

Charleston to Toogodo Creek November 5th,

We did our first oil change since Toronto, and were underway through Elliot's Cut, which Wallace says can be nasty at times. We were fine though, all good water. Unfortunately again it was not good news for others; a 27 foot sailing vessel was reported adrift and it ultimately sunk; and a 32 foot sail boat was also reported adrift with a person in the water in Sodo River.

We saw this pelican while leaving Charleston Marina hitching a ride on the back of a fishing boat looking for breakfast.

That's his buddy in back. Hey, wait for me!



Today I had 6 dolphin sightings. One was coming right towards the side of the boat and I got a face to face, omg. I do really plan on getting a good photo of a dolphin, but it's a case of messing with the camera or experiencing the moment.

We anchored in Toogodo Creek for the night. Wallace appeared in this get up saying he felt just like Jules (for those who don't know Julie, my daughter, she seriously lives in her PJ's whenever she possibly can).



Not be outdone, I decided to join in.



Another spectacular sunset here.



Beaufort South Carolina November 6th

This morning a vehicle was reported in the water with a person missing and we encountered three boats high and dry along the way. Matthew certainly took his toll.

We arrived at the Beaufort's Day Dock. What a lovely, peaceful public waterfront with a very laid back vibe.



Beaufort has an anchorage, a free day dock, park, playground, restrooms, laundry, restaurants and you can walk to the grocery store and shopping of all kinds.

Wallace spotted this boat upon our arrival, another Jay Benford design, like our own Dirt Free.



We spent some time at the day dock and took a tour around before anchoring for the night.





For our bench collection, an actual swinging bench overlooking water (the original concept)





You can take a trolley ride around town



Georgia November 7/8

We travelled from South Carolina to Moon River in Georgia and Nov. 8th to Buttermilk Sound Creek. Not too much to say about Georgia, just a lot of marsh and virtually no buildings or people. We sped through as quickly as we could, but the route was like a slalom course, full of curves and bends that twisted through the same scenery again and again.



At anchor for the night.

We took a quick route so I didn't get to see the swamp, perhaps on the way back. It was a few long days, but no bugs and pleasant weather.

Jekyll Creek November 9th

We resurrected an old tradition and had a date day on the 10th. On a recommendation from the dock master we walked to town to the Wee Pub for lunch, but over an hour later when we didn't have any food yet we decided to go somewhere else.



Around Jekyll Island



Some kind of moss (spanish)that lives on air alone.
I brought some back to the boat to give it a try.



So nice to see gardens in bloom in November.



What's date day without a visit to the ocean!



And an awesome sky to end the evening.



November 10th 12:04 pm - F L O R I D A

This morning was a sad day on Dirt Free. We used the last two Kenyan AA Coffee Pods and said goodbye to good coffee for the duration. Seriously, we will probably end up switching to tea.

Fernandina Beach Marina - we really see the damage that was done here. The docks are badly damaged and closed, no fuel operations and the balcony that ran around the marina is gone. There are sunken boats and those that were swept ashore.





Fort George

We arrived in Fort George River at the Kingsley Plantation and spent the day exploring and the night on their dock.

The plantation house was built by slaves in 1798, and was circled by the cabins of the enslaved.







Kinglsey's slaves would be tasked to work 15 hour days. Picking sugar cane from a ¼ acre plot yielded but one 5 pound bag of sugar. The site depicts the miserable existence these people had to endure and the brutal way they were treated and tortured. Kinglsey herself, was once a slave. Figure that one out. All in all a very depressing look into the past.

We did meet some interesting people from France. They have spent the past 7 years touring the world in Land Rovers. They travel for three month stretches, leave the car and fly home for a while and then pick their travels later. They have travelled all around Africa, through Turkey, Iran, Russia, Iceland and Canada. This is their route to date.



And we met this little chap, another first for me.





Left a beautiful misty morning behind and headed for...

St. Augustine
November 11th

These are summer cottages. This one has an infinity pool.



Screened in from the bugs.



Many decapitated palms.



Rivers Edge Marina, St. Augustine

Our home for the two days.

The marina has internet, showers, dock carts and a restaurant next door. Dockage is \$2.00 per ft/night.



St. Augustine - we will explore here tomorrow.



Pelican frenzy



Just love these guys



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