



April 12th, 2018

Headed out of Titusville, and low and behold the auto Pilot is no longer pulling to Starboard. Go figure, you can't fix what isn't wrong any more.

We were so anticipating stopping at Haulover again for the night but the dock was fenced off so we were out of luck. Still, we had to thread our way between manatees to get past the bay. Ended up in New Smyrna. Found a free dock at a park and walked to town where we dined at Finger Lickin...honestly unbelievable chicken and ribs with a sauce that was reminiscent of Picalilly sauce.

Left in the morning after a visit from two beautiful golden retrievers. Dolphins and a sea turtle to the tune of about 3 feet long joined us along the way.

April 13th, 2018

Anchored at the Sea Ray factory, old cement plant for the night. Met Win and Carroll on Defiance who came in after us and we rafted up together. Watched a crane being steadily eyed by a croc, but he never made a move.



April 14th, 2018

Next stop Matanzas River where we anchored for the night. Beautiful beaches and ferry docks here. When we went to bed there was a sailboat beside us, when we got up he had dragged about 400 yards in the middle of the night. This is just an example of the strength of the current here, he had been there all day with us and hadn't moved until all those hours later. I find this rather sobering.



The man can read a book in 3 hours.



4 dolphins came by in the morning heading out to the ocean.



April 15th, 2018

St. Augustine, where we got a slip for the night at the municipal marina just for the sake of comfort during the gale force 60 mph winds they were calling for.

Note: Daily dockage at St. Augustine Municipal Marina is \$79.80 per night for 49 feet and under.

We were docked beside the Sherriff and his men who were there honouring a fallen comrade, with a line up at the bridge in the morning in memoriam.

There were white herons all along the dock but I forgot my camera. They were not at all threatened by us as we walked by, they didn't even move. Loved getting up so close to these gorgeous birds.

Left fighting a strong current to get off the dock but those gale force winds never did materialize.

April 16th, 2018

It is absolutely freezing, how we are going to spend a winter in Ontario next year is beyond me. We have absolutely no tolerance left for the cold...brrr.

Today we spend the day on the St. John's river. We were pulling into the free dock to the chagrin of another boater trying to get on the dock as well. He was yelling at me that he was going on the dock and we should leave. We'd watched him circle and approach the dock three times with no luck, so we pulled in first. I was then met on the dock by a gentleman who said I have another boat coming in here. I replied we were not taking his space as we were tucked at the very end and there was room for him and a friend. He just looked at me and said "oh". Anyways, we then went to help the circling boat dock. Poor older guy was single handing it and he came in without any fenders down or lines ready.

Georgia

April 17th, 2017

Anchored for a beautiful night on Brickhill River.





April 18, 2018

Old Tea Kettle Creek, Sapelo Sound. At least a dozen dolphins along the way, can never get enough of them. We anchored for the night with 5 other boats. Apparently this is the last anchorage for many miles so it is popular.

Thought this lovely sailboat Luna would make a nice painting.



The weather has warmed up considerable and we ate outside in the evening and were able to sleep with the hatch open and enjoy the stars and the crescent moon.

Dolphins were there again in the morning to send us off.

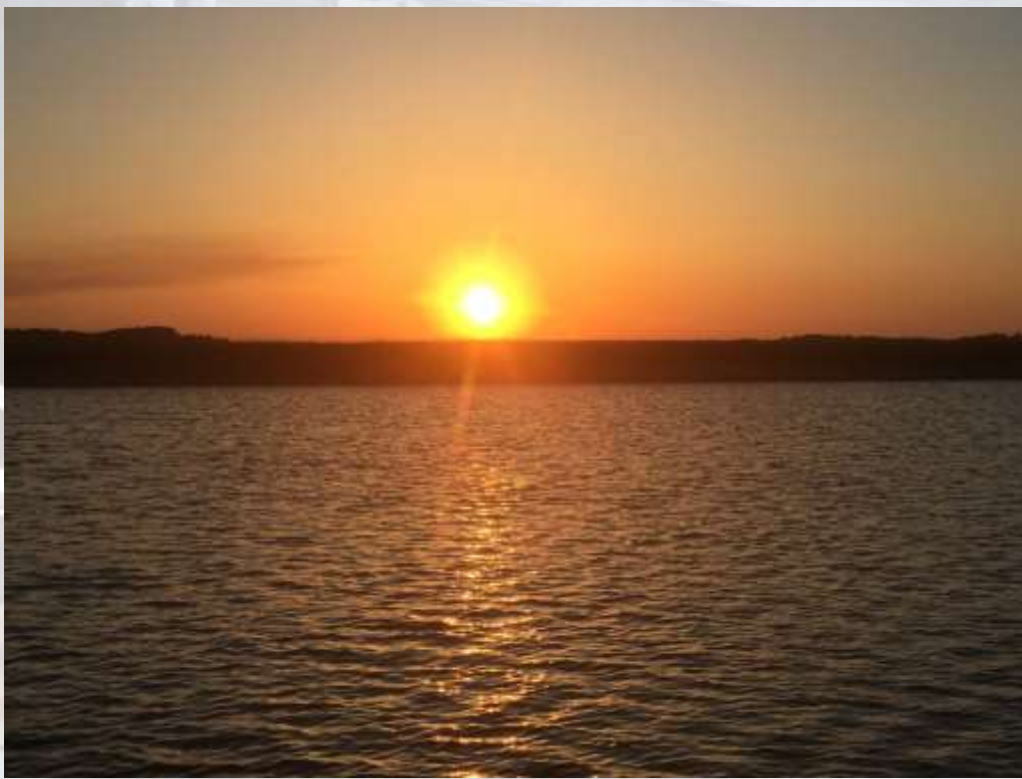
April 19, 2018

Moon River, lovely sunny day.

Wallace got his sighting of the year. A huge sea turtle, about 6 feet with the head the size of a soccer ball. He couldn't believe it when it's head came up.

April 20 2018

Bull Creek, south of Hilton Head. Saw a baby dolphin today with a huge chunk out of his fin. Not sure what got him, but there was a huge piece missing.



They are so hard to get a good shot of.





Fueled up in Isle of Hope Marina, and met Mike and Redina on Au Contraire. This is a small catamaran with two 9.9 outboards powering it. I thought our engine was small :)

Still obsessed...



South Carolina

April 21 - 24th, 2018

Beautiful Beaufort

Dolphins rode our wake on the way!

Took a mooring ball for three nights and spent a day on the day dock. Met Kate and Angus from the Carriage Company. We were here in 2016 as well and I was so impressed with the great care and love that the drivers afforded their horses.

There is a boaters car that we were offered the use of. Nobody asked for our drivers license or asked us to put gas in it. Just hand you the keys and you have an hour.



You just don't think how quickly an hour passes, but we made it back in time and hit the grocery store, propane exchange and the liquor store. Problem was, it was a Sunday and South Carolina does not sell liquor on Sundays, only beer and wine and that is new. The clerk told us this is Bible thumping country you know. So alas, no spiced rum or crown for us today.

Left this for Kate and she said she was thrilled to receive it.





Stucky

(because he got his head stuck in the barn door)



Wallace



Next....Charleston