

August 20, 2022 - Time marches on

I haven't written much because not much as happened. Our plan for the summer was to do nothing and we are doing a good job of that. The big thing today is I might try to go down the ladder into the water and get my knees frozen. Not sure if that would make them feel better or worse but it sounds like a plan.

Right now we are up a little creek and it is really calm and beautiful. There is a cold front coming with rain. We should be OK here but no phone or internet. We will move in a couple of days where we can reconnect with the world.

We have had incredible sails this summer. There is no chop to stop the boat and we have picked up some good currents. The boat is not so heavy and that also helps. On a typical trip we seem to average between 5 and a half to sometimes eight. That is incredible for us. We never do eight. Our biggest problem is dodging the lobster pots. They are absolutely everywhere. Sometimes they are under the water. I did hit one and what a sound it made. I really thought it was curtains and we would be stopped dead in our tracks. We were sailing so there was no chance of our prop cutting the line (we have a cutter on our shaft)

It was fun to play with the town band in the village of Castine for the Fourth of July. We are friends with the conductor of the band. Strange how music just follows us around. This time we both were in the percussion section.

I am sooooo glad I did the shopping and thank you to Deborah Ray for helping. We are eating absolutely everything I bought - about 50 meals worth. Groceries on the islands - where we are - are limited. I don't need much except for vegetables and fruit. I have canned but preferred something fresh. We haven't gone out to eat much and that is fine.

Weather wise we have had our ups and downs. The forecasting is good but you really have to plan where to be to avoid being in a bumpy place with a wind in the wrong direction. The wind is changeable from North to South so cruising around is manageable. It is not a one way trip as I thought it might be.

We spent several days on Mount Desert Island which has a pretty good reputation for being a tourist destination. It hosts the Acadia National Park. There is a free bus that travels all over the island mainly to keep cars away from the trailheads. We didn't want to hike but it was fun to travel by bus all and see the land. Our big destination on MDI was Bar Harbor. This is a lovely town but I feel bad for towns based on tourism - thinking what to they do the rest of the year. Bar Harbor is a tourist town. There were soooo many souvenir shops selling T shirts and sweat shirts. We had a great lunch of Haddock there.

From MDI we went to small anchorages that were absolutely empty. This we love - just quiet and calm. We plan to be Journeys End on August 22 for three nights at the dock and haul out Aug 25 and start home. A good summer but coming to a quick close. A wonderful moment happened near the middle of August when we were invited to come aboard Ticonderoga - 72 foot gorgeous classic old wooden boat. As I write, we have five days until we are on the road, and heading for home. All for now Love Ellen



