took 20min. to back out. We had to go outside of channel to find enough water. Rolled heavily in 25 knot winds on Pamlico Sound and had to tack.
	A1230	Belhaven NC	135	5:00	485:3	A			Spent afternoon vacuuming out holding tank with ShopVac as still can't get waste discharge pump to work....getting tired of playing with pee & poop. <b>Install all new seals in port side fuel system and change port fuel filter.</b> Yet another 30knot night at anchor.
4/06/08	D0800	Belhaven NC							Planned on stopping before Albermarle Sound but the weather was so good we decide to cross the sound today otherwise we would not be able to cross for 4 days as yet another small craft warning is issued with 30-40knot winds predicted until Sunday.
	A1830	Elizabeth City NC	51	10:30	496	FD	11"	10"	This whole town is set up for free WiFi, lots of free docks and has a full time cruiser greeter. We have decided to take the Dismal Swamp route because with the coming weather it is much more protected than the Virginia Cut route. we also get to visit with Fred Fearing (Rose Buddy founder) and Robert J. Peek ( famous lock/bridge master) on the canal who personally built the free dock at Deep Creek (he may not let you through until you stop and have a coffee & donut).
4/07/06		Elizabeth City NC				FD			Refrigerator died ! had to drink all the beer before it got warm. When I installed the new refrig. last year, all I had was automotive type wire. The copper broke down and was getting only 11 volts at the compressor.
4/08/06		Elizabeth City NC				FD			Locals Alex and Jenn Keeley kindly drove me to an auto parts store where I bought more of the same cheap automotive wire. I'll have to remember to change that to marine grade wire.....yeah, just like I remembered last time ! Fridge fixed...Note: buy more beer!
4/09/06		Elizabeth City NC				FD			Finally got the overboard waste pump rebuilt & replumbed, this is a good thing as cleaning out the ShopVac was an ugly exercise. Went to the Antonio Banderas movie....what a great little cinema set up like a dinner theater – have a meal watch a movie ! We went up to Fred Fearing's house and enjoyed a little time with 92yr old Fred after the show.
4/10/06	D0830	Elizabeth City							Leaving for the Dismal Swamp right now !
							11" 63g	10" 66g	\$2.59/g
	A1700	Deep Creek	11	9:00	504:3	FD			Mexican restaurant 30 seond walk from free bulkhead tie up or 2 minute walk from free dock, enough food to choke a horse for \$5.00 and \$1.50 beer. 1 minute walk to hardware, groceries and autoparts store. Hand feed the 40lb. Nutria (giant rat) at the free dock. Have breakfast coffee, donuts &conch blowing lesson with lock/bridgemaster Robert L. Peek. Just a few more of the reasons we prefer this route to the Virginia cut.
4/11/06	D0830	Deep Creek							Dismantled our brass compass for cleaning
		Norfolk VA							<b>Norfolk is mile 0 on the charts heading south and we now start counting backwards in “ Chesapeake miles”</b>
	A1730	Piankatank River	152	9:00	513:3	A			We caught it just right ....rode down the ebb on the Elizabeth River and up the flood on the Chesapeake. We had no trouble getting into this anchorage on the way south but this time had to push our way through 6" of mud to get through the channel.

4/12/06	D0830	Piankatank River						Nav function on autopilot not working
	A1400	Yeocomico River	122	5:30	519:0	FD		Dock at Tom & Kaye's place...just like coming home. BBQ with Tom, Kaye, Marcel and Jack Welcome !
4/13/06		Yeocomico River				FD		Tom took me in to town to pick up half a dozen spare fuel filters.
4/14/06		Yeocomico River				FD		Lazy day. Tom & Kaye grow (breed ?) their own oysters and we steamed a bushel in their yard...what an incredible meal ! Watched an osprey catch a fish so big he could barely get it out of the water.
4/15/06		Yeocomico River				FD		Small craft warning ! high winds and damaging hail predicted.....stay another day. Watched four seagulls attack a hawk !
4/16/06	D0800	Yeocomico						Will miss Tom & Kay, two of the most hospitable people we have ever met. Autopilot Nav function still not working ! Stoopid Stoopid Stoopid...After cleaning compass I had re-installed the fluxgate sensor 180 degrees out!...Nav function now working.
	A1300	Solomons MD	97	5:00	524	A		Drop the hook in front of Holiday Inn...free WiFi
4/17/06		Solomons MD				A		High winds....stay put.
4/18/06	D0800	Solomons MD						NOAA said 10-15 knot winds with 2-3' waves... well they got the winds right but we lost both bow fender racks in separate "bow burying" incidents and our dinghy was torn off one of the davits. Today was not a lot of fun.
	A1530	Annapolis MD	53	7:30	531:3	A		Little room to anchor in Back Creek as new mooring balls @ \$25.00 per night have taken almost all the space.
4/19/06	D0730	Annapolis MD						
	A1400	Chesapeake City	13.7	6:30	538:0	FD		<b>Mile 0 at east end of C&amp;D Canal</b>
4/20/06	D0500	Chesapeake City						Had a great run down the Delaware and since we arrived at Cape May with still an hour to high tide we decided to bypass Cape May ( <b>Mile 117 is the southern end of the New Jersey inland route</b> ) and run inside to 1 of 3 Skipper Bob recommended anchorages. 1 <sup>st</sup> @ mile 112.1 no room to swing a cat. 2 <sup>nd</sup> @ mile 110.2, Skipper Bob says there are many more marks than charted...there were none, charted or uncharted and we couldn't get in at high tide. 3 <sup>rd</sup> @ mile 89.8 we couldn't get in at high slack and ran aground. It took BoatUS over an hour to get us out then he ran us aground under tow. He loves Skipper Bob. Its now dark and we have run out of "alternative anchorages". To hell with this...we anchor in the channel and throw one anchor ashore to keep us out of the way.
	A2000	Middle Thoro NJ	91	19:00	557:0	A		A 19 hour run...THANKS BOB !
4/21/06	D1100	Middle Thoro NJ						If you draw 4' you better do this stretch on a rising tide. Where charts show 8' at low tide we found many spots with 8' at high tide! This is a problem with a 5' tidal range and a 4' draught. We sit in the channel waiting for deeper water.
	A1400	Ocean City NJ	80	3:00	560:0	A		3 hours to go 9 miles...Forget about the NJ inland route unless you are in a canoe Charted depths and marks are a joke. We decide to drop the hook in the channel at Ocean City (not a recommended anchorage) and wait a few days for weather to go out to the ocean. Heard a May Day from Atlantic City..... a sailboat had broached in the inlet ! As we are dropping the hook the oil pressure plummets....we found 8 liters of oil in the drip pan under the engine. Our oil change pump line at the oil pan had broken at the ferrule. I can't believe I actually had two of these ferrules aboard. It took a few hours to change it and

									clean up the mess. We have had better days ! <b>Unscheduled oil &amp; filter change.</b>
4/22/06		Ocean City NJ				A			Rough night at anchor. Wind fighting tide makes for a very rolly time. Looks like we will have to put up with this for 3-4 days. Talked to John in a condo just across from where we are anchored...he invites us on to his dock for a couple of days...much better than rolling around at anchor. Rub rail crushed on piling in yet another gale.
4/23/06		Ocean City NJ				FD			Another gale to day.
4/24/06	D1300	Ocean City NJ							Left late to ride the tide on the inside route to Atlantic city where we may have to wait 3-4 or 5 days for good weather to run outside to New York City. Crossing Great Egg Harbour was a treat...huge breakers at the mouth. We just kissed the edge of them on the way across. We did'nt really want to do this section inside due to lack of water but we managed to scrape through on a rising tide....at low tide, not a chance !
	A1430	Ventnor City NJ	<b>64</b>	1:30	561.3	A			This is a suburb of Atlantic City
4/25/06		Ventnor City NJ							One of two bridges stuck closed. We wait for repair crew....and wait....and wait... bridge crew gives up and will try again tomorrow. We spend the night tied to a barge beside the bridge.
4/26/06	D1300	Ventnor City NJ							Bridge finally opens...silted channels, rough weather, bridges that don't work....Six days to go 52 miles ! Frustrating !
	A1500	Atlantic City NJ	<b>65.1</b>	2:0	562.0	A			Have to wait for train bridge. Narrow channel, little water falling tide (very fast current). Drop anchor to hold station for ½ hour till bridge opens. 2 hrs to go 1.5 miles.
4/27/06	D0600	Atlantic City NJ					14"	13"	No more inland route, today we go outside for the run up to NY City. beautiful...soft 3' rollers all the way. Re-caulked all ports, repaired rubrail damaged on tight piling in Ocean City. Mo(A) buoy off Egg inlet was ½ mile south of charted position on our way south now 1/3 mile SE on our way north.
			<b>0</b>						<b>Mile 0 of the New Jersey stretch starts at Lower Harbour NY/NJ south of the Verazzano Bridge</b>
	A1730	Great Kills NY		11:30	573.3	FD	14"	9"	Diesel - \$3.62/g fugetaboutit ! We will try and make it to Brewerton on Lake Oneida where its usually much cheaper. Asked at Richmond County Yacht Club (Great Kills Harbour) if we could fill our water tanks and were invited to spend the night on their dock.
4/28/06	D0600	Great Kills NY							Rode the tide through NY City . Unfortunately a 15 knot wind was against the tide ! We shot a short video of this which I will post on my web site. It's a perfect example of why not to travel with wind opposing tide. Coast Guard Security Call...tug lost control of a barge near Haverstraw Bay, Barge overturned and is now drifting down stream
		Nyack NY	<b>124.5</b>						Anchored for an hour to access WiFi and fire off a few e-mails.
	A1430	Dunderburg Mtn.	<b>109.8</b>	8:30	582	A	12"	9"	Anchored across from Nuclear power plant 200' from all night train traffic but not nearly as bad as Collins Bay.
4/29/06	D0700	Dunderburg Mtn.							Wind against tide again.
	A1600	Catskill NY	<b>40.8</b>	9:00	591	M	10"	9"	Private mooring balls have taken up the little anchorage at the mouth. Restaurant that provided free docks with meal appears to be closed and the docks are not in place....it really ticks me off to pay for docking but we are tired and its time to stop.
4/30/06	D0800	Catskill NY							
							9" 20g	9" 20g	Stopped at Castleton and picked up 40g of diesel at \$3.40/Usq. Took on just enough fuel to get us to

							12"	12"	Brewerton which is usually the cheapest in NY State. Fought the tide all way up the Hudson.
	A1600	Waterford NY	124						<b>We now start counting backwards from Waterford at mile 124 to Oswego.</b>
5/01/06	D0800	Waterford NY							10 locks...long day...tired
	A1530	Amsterdam NY	96	7:30	598.3				
5/02/06	D0700	Amsterdam NY							
	A1600	Lock #12 NY	63	11:00	609.3		10.5	9"	Another 10 locks. A long but perfect day on the Erie
5/03/06	D0630	Lock #12 NY							Another 10 locks.
		Brewerton NY					24" 74g	24" 74g	Stopped at Brewerton to fuel up at \$2.86/g. Its actually 30/c per gallon cheaper at the Indian reservation marina at Sylvan Beach but on principal, I refuse to buy there.
	A1830	Oswego NY		12:00	621.3				Lake Ontario was so flat that we could not tell the difference between it and the sky to but we are too tired to run 20hrs. to Port Credit.
5/04/06	D0630	Oswego NY	0						Lake as still as a mirror but as is usual for Lake Ontario it only lasted for a few hours. We seek haven in Rochester.
	A1400	Rochester NY		7:30	629.0				
5/05/06	D0600	Rochester NY							2-4' waves with two or three six footers every twenty minutes or so. Smoothed out to 2' after a few hours. One more day to home and hugs from my girls.
	A1500	Wilson NY		9:00	638.0				
6/06/06	D0700	Wilson NY							
	A1200	Port Credit		5:00	643				Home at last....home at last...great God almighty home at last.

643 hours , 1132us gallons = 943.33 (1.2)imp. gallons = 1.46g/hr