

Captain's Log

Date: 8/23/2007 **Location** South Channel Dock, Portland, OR **Lat** 45.36.226 N **Lon** 122.40.141 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Cathlamet, WA (Elochoman Marina) **Lat** 46.12.403 N **Lon** 123.23.260 W **Underway** 8:45 **Arrive** 16:50
Eng Hrs: 1981.2 **Guests:**

Comments

This is the big day! Departing on our sailing adventure, at long last!

Passed under the I-5 bridge with 4 feet of clearance. I'm sure the Portlanders were happy we didn't have to open the bridge! Went through the railroad bridge at 9:25, passing the last hurdle holding us in Portland!

11:25 - Passed the city of St. Helens, OR

Safely tied up in Cathlamet for the weekend. Always a bit tricky getting docked, as you have to turn around and back into the slip, which of course is a real challenge with sans clés!!

Well, this is our life now! Live-aboard vagabonds! We love it!!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 16 **Max Wave Height:** 2 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 50
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:00 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 45.36.226 N **Lon** 122.40.141 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with sun breaks

Comments

Time: 10:00 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 70 °F **Wind** 12 NW **Waves** 1 **Lat** 45.40.134 N **Lon** 122.46.265 W

Weather: Mostly sunny

Comments Clouds have mostly lifted in the last couple of hours. Looks like it's going to be a fabulous day for heading down river.

Captain's Log

Date: 8/26/2007 **Location** Cathlamet, WA **Lat** 46.12.403 N **Lon** 123.23.260 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Astoria, OR **Lat** 46.11.431 N **Lon** 123.51.407 W **Underway** 11:30 **Arrive** 15:45
Eng Hrs: 1989.2 **Guests:** _____

Comments

Weather was colder than normal for this time of year. Overcast with temperature in the upper 60's mid-day.
Motored all the way to Astoria.
Purchased fuel in Astoria. 17.8 gal. Eng. Hours read 1993.2 for an average of 1.48 gal
The marina manger let us use his pickup for running to the store for provisions. Worked out great for us. We left him with a dozen chocolate chip cookies!
Off across the infamous Columbia River Bar and into the big Pacific tomorrow!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 12 **Max Wave Height:** 1 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 25
Times Anchored Today: _____ **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 2 **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: _____ **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons** 17.8

Time: _____ **Bar:** _____ **Trend:** _____ **Temp:** _____ **Wind** _____ **Waves** _____ **Lat** _____ **Lon** _____

Weather: _____

Comments _____

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Weather: _____

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Captain's Log

Date: 8/27/2007 **Location** Astoria, OR **Lat** 46.11.433 N **Lon** 123.51.407 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Coos Bay (Charleston Marina), OR **Lat** 43.20.713 N **Lon** 124.19.326 W **Underway** 11:05 **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: 1993.3 **Guests:**

Comments

13:30 Passed out of the Columbia Bar (no didn't pass out AT the Columbia Bar!!)

14:00 Sails up - engine off - heading south!!

Had great winds all day. Seas were a little rough. First Mate was down for the count with sea sickness. I'm sure she'll get her sea legs soon.

Incredible timing with the sunset and moon rise. Just as the sun set to the west, the full moon came up from the east. We were about 20 miles offshore at the time. The scene on the water was really cool!

We sailed through the night. See the next entry for the continuation of today's entry.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 25 **Max Wave Height:** 8 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 75
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:00 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 58 °F **Wind** 6 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 46.11.434 N **Lon** 123.51.405 W

Weather: Mostly clear skies.

Comments Preparing to cross the Columbia River Bar later this morning.

Time: 10:45 **Bar:** 30.10 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 3 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 46.11.433 N **Lon** 123.51.406 W

Weather: Clear skies and virtually no wind.

Comments Looks like a great day to head out down the coast!

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 8/28/2007 **Location:** Continuation of previous day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Coos Bay, OR **Lat:** 43.20.713 N **Lon:** 124.19.326 W **Underway:** **Arrive:** 19:30
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

Watched the sun come up just as the moon set. Just the opposite of what happened last night .

Sailed fast all day. Seas were a bit rough, but wind was good.

Crossed the bar outside Coos Bay against a bit of an ebb tide, but no major issues. By the time we got tied up (took us a while to find an empty dock - pulled out of one slip and left Terri on the dock, as the boat got too far away for her to get on!), we were both pretty well spent. Quickly put the boat away, had dinner, shower, and dropped into bed.

Average speed for the 203 NM from Astoria to Coos Bay was 6.25 knots.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 25 **Max Wave Height:** 10 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 203
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 0:00 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 60 ° F **Wind:** 23 NW **Waves:** 8 **Lat:** 45.07.591 N **Lon:** 124.16.739 W

Weather: Mostly clear. Full moon.

Comments

Time: 5:30 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 56 ° F **Wind:** 20 NW **Waves:** 7 **Lat:** 44.40.663 N **Lon:** 124.33.067 W

Weather: Mostly clear.

Comments: Full moon is still with us. Pretty neat night sailing.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 8/30/2007 **Location** Charleston Marina, Coos Bay, OR **Lat** 43.20.715 N **Lon** 124.19.327 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Eureka, CA **Lat** 40.48.194 N **Lon** 124.10.700 W **Underway** 10:15 **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: 1999.0 **Guests:**

Comments

11:45 - turned off engine. Making about 4 knots under sail.

13:45 - turned engine back on. We've got a schedule to keep - meeting family in Eureka, so need to get there by tomorrow mid-day. Can't do that at the current speed and direction under sail alone. Too bad - the sailing is great - just not in the right direction.

Low cloud cover or fog most of the day and into the night. Pretty cold for August!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 28 **Max Wave Height:** 8 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 87
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:15 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 56 ° F **Wind** 14 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 43.20.715 N **Lon** 124.19.327 W

Weather: Overcast with some fog.

Comments Forecast is for clearing later this morning.

Time: 11:45 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 64 ° F **Wind** 12 NEW **Waves** 4 **Lat** 43.20.267 N **Lon** 124.27.124 W

Weather: Light overcast (high fog), starting to burn off.

Comments Turned off engine and put up sails. Light wind, so not going very fast (4 knots).

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 8/31/2007 **Location:** Continuation of previous day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Eureka, CA **Lat:** 40.48.194 N **Lon:** 124.10.699 W **Underway:** **Arrive:** 12:15
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

After a cold and foggy night, arrived at the mouth of Humboldt Bay about 10:00. Crossed the bar in the fog, but with no problems.

When we got to the dock at City Boat Basin, Eureka, our family was there to greet us - both our Mom's, my sister and her husband, and my granddaughter. Made for a very nice landfall experience!!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 29 **Max Wave Height:** 8 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 171
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 1:20 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 58 °F **Wind:** 12 NW **Waves:** 6 **Lat:** 41.57.198 N **Lon:** 124.29.565 W

Weather: Foggy - visibility about 1 mile

Comments

Time: 8:00 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 60 °F **Wind:** 4 NW **Waves:** 4 **Lat:** 41.09.788 N **Lon:** 124.19.950 W

Weather: Foggy and clouds. Visibilty about one mile.

Comments: About 4 hours out of Eureka. Timing looks good for crossing the bar on a flood tide.

Captain's Log

Date: 9/2/2007 **Location** Eureka, CA **Lat** 40.48.194 N **Lon** 124.10.701 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bodega Bay, CA **Lat** 38.19.814 N **Lon** 123.03.422 W **Underway** 10:05 **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: 2018.2 **Guests:**

Comments

Started off from the City Boat Basin docks in Eureka, CA under perfect clear sunny skies with light NW wind. We motored to Cape Mendocino (about 3 hours). Then the wind started to pick up, so we set the sails and had a very nice sail on almost flat seas for the afternoon. The wind started to pick up in the late afternoon, and the seas started to kick up, as well. We made great time sailing downwind, at times hitting over 9 knots of boat speed as we surfed down the face of the 5-6 foot waves. Great afternoon of sailing!

Then, just when things were going a little too well, we decided to put a reef in the main for the night (around 7:45 pm). I tried a new procedure, which, unfortunately, resulted in disaster. We broke the boom in half!! So much for sailing until we get into San Francisco to get it fixed.

We motored on for the next 16 hours in to Bodega Bay. Will stop there for a few days to wait for the weather to pass, as there is a storm sytem moving through starting Tuesday, then on to Sausalito for repairs and R&R.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 25 **Max Wave Height:** 8 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 75
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:30 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 60 ° F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 40.48.194 N **Lon** 124.10.701 W

Weather: Perfectly clear skies. Bright sun. No wind.

Comments Heading out this morning as it looks like bad weather may be here in a couple of days. Want to get around Cape Mendocino while the conditions are good.

Time: 12:00 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 65 ° F **Wind** 4 NW **Waves** 2 **Lat** 40.41.141 N **Lon** 124.21.658 W

Weather: Clear skies. Light NW wind.

Comments Motoring along on flat seas under beautiful sunny skies.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: **Location** **Lat** **Lon** **Vessel:**
Destination: **Lat** **Lon** **Underway** **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

We motored through the night with winds consistently between 20 and 25 knots. Would have been a great sail, if only we had an operational boom!!

After about 4 in the morning, we were enveloped in fog, sometimes with visibility as little as 1/8 mile. But, the radar was working fine, and there were no other boats around, so no problem. The fog persisted all the way to Bodega Bay, just starting to clear a little as we entered the channel between the two jetties.

We took on fuel and found a berth for the next few days at Spud Point Marina. Very friendly people and nice, modern facility.

Averaged 6.7 knots for the trip, including the time spent motoring in and out of the channels. Many times we exceeded 8 knots over ground, especially surfing down the 7-9 foot waves last night.

Engine hours = 2040.2 when we took on fuel. 67 gallons purchased calculates out to 1.425 gal per hour.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: **Max Wave Height:** **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):**
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?**
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather: Clear skies and brisk NW wind.

Comments: Seas are somewhat confused - quite a sleigh ride down some of the waves - surfed at up to 9.5 knots.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather: Clear skies. No fog.

Comments: Just rounding Point Arena, CA. Can see the lighthouse clearly. About 8 miles out.

Time Entries - Continued

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Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 9/6/2007 **Location** Bodega Bay, CA **Lat** 38.18.815 N **Lon** 123.03.420 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Sausalito, CA **Lat** 37.52.066 N **Lon** 122.29.587 W **Underway** 7:30 **Arrive** 16:30
Eng Hrs: 2040.4 **Guests:**

Comments

Motored from Bodega Bay to Sausalito (as we have no boom, and therefore no main sail!!). The seas were a bit rough - two things going on - there were high winds from the north bringing in about 10-foot waves, and there were wind waves coming in from the south, possibly some affect of the hurrincance that hit Cabo San Lucas yesterday. We did a lot of rocking, throwing things all over the cabin, but we made it in safe and sound. The winds inside San Francisco Bay, after we passed under the Golden Gate bridge, were the highest we had all day, gusting up to 34 knots! We heard a report later in the evening that a small sailboat had been dismantled in Richardson Bay, which is just the northern part of San Francisco Bay (and where we're anchored!).

Anyway, we're settled in for the night. Tomorrow morning we go into Anderson Boat Yard to get the boom fixed. Can you say \$\$\$\$?!!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 34 **Max Wave Height:** 10 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 60
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 6:45 **Bar:** 29.70 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 58 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 38.19.815 N **Lon** 123.03.420 W

Weather: Light fog with clear skies above. Flat water.

Comments

Time: 12:00 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 64 °F **Wind** 15 SW **Waves** 9 **Lat** 37.55.016 N **Lon** 122.53.936 W

Weather: Foggy - visibility about 1/2 mile.

Comments Forecast was for NW winds at 10 - 12 knots. Actual wind is SW 15 knots. Oops!!

Captain's Log

Date: Location Lat Lon Vessel:
Destination: Lat Lon Underway Arrive
Eng Hrs: Guests:

Comments

Took a tour around Angel Island, Alcatraz, and the San Francisco waterfront. It was a grey day, but a fun trip, anyway. The primary reason we did the tour was to charge the batteries, as we've been on the hook for 5 days and needed to re-charge. Thought we might as well see some sights while the engine was running.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: Max Wave Height: Inland Day Near Coastal Day Dist for Day (nm):
Times Anchored Today: Anchored for Night? Times Docked Today: Docked for Night?
Times Moored Today: Moored for Night? Fuel Purch? # Gallons

Time: Bar: Trend: Temp: Wind Waves Lat Lon

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Comments

Captain's Log

Date: **Location** **Lat** **Lon** **Vessel:**
Destination: **Lat** **Lon** **Underway** **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

Since we've been here, we've met up with two other boats from Portland that are headed south and doing the Baha Ha-Ha, as we are. One of the boats was actually in the same marina and same dock as we were in Portland. The name of that boat is Hiatus, owned by Kent and Heather Sisk. The other Portland boat was Jammin, owned by Dave and Helen Peoples. Helen was not on board, but Dave had Michael as crew. The three boats went over to Ayala Cove for the night and rafted up on a single mooring ball. We had a great evening, and I know that it must have been great, because we didn't retire until after 2 am!!

I wanted to sail on the trip over, even though it's a short distance, and even though we don't have a main sail. However, we had a pretty difficult time, as the weather was changing, and the wind was all over the place. After about 20 minutes of trying to make some way with just the head sail, we wrapped it up and turned on the engine. Sometimes, you just have to know when to fold!!

Early the next morning, we were being rolled quite a bit by wakes from passing commercial traffic, so Terri and I untied ourselves and headed over for Tiburon (see next entry).

Recap

Max Wind Speed: **Max Wave Height:** **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):**
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?**
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: **Location** **Lat** **Lon** **Vessel:**
Destination: **Lat** **Lon** **Underway** **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

We made a rather hasty exit from the boats we were rafted to in Ayala Cove. The wakes from the commercial traffic were getting pretty intense, and I didn't want to expose our deck hardware to any more strain than necessary. So, Terri and I headed over to Tiburon, a quaint little town across Raccoon Strait from Angel Island. We pulled up to the docks at Sam's Anchor Café, and went to the Sweden House for breakfast.

After talking with people there, we decided to stay at the dock for the night. The restaurant will let you tie up for 48 hours for no charge (I like that price!). So, we roamed around town, went to the library to connect to the internet, had a great dinner at a Mexican restaurant called Guaymas, tried to see a movie, but the film stopped and melted, and then headed back to the boat.

After much consternation about whether or not we were going to have enough water depth at the dock, we decided at 9:00 pm that we needed to leave before the low tide for the day put us in the mud. No wonder it's free to stay at the dock!! So, we went back around to Richardson Bay and anchored across from the Spinnaker restaurant. Pretty rolly throughout the night, but at least we didn't hit bottom!! The next day we moved back to the anchorage we'd been at previous, further up Richardson Bay.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: **Max Wave Height:** **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):**
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?**
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

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Comments

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 9/23/2007 **Location** Sausalito, CA **Lat** 37.52.066 N **Lon** 122.29.587 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: China Camp, CA **Lat** 38.00.010 N **Lon** 122.27.180 W **Underway** 12:25 **Arrive** 16:50
Eng Hrs: 2068.6 **Guests:**

Comments

Started our trip to Benicia today, with a planned stopover tonight at China Camp.

The wind came up late morning so we took off and had a very nice sail from Sausalito to China Camp. Winds were West to SouthWest all day, which worked out just perfectly for sailing with only the headsail. We anchored about 200 yards offshore in about 11 feet of water between China Camp and McNear Beach. We are being rocked a little with the wind and waves, but we've been in worse. The wind will probably settle down after a bit, and so will the rocking.

Had a couple of "anchor watch" cocktails, then a lavish dinner of hotdogs and rice, followed by cookies. Life is good!!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 16 **Max Wave Height:** 2 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 15
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:15 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 37.52.066 N **Lon** 122.29.587 W

Weather: Cloudy skies. Stratocumulus all around and cumulonimbus to the SE.

Comments Where's the sun and warm wind??

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 9/24/2007 **Location** China Camp, CA **Lat** 38.00.010 N **Lon** 122.27.180 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Benicia, CA **Lat** 38.02.728 N **Lon** 122.09.394 W **Underway** 9:45 **Arrive** 12:10
Eng Hrs: 2069.0 **Guests:**

Comments

Motored to Benicia, as there was no wind. It was a beautiful morning, otherwise, so it was a very pleasant trip.

Tied up at the fuel dock at the Benicia Marina, and found John and Johanna Wright waiting for us (we had met them in Bodega Bay). Got our slip assignment, moved the boat over to it, went to lunch with John and Johanna, then back for showers!!

John and Johanna picked us up at 1730 to go to dinner at their home in Vallejo. We had a great evening and a great meal. They arranged for us to borrow a slip for a couple of days from some friends of theirs that had their boat out for the week, so we decided to stay a couple more days. It is so wonderful to meet people like John and Johanna who offer so much help and make our stay much more pleasant and easy.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 4 **Max Wave Height:** 0 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 16
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 2 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:20 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 °F **Wind** 3.5 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 38.00.010 N **Lon** 122.27.180 W

Weather: Clear skies with a little haze around the horizons.

Comments Just a little more wind, and it will be a perfect day for sailing across the top of the north bay.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: **Location** **Lat** **Lon** **Vessel:**
Destination: **Lat** **Lon** **Underway** **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

Had a pleasant cruise back to Sausalito, although we had to motor all the way as there was little or no wind.

Boom is supposed to be here tomorrow!! We're hoping we can be headed south again by the weekend.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: **Max Wave Height:** **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):**
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?**
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

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Weather:

Comments

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: Location Lat Lon Vessel:
Destination: Lat Lon Underway Arrive
Eng Hrs: Guests:

Comments

Stopped by the fuel dock on the way to Anderson's to top off fuel and water.

With engine hours at 2075.7, average gallons per hour since last fill up = 1.12 gal/hr. The reason the gal/hr is so low is that many of the hours were used charging the battery, only running the engine at 1,500 RPM.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: Max Wave Height: Inland Day Near Coastal Day Dist for Day (nm):
Times Anchored Today: Anchored for Night? Times Docked Today: Docked for Night?
Times Moored Today: Moored for Night? Fuel Purch? # Gallons

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Weather:

Comments

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/4/2007 **Location** Sausalito, CA **Lat** 37.52.066 N **Lon** 122.29.587 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Santa Cruz, CA **Lat** 36.57.787 N **Lon** 122.00.112 W **Underway** 7:30 **Arrive** 19:15
Eng Hrs: 2083.4 **Guests:**

Comments

Passed under the Golden Gate bridge at 8:30.

Very nice trip down to Santa Cruz.

Docked at Santa Cruz Small Boat Harbor marina about 1/2 hour after sundown. Introduced ourselves to the couple on the boat parked in front of us, and we all went up for dinner at a Mexican restaurant near the marina.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 18 **Max Wave Height:** 12 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 73
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:00 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 58 °F **Wind** 14 NW **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 37.52.066 N **Lon** 122.29.587 W

Weather: Mostly clear with some stratus clouds on the NW horizon. Winds are 15-25 knots, as predicted

Comments Great conditions for heading south!

Time: 10:00 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 64 °F **Wind** 17 W **Waves** 7-10 ft **Lat** 37.41.496 N **Lon** 122.35.076 W

Weather: Mostly clear. Some light clouds around the horizon.

Comments Great sailing! Doing 7.5 knots over ground on a close reach.

Date:

Time Entries - Continued

Time: Bar: Trend: Temp: Wind Waves Lat Lon

Weather: Mostly clear. Winds have calmed down. Forecast was for higher winds than we have.

Comments Spotted a couple of humpback whales about 100 feet off our stern. Other than some seals and birds, they're the only sea life we've seen today. We have the sails up, but since the wind is down, we have the motor running to keep up our speed.

Time: Bar: Trend: Temp: Wind Waves Lat Lon

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/5/2007 **Location:** Santa Cruz, CA **Lat:** 36.57.787 N **Lon:** 122.00.112 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: San Simeon, CA **Lat:** 35.38.406 N **Lon:** 121.11.445 W **Underway:** 14:50 **Arrive:**
Eng Hrs: 2090.9 **Guests:**

Comments

As soon as we cleared the Santa Cruz harbor, we were hit with winds gusting over 30 knots and big seas. We discussed the option of turning back and waiting another day, but decided to press on. We motored the first two hours to get to a point where the wind and waves would be more behind us, making the sailing in these conditions a little easier. After two hours we did put up the sails, and with both the main (on our NEW BOOM, by the way) and our headsail double-reefed, we were averaging 7.5 knots. Big seas and big winds made for quite a roller coaster ride.

After nightfall, the winds began to subside to under 20 knots, but the seas remained big. Pretty wild sailing!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 37 **Max Wave Height:** 14 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):**
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 14:40 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Falling **Temp:** 68 ° F **Wind:** 22 NW **Waves:** 10 ft **Lat:** 36.57.787 N **Lon:** 122.00.112 W

Weather: Mostly clear skies. Strong NW wind.

Comments

Time: 17:10 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 66 ° F **Wind:** 27 NW **Waves:** 12 ft **Lat:** 36.40.732 N **Lon:** 122.03.464 W

Weather: Some clouds but mostly clear skies. Thunderheads in the distance (East)

Comments: Wild ride with high winds, gusting as high as 37 knots, and big waves, up to 14 feet.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/6/2007 **Location:** Continuation of Previous Day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: San Simeon, CA **Lat:** 35.38.406 N **Lon:** 121.11.445 W **Underway:** **Arrive:** 9:45
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

Dropped anchor in San Simeon bay. There are only two other sailboats in the bay.

Got cleaned up and headed off to see the castle. Couldn't find a place to tie up the dinghy, so had to beach it with a little surf (pretty exciting, but managed to do it without flipping the dinghy or getting too wet!), and then drag it up the beach and tie it to a tree.

The castle was great. Neither of us had seen it before, and were amazed at how elaborate and decorated it was.

Getting back was a little trickier than landing, as the tide had changed and the surf was up. We got swamped a couple of times, so we and all of our clothes got soaked with sea water. Cold trip back to the boat, but then we warmed up with hot showers and a little wine from Skip, the Skipper of one of the neighboring boats (Mojo out of Sausalito). We visited for a while, had a light dinner, and hit the sack, as we wanted to get a good rest for the long next leg of the trip.

Average speed for the trip: 108 miles in 19.25 hours = 5.6 knots.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 30 **Max Wave Height:** 14 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 108
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 5:24 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 58 °F **Wind:** 12 NW **Waves:** 6 ft **Lat:** 35.40.094 N **Lon:** 121.39.003 W

Weather: Clear skies. Crescent moon off the bow.

Comments: Still making good speed even though the winds have died down.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind:** **Waves:** **Lat:** **Lon:**

Weather:

Comments:

Captain's Log

Date: 10/7/2007 **Location** San Simeon, CA **Lat** 35.38.406 N **Lon** 121.11.428 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Marina Del Rey, CA **Lat** 33.58.548 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W **Underway** 9:00 **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: 2096.9 **Guests:**

Comments

Started off motoring, but after a few hours the wind came up, and we had a wonderful sail for several hours.

Nothing but wide open seas, blue skies and sunshine!

Continued on next day.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 26 **Max Wave Height:** 9 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):**
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:30 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 61 °F **Wind** 3 W **Waves** 5 ft **Lat** 35.35.878 N **Lon** 121.10.370 W

Weather: Clear skies and calm wind and seas. Pretty, but have to use motor, rather than sail.

Comments On track for getting to Marina Del Rey tomorrow evening.

Time: 12:07 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 64 °F **Wind** 15 W **Waves** 8 ft **Lat** 35.17.090 N **Lon** 121.04.560 W

Weather: Clear skies with building wind. No clouds in sight.

Comments Forecast is for 15-25 knot winds by this afternoon. Just right!!

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/8/2007 **Location** Continuation of previous day **Lat** **Lon** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Marina Del Rey, CA **Lat** 33.58.548 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W **Underway** **Arrive** 14:30
Eng Hrs: **Guests:**

Comments

Motored the last half of the way, as the wind was either light or non-existent. We had heard reports of Blue Whale sightings, but we didn't see any.

Parked at the guest dock in Marina Del Rey. Will meet Terri's Dad and step-mom here tomorrow.

Average speed for the trip: 195 miles in 29.5 hours = 6.6 knots. Not bad, considering that about half of the distance was covered under sail.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 12 **Max Wave Height:** 5 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 195
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 2 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 0:10 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 ° F **Wind** 10 NW **Waves** 6 ft **Lat** 34.22.858 N **Lon** 120.22.278 W

Weather: Clear skies. Wind has diminished.

Comments Rounded Point Conception about an hour ago under ideal conditions. Now in the lee of the point, winds have dropped, so need motor assist to keep up speed.

Time: 4:23 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 ° F **Wind** 2 NW **Waves** 4 ft **Lat** 34.14.065 N **Lon** 119.48.453 W

Weather: Clear skies. No wind.

Comments Cruising by Santa Cruz Island in the Santa Barbara channel. Motoring along on very calm seas.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/11/2007 **Location** Marina Del Rey, CA **Lat** 33.58.548 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W **Vessel:** sans clés

Destination: Emerald Bay, Catalina Island, CA **Lat** 33.28.016 N **Lon** 118.31.479 W **Underway** 10:05 **Arrive** 17:30

Eng Hrs: 2117.6 **Guests:** Dick & Donna Killian (Terri's Dad & Step-Mom)

Comments

Had a very nice trip from Marina Del Rey to Emerald Bay, Catalina Island. We had to motor part of the time, but had several great hours of sailing. We dropped anchor in Emerald bay, where there were only 2 other boats anchored. During the summer, this anchorage will be filled with 100 or more boats, but it's pretty quiet this time of year. A beautiful day of sailing in the Southern California waters!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 12 **Max Wave Height:** 5 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 39
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:15 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 °F **Wind** Calm **Waves** 0 **Lat** 33.58.548 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W

Weather: Partly cloudy wind no wind.

Comments Forecast is for moderate NW winds. Perfect for a down-wind run to Catalina.

Time: 12:27 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 8 S **Waves** 5 ft **Lat** 33.50.664 N **Lon** 118.28.645 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with light South wind.

Comments Sailing close-hauled, making our way to Emerald Bay, Catalina Island.

Captain's Log

Date: 10/12/2007 **Location** Emerald Bay, Catalina Island, CA **Lat** 33.28.016 N **Lon** 118.31.479 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Avalon & Two Harbors, Catalina Island, CA **Lat** 33.26.660 N **Lon** 118.29.829 W **Underway** 9:10 **Arrive** 17:30
Eng Hrs: 2121.7 **Guests:** Dick & Donna Killian

Comments

Raised anchor without starting the engine. Sailed away under headsail only, then shortly after, put up the spinnaker. Had a very nice spinnaker run down the East side of Catalina Island.

Picked up a mooring ball in Avalon at about 12:30, dropped the dinghy in the water, and went into town for lunch and sightseeing. Ate at Steve's Steakhouse - great food!

Dropped the mooring ball at 16:05 and headed back north to find a cove for the night. Ended up at Two Harbors about 17:30 and grabbed a mooring ball for the night.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 17 **Max Wave Height:** 4 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 26
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: 2 **Moored for Night?** Yes **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:30 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 °F **Wind** 6 W **Waves** 3 ft **Lat** 33.28.016 N **Lon** 118.31.479 W

Weather: Mostly cloudy with blue patches and sun breaks

Comments Forecast is for slight chance of rain and light winds.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 10/13/2007 **Location** Two Harbors, Catalina Island, CA **Lat** 33.26.661 N **Lon** 118.29.829 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Marina Del Rey, CA **Lat** 33.58.548 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W **Underway** 10:15 **Arrive** 17:20
Eng Hrs: 2124.4 **Guests:** Dick & Donna Killian

Comments

Left our mooring ball at Two Harbors mid-morning. The place was full. The cruising magazine Latitudes and Attitudes was having one of their cruising parties this weekend here, so lots of boats in attendance.

Had a very nice trip back from Catalina. Sailed most of the way with 8-10 knot winds out of the Northwest.

Saw a school of dolphins about half-way across the channel. Must have been over 20 of them.

Parked the boat in a slip at the guest dock and walked up to the Warehouse Restaurant for a great dinner. Perfect end to a 4-day trip to the island and back.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 10 **Max Wave Height:** 6 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 34
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:30 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 ° F **Wind** 2 NW **Waves** 3 ft **Lat** 33.26.661 N **Lon** 118.29.829 W

Weather: Cloudy skies with a couple of blue patches in the SW.

Comments Rained a lot last night. Looks like the system is moving past now.

Time: 13:00 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 66 ° F **Wind** 7 NW **Waves** 6 ft **Lat** 33.39.865 N **Lon** 118.27.847 W

Weather: Cloudy skies with moderate NW wind.

Comments Just passing through the shipping lanes in the San Pedro channel. Three large container ships passed within a mile of our stern.

Captain's Log

Date: 10/15/2007 **Location** Marina Del Rey, CA **Lat** 33.58.562 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Newport Beach, CA **Lat** 33.36.417 N **Lon** 117.54.729 W **Underway** 10:10 **Arrive** 16:45
Eng Hrs: 2126.1 **Guests:**

Comments

Motored all the way to Newport Beach, as there was not enough wind for us to make good speed.

Uneventful passing by Los Angeles and Long Beach harbors. Many vessels, but only had to alter course once to avoid an incoming freighter.

Stopped at the Harbormaster's office in Newport Beach to get a mooring ball assignment for the night. After a few interesting antics trying to get the mooring balls tied off both the bow and stern, got settled in for the night.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 8 **Max Wave Height:** 5 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 43
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: 1 **Moored for Night?** Yes **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:45 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 62 ° F **Wind** 3 NW **Waves** 0 ft **Lat** 33.58.562 N **Lon** 118.26.798 W

Weather: Grey skies - low-lying clouds with a slight mist.

Comments Where's the sunshine?? We'll go find it!

Time: 13:02 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 65 ° F **Wind** 8 NW **Waves** 4 ft **Lat** 33.41.336 N **Lon** 118.21.940 W

Weather: Sky is still grey all around. Low-lying clouds with light NW wind.

Comments Approaching Los Angeles harbor. Under motor, as there's not enough wind to sail at the speed we need to make to get to Newport by sundown.

Captain's Log

Date: 10/16/2007 **Location** Newport Beach, CA **Lat** 33.36.417 N **Lon** 117.54.729 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Oceanside, CA **Lat** 33.12.535 N **Lon** 117.23.686 W **Underway** 9:15 **Arrive** 16:30
Eng Hrs: 2134.0 **Guests:**

Comments

Very nice spinnaker run all the way from Newport Beach to Oceanside, with the exception of running the engine for about an hour. Beautiful blue sky - even a couple of dolphins! Cruised along between 4 and 5 knots most of the time. Ideal day of sailing!

When we started getting closer to land, we could see the traffic rushing up and down highway 101. Our simultaneous thought was what a different life we're living now than we did when we were one of those people rushing around. We're very fortunate to be able to live this easy-going cruising lifestyle. Sure, there are issues and challenges that come up, but they're all part of the total incredible experience. We be havin' fun!!

Purchased 71.9 gal of diesel; engine hours 2134.2 = 58.5 hours since last fill-up = 1.23 gal/hr.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 14 **Max Wave Height:** 5 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 34
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 2 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons** 71.9

Time: 8:00 **Bar:** 29.80 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 64 °F **Wind** Calm **Waves** 0 ft **Lat** 33.36.417 N **Lon** 117.54.729 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with clear skies to the NW.

Comments Looks like the weak front has passed. Should have nice weather and hopefully a little wind today.

Time: 11:40 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 8 NW **Waves** 3 ft **Lat** 33.26.656 N **Lon** 117.42.889 W

Weather: Mostly clear skies with light NW wind.

Comments Raised the spinnaker about 10 minutes ago. Making about 5 knots on fairly flat seas. Sun is out. Life is good!!

Captain's Log

Date: 10/17/2007 **Location** Oceanside, CA **Lat** 33.12.535 N **Lon** 117.23.686 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: San Diego, CA **Lat** 32.43.194 N **Lon** 117.13.328 W **Underway** 9:35 **Arrive** 16:30
Eng Hrs: 2136.9 **Guests:**

Comments

Started off motoring under very grey and wet skies. Wind was light, but directly on the nose (SE), instead of the NW winds predicted. Wind shifted to the SW at about 12:45, so we raised the sails and turned off the engine. So much better!!

Big rolling seas from the West are rocking us back and forth pretty severely. Autopilot is having trouble - shuts off every so often and we veer off toward shore. Hope it's just the sea conditions and not an issue developing with "Auto", as we call "him" (the autopilot).

On the approach to Point Loma (from the North), we ran into a couple of issues that other South-bound boaters need to know about. First, there are hundreds of crab and lobster pots, making the steering very challenging - like running a slalom course on a ski slope, only with a lot more markers! Second, and more important, is that the kelp bed off Point Loma is HUGE!! It goes on for miles, and is very thick. We sailed into it, and slowed our speed by 1/3. Fortunately, we had enough wind to sail out of it (eventually), because you sure wouldn't want to start your engine in the middle of the incredibly thick kelp. So, South-bound sailors need to give Point Loma a WIDE berth. Make sure you round the red and white safe water buoy (on your port side) before turning in to San Diego harbor entrance.

We made our way into a slip at the same marina where we purchased the boat 2 1/2 years ago. The previous owner, Bob Bergman, who is the Service Manager for Suncoast Yachts and who arranged for us to have the slip, waived us in from shore, and helped us tie up. Many, many thanks to Bob for getting a place for us to tie up!! With so many people here for the Baha Ha Ha, slips are really hard to find.

We'll be here until the 29th. Will have the engine looked at and a couple of other minor issues, meet the Ha-Ha folks, and head off to Mexico on the 29th.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 12 **Max Wave Height:** 7 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 42
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** 1 **Docked for Night?** Yes
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:50 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 ° F **Wind** 4 S **Waves** 5 ft **Lat** 33.11.304 N **Lon** 117.23.870 W

Weather: Cloudy all around (stratus clouds with high moisture content). Occasional drizzle.

Comments Woke up to light rain and grey skies this morning. Hopefully will clear as we get further into the day.

Time: 13:00 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 ° F **Wind** 12 SW **Waves** 7 ft **Lat** 32.51.817 N **Lon** 117.20.439 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with big cumulus clouds to the South and East.

Comments Wind has shifted in our favor, so we're under sail, making about 5 knots toward San Diego.

Captain's Log

Date: 10/29/2007 **Location** San Diego, CA **Lat** 32.43.194 N **Lon** 117.13.328 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Turtle Bay, Mexico **Lat** 27.40.935 N **Lon** 114.53.309 W **Underway** 10:00 **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: 2143.8 **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

Off we go on the big adventure to Mexico! Awsome sight to see about 170 sailboats all jockeying for position close to the start line off Point Loma, San Diego. We got a good start, got the spinnaker up quickly, and were flying near the head of the pack for quite a while. As the day progressed, many of the boats went further out or further in that we did. By late afternoon there were about 12 boats still in sight.

Continued on next day's log.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 28 **Max Wave Height:** 10 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 85
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:55 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 64 ° F **Wind** Calm **Waves** 0 **Lat** 32.43.194 N **Lon** 117.13.328 W

Weather: Partly cloudy. No wind.

Comments Looks to be a nice day, but we need lots more wind than we have right now.

Time: 13:00 **Bar:** 30.00 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 70 ° F **Wind** 15 NW **Waves** 5 ft **Lat** 32.25.609 N **Lon** 117.10.950 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with moderate NW winds.

Comments Great spinnaker run so far from the start line of the Baja Ha-Ha rally. We're doing well, running consistently over 7 knots with main and spinnaker.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/30/2007 **Location:** Continuation of previous day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Turtle Bay, Mexico **Lat:** 27.40.935 N **Lon:** 114.53.309 W **Underway:** **Arrive:**
Eng Hrs: **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

On the second day out, we still are in sight of about half-a-dozen other boats in the rally. We've had several frieghters pass by - our AIS tracking working well to inform us of closest point of approach.

No sea life to speak of. We're still looking for all the multiple whale sightings that everyone always talks about!!

Pretty constant conditions all day. Wind between 20 and 25 knots, occasionally gusting to slightly more. Seas were 8 - 12 feet, making it a roller coaster ride. Kind of fun for a while, but gets annoying if you're trying to do anything down below.

Continued on next day's log.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 29 **Max Wave Height:** 12 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 155
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 3:00 **Bar:** 30.00 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 66 ° F **Wind:** 12 NW **Waves:** 7 ft **Lat:** 31.07.097 N **Lon:** 117.03.191 W

Weather: Clear skies. Moderate NW wind.

Comments: Making great time. Excellent sailing conditions. Just met a 965 ft freighter - passed within less than a mile.

Time: 10:00 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 70 ° F **Wind:** 26 NW **Waves:** 10 ft **Lat:** 30.17.076 N **Lon:** 117.01.518 W

Weather: Mostly clear with brisk NW winds.

Comments: Sailing fast and wild with big wind on big seas.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 10/31/2007 **Location** Continuation of previous day **Lat** **Lon** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Turtle Bay, Mexico **Lat** 27.40.935 N **Lon** 114.53.309 W **Underway** **Arrive** 19:00
Eng Hrs: **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

The base of the pole that supports the radar is starting to tear. Too much torque for the way it's designed. Will have to come up with alternate solution. Tied it off for now to stop the twising action.

About 3:30 this afternoon we spotted a pod of whales. There were about half-a-dozen whales is the pod. We couldn't tell what type of whales they were, as they were a ways away, but they put on a show for about 30 minutes.

We sailed all the way to the finish line, and then motor-sailed the rest of the way in to the anchorage. Put a few hours on the engine, but wanted to get in to the anchorage before it was too late this evening.

Finished the first leg of the rally and anchored about an hour after dark. Quite a challenge to pick our way through all the boats already anchored and find a good place to drop the hook, but we got it done with some help from another Portland boat, Jammin, as they had their cockpit all lit up with Christmas lights, making it easy to pick them out of the croud. We anchored by Jammin' and Hiatus, another Portland boat. We've been keeping in touch with both of them since Sausalito.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 28 **Max Wave Height:** 12 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 133
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 0:15 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 62 ° F **Wind** 15 NW **Waves** 8 ft **Lat** 28.59.027 N **Lon** 116.03.407 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with moderate NW wind.

Comments Sailing under a half moon, straight toward our target of the finish line for leg one of the rally.

Time: 4:25 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 60 ° F **Wind** 18 NW **Waves** 8 ft **Lat** 28.33.831 N **Lon** 115.57.548 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with moderate NW wind.

Comments Sailing with main alone, as we have through the night. Making good progress toward the finish line.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 11/3/2007 **Location:** Turtle Bay, Mexico **Lat:** 27.40.917 N **Lon:** 114.53.311 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bahia Santa Maria, Mexico **Lat:** 24.46.045 N **Lon:** 112.15.153 W **Underway:** 7:40 **Arrive:**
Eng Hrs: 2157.6 **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

Light wind start for leg two of the rally to Cabo San Lucas. We had good position at the start and have maintained our position toward the front of the fleet.

Three boats have turned back today, so far. One lost all engine oil, one lost navigation instruments, and one fried the wiring harness on the engine.

Very nice spinnaker run all day. Bright sun, good wind, and relatively flat seas.

Took the spinnaker down at 17:00, before sunset, as we don't want to run with spinnaker in the dark if there's any chance of increasing wind.

Wind dropped significantly after 21:00. We sailed all night, very slowly!

Continued on next day's log.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 26 **Max Wave Height:** 10 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 95
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:20 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 65 °F **Wind:** 7 NW **Waves:** 0 **Lat:** 27.40.917 N **Lon:** 114.53.309 W

Weather: Cloudy with light winds.

Comments: Where's the sun??!!

Time: 11:55 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 72 °F **Wind:** 114 NW **Waves:** 3 ft **Lat:** 27.23.298 N **Lon:** 114.38.251 W

Weather: Beautiful clear, sunny skies with perfect NW wind.

Comments: Running downwind with spinnaker flying. Ahead of most of the boats in the fleet. Pretty awesome to look back and see 150 or so boats sailing behind you!!

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 11/4/2007 **Location:** Continuation of previous day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bahia Santa Maria, Mexico **Lat:** 24.46.045 N **Lon:** 112.15.153 W **Underway:** **Arrive:**
Eng Hrs: **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

Sailed through the night with mainsail alone, as close to dead downwind as we could. With a dying wind, you always have to deal with the seas created by the wind, but since you no longer have the wind, you get rolled back and forth quite a lot.

Put the Genoa out on a pole this morning to run wing-and-wing downwind. Very light winds - making about 3.7 knots over ground.

Wind shifted so we took in the Genoa, put up the spinnaker, and dropped the main so we could sail dead downwind. Proceeded that way all day and through the night.

Continued on next day's log.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 12 **Max Wave Height:** 5 **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 93
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 3:55 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 64 ° F **Wind:** 7 NW **Waves:** 5 ft **Lat:** 26.14.848 N **Lon:** 113.53.878 W

Weather: Mostly cloudy with very light wind.

Comments: Going very slowly under sail. Don't want to turn on the engine because the points deducted for doing so are many.

Time: 17:20 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 67 ° F **Wind:** 10 NW **Waves:** 3 ft **Lat:** 25.41.200 N **Lon:** 113.12.337 W

Weather: Mostly cloudy with light NW wind.

Comments: Been kind of lax on the journal entries today. Very calm seas and light wind. Beautiful sunny sky until sundown. Easy sailing downwind with the spinnaker alone flying.

Captain's Log

Date: 11/5/2007 **Location:** Continuation of previous day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bahia Santa Maria, Mexico **Lat:** 24.46.045 N **Lon:** 112.15.153 W **Underway:** **Arrive:** 11:15
Eng Hrs: **Guests:** Joe & Mary Thornton

Comments

Sailed through the night under spinnaker alone. Winds were very light until about 02:00, then began to pick up a little. Perfect conditions for a spinnaker run - 10-12 knots of wind and relatively flat seas.

Sailed into Bahia Santa Maria under beautiful blue skies, 80 degree air temp, and light NW winds. Water temp is 82 degrees. Clear blue-green water. PERFECT!

Dropped anchor among the crowd of boats remaining in the Ha Ha. Most of the boats were in ahead of us because they opted not to sail all the way. We stuck it out through the hours of light winds, sailing very slowly, but still sailing, not motoring. We'll be one of the few boats awarded the "Solo Sailor" award for sailing all the way without using the engine.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 16 **Max Wave Height:** 4 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 57
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 3:15 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 70 °F **Wind:** 10 NW **Waves:** 3 ft **Lat:** 25.07.231 N **Lon:** 112.42.969 W

Weather: Mostly clear skies with moderate NW wind.

Comments: "Cheshire Cat" moon grinning at us in the SE sky. Very pretty night with bright stars all around. Headed straight for the finish line under spinnaker alone.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind:** **Waves:** **Lat:** **Lon:**

Weather:

Comments:

Captain's Log

Date: 11/7/2007 **Location** Bahia Santa Maria, Mexico **Lat** 24.46.044 N **Lon** 112.15.151 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico **Lat** 22.53.406 N **Lon** 109.53.580 W **Underway** 7:45 **Arrive**
Eng Hrs: 2171.5 **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

Started the third leg of the race at 08:00. After a short run out with the main and genoa raised, we dropped both of them and raised the spinnaker for a run virtually dead downwind, the direction we need to go to get to Cabo.

We were visited by a large pod of dolphins at about 14:10. They played with us for about 20 minutes and then sped off. Terri was on the bow snapping as many pictures as she could!

Sailed much of the day with a sail configuration of wing-and-wing with the headsail poled out on a spinnaker pole and rolled in about 1/3. This configuration allowed us to sail pretty much down the rumb line at a good speed. Takes a bit of setup to get the pole rigged, but once done, can run with it that way for many hours without having to change course or configuration.

Continued on next day's log.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 28 **Max Wave Height:** 5 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 98
Times Anchored Today: **Anchored for Night?** No **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:15 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 70 ° F **Wind** 12 NW **Waves** 2 ft **Lat** 24.46.044 N **Lon** 112.15.148 W

Weather: Clear and sunny with moderate NW winds

Comments Ready to start the third and final leg of the rally. Cabo here we come!

Time: 10:45 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 77 ° F **Wind** 16 NW **Waves** 4 ft **Lat** 24.30.171 N **Lon** 112.04.297 W

Weather: Clear skies with moderate NW winds.

Comments Perfect sailing conditions! Making our way to Cabo at a good pace.

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 11/8/2007 **Location:** Continuation of previous day **Lat:** **Lon:** **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Cabo San Lucas, Mexico **Lat:** 22.53.406 N **Lon:** 109.53.580 W **Underway:** **Arrive:** 23:30
Eng Hrs: **Guests:** Joel & Mary Thornton

Comments

The wind dropped considerably about 04:00. We tried several different sail configurations, but were not able to get more than a knot or two of boat speed. We discussed motoring, but so far we'd sailed all the way, so we decided to persevere. If you sail all the way in this rally, not only do you get the Solo Sailor award, but you get a much higher score for the race.

About 15:30, after we'd been wallowing around in lumpy seas with no wind for about 12 hours, we got a call from another boat in the race whose transmission had failed. They said they wanted a tow in to Cabo San Lucas. We were still about 25 miles out, and the prospect of towing another sailboat in the 4-5 foot swells did not appeal to me at all. However, we decided to go see what we could do. At about 16:00 we turned our engine on and started back to find the boat and tow them in. Then things started to get pretty strange. The skipper of the other boat called and said he wasn't comfortable being towed in these conditions, but could we please pick up 3 people off their boat and get them to Cabo, as one was sick and the other two had a plane to catch. We agreed, although we weren't exactly sure how we would transfer the crew. When we got to the boat, the seas were 4-5 feet, and the boats were rolling side to side, so there was no way to pull alongside and transfer crew. So, we put our dinghy in the water, tied lines to it from both boats (making sure the boats didn't get too far apart), and offloaded two crew from the other boat, along with their luggage. The third crew, wife of the skipper, decided not to come (she was the sick one). After we completed the transfer, we headed for Cabo, and within 5 minutes our engine stopped. I bled it several times, and finally gave up and switched to the auxiliary tank, which worked fine. Then, the two crew we picked up said they had a hotel room for the following night, and invited us to use it for showers, etc. I asked "What?? - I thought you had a plane to catch?" Turns out their flight wasn't until the following day!!! We risked boats and people for NOTHING!! For this act, however, we were awarded the "Spirit of Sailing" award, and we were not penalized for turning on our engine. Anchored in the dark with the bright lights of Cabo San Lucas as a backdrop.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 7 **Max Wave Height:** 5 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 179
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 2:00 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 74 ° F **Wind:** 15 NW **Waves:** 5 ft **Lat:** 23.22.480 N **Lon:** 110.48.065 W

Weather: Clear skies with moderate NW wind.

Comments: Amazing to be on watch at 2 am in shorts and T-shirt with 75 degrees! Seems like just a few weeks ago I was freezing in the middle of the night off the Oregon coast. Oh, wait - I was!!

Time: 8:00 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 82 ° F **Wind:** 5 NW **Waves:** 4 ft **Lat:** 23.10.860 N **Lon:** 110.28.993 W

Weather: Clear skies with very light NW wind.

Comments: Beautiful morning, but we need wind!!

Time Entries - Continued

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Captain's Log

Date: 11/12/2007 **Location** Cabo San Lucas, Mexico **Lat** 22.53.406 N **Lon** 109.53.580 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Cabo Los Frailes, Mexico **Lat** 23.22.810 N **Lon** 109.25.409 W **Underway** 6:00 **Arrive** 13:00
Eng Hrs: 2184.0 **Guests:**

Comments

Having trouble with the Raymarine E-Series system. It keeps shutting down and restarting. Pretty worrisome, as this is the primary electronic navigation system onboard (for which I paid a lot of money, BTW!). One more issue to chase when we get to La Paz.

Motored and motor-sailed up to Los Frailes. Anchored in a beautiful anchorage with about 20 other boats from the Baja Ha-Ha.

Yesterday we topped off the fuel in our auxiliary tank and purchased another 11 gallons in a jerry can. Can only get fuel out of auxiliary tank at this time.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 12 **Max Wave Height:** 3 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 46
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons** 18.2

Time: 5:55 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 75 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 22.53.465 N **Lon** 109.53.578 W

Weather: Clear skies and calm winds

Comments Headed off for Los Frailes. Hope to get there by early afternoon and beat a northerly that's coming down later today.

Time: 8:45 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 80 °F **Wind** 10 NW **Waves** 3 ft **Lat** 23.00.845 N **Lon** 109.36.464 W

Weather: Clear skies with moderate NW winds.

Comments Motoring with the head sail out. Making about 7.5 knots over ground.

Captain's Log

Date: 11/14/2007 **Location** Cabo Los Frailes, Mexico **Lat** 23.22.810 N **Lon** 109.25.409 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Ensenada de los Muertos, Mexico **Lat** 23.59.324 N **Lon** 109.49.651 W **Underway** 7:30 **Arrive** 14:35
Eng Hrs: 2191.1 **Guests:**

Comments

Motored all the way as there was very little wind and it was on the nose.

Autopilot failed again with the error message "DRIVESTOP", as it has done a couple of times before. I believe there's a basic problem with either the power source to the electronics or the ground, or there are simply too many devices on the circuits. Will have to sort out in La Paz. We should be there the early part of next week.

Anchored safely nestled in amongst about 17 other boats, most of them from the Baja Ha-Ha.

Had dinner with several other cruisers at the Giggling Marlin Restaurant and Yacht Club. Great chicken stuffed potatoes!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 8 **Max Wave Height:** 3 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 47
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:15 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 73 °F **Wind** 4 NW **Waves** 0 ft **Lat** 23.22.781 N **Lon** 109.25.395 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with light wind. Forecast is for very light wind for the next several days.

Comments On to the next anchorage! Looks like we'll be motoring all the way, as the wind is light and on the nose.

Time: 10:38 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 81 °F **Wind** 4 NW **Waves** 3 ft **Lat** 23.38.976 N **Lon** 109.29.885 W

Weather: Mostly clear with very light NW wind.

Comments Forecast is for the wind to pick up tonight, but we should be safely anchored by that time.

Captain's Log

Date: 11/17/2007 **Location** Ensenada de los Muertos, Mexico **Lat** 23.59.324 N **Lon** 109.49.651 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: La Paz, Mexico **Lat** 24.09.874 N **Lon** 110.19.679 W **Underway** 7:45 **Arrive** 16:00
Eng Hrs: 2198.2 **Guests:**

Comments

Still "Buddy Boating" with S/V Hiatus, also out of Portland. We've been traveling together since San Diego. There's also another Portland boat we meet up with frequently, S/V Jammin. They got to La Paz a couple of days ahead of us, so they have the anchorage scoped out already.

We motored all the way again, as there was very little wind and it was on the nose.

Anchored next to Hiatus and Jammin. There's about 20 other boats from the Baha Ha-Ha anchored here, as well.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 8 **Max Wave Height:** 5 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 54
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:00 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 75 ° F **Wind** 6 NW **Waves** 2 ft **Lat** 24.05.498 N **Lon** 109.50.245 W

Weather: Clear skies with light NW wind

Comments On our way to La Paz. We decided to leave earlier than originally planned when we found out yesterday that 53 power boats were coming into Muertos today. We definitely did not want to be caught up in that scene!!

Time: 13:00 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Falling **Temp:** 82 ° F **Wind** 9 NW **Waves** 5 ft **Lat** 24.20.928 N **Lon** 110.12.178 W

Weather: Mostly clear with some light clouds on the South and West horizons. Light NW wind.

Comments Approaching the San Lorenzo Channel, after which we'll turn south to La Paz. It's a beautiful day, but we're unable to sail as the wind is directly on the nose. We should be able to sail after we go through the channel and make the turn.

Captain's Log

Date: 11/20/2007 Location Marina de La Paz, Mexico Lat Lon Vessel: sans clés

Destination: Lat Lon Underway Arrive

Eng Hrs: Guests:

Comments

Entry for fuel purchase only.

Filled the auxiliary tank plus the jerry can I have (about 10 gallons) and the 2 jerry cans I borrowed from kent Sisk (about 9 gallons).

Approximately 10 gallons went into the auxiliary tank, for a consumption rate of about 1.4 gal/hour.

Moved the boat to a slip at Marina de La Paz for a few days so we can get some repair work done.

Recap

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Time: Bar: Trend: Temp: Wind Waves Lat Lon

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Captain's Log

Date: 11/29/2007 **Location** Marina de La Paz, La Paz, Mexico **Lat** 24.09.874 N **Lon** 110.19.679 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Partida Cove, Isla Partida, Mexico **Lat** 24.31.698 N **Lon** 110.22.632 W **Underway** 10:50 **Arrive** 15:35
Eng Hrs: 2207.8 **Guests:**

Comments

Finally got out of La Paz!! We had quite an ordeal getting away from the dock. Earlier in the morning, there were no other boats on the fuel dock, so we were thinking "Cool - this should be an easy exit". Then, by 9:00 or so, there were two other boats docked behind us on the fuel dock. So, we're thinking, "OK, we can still back out around them - no big deal". Then, about 10:00, the wind started to blow INTO the dock!! That meant that if we tried to back out, we'd be blown into the boats parked behind us!! So, "Plan B" evolved. With about 6 people on the dock and about 8 people on other boats around us, we turned the boat around, and were able to motor forward out of the slip, Whoopee!! We made it out unscathed!

We motored out of the La Paz channel, and then put up the sails. The wind was relatively light and on our nose, but it was good to be sailing again. After a while, however, since we were making very little progress toward our destination for the night, we decided to crank up the engine and motor to Partida Cove.

Our good friends on Hiatus and Jammin' were waiting for us, already anchored in the Cove. They came over for cocktails and a lively discussion about the weather forecast (and other unmentionable subjects), and after hearing Don Anderson's forecast and analyzing it through the haze of drinks we've had, we decided to move on to Bahia San Evaristo tomorrow to ride out the predicted bad weather.

Had a very peaceful night. Very light winds and flat calm anchorage.

NOTE: Ran off the primary fuel tank for over 2 hours with no problem.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 18 **Max Wave Height:** 3 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 31
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:30 **Bar:** 30.00 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 65 ° F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 24.09.874 N **Lon** 110.19.679 W

Weather: Cloudy with occasional rain. No wind.

Comments Heading out today. Would sure like better weather than rain!!

Time: 13:52 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Falling **Temp:** 79 ° F **Wind** 14 NW **Waves** 2 ft **Lat** 24.22.959 N **Lon** 110.22.888 W

Weather: Cloudy skies with light to moderate NW winds.

Comments Forecast is for stronger winds starting tonight. Hopefully the sun will come out again, soon!! Still, we're in T-shirts and swim suits. What would we be wearing in Portland this time of year??!!

Captain's Log

Date: 11/30/2007 **Location** Partida Cove, Isla Partida, Mexico **Lat** 24.31.698 N **Lon** 110.22.632 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bahia San Evaristo, Mexico **Lat** 24.54.513 N **Lon** 110.42.341 W **Underway** 6:40 **Arrive** 11:20
Eng Hrs: 2211.9 **Guests:**

Comments

Based on our decision last light, we sailed up to Bahia San Evaristo, where the anchorage provides shelter from all directions of wind.

At about 07:30 we were visited briefly by a school of small dolphins. Must have been about 20 of them, leaping out of the water to play with us. They got bored with us pretty rapidly, however, and were gone after about 5 minutes.

We put the headsail out for about an hour with light wind out of the WSW, but still kept the motor running to keep our speed up.

Passed by Vava at anchor by Isla San Jose. Vava is owned by the weathiest man in Switzerland, who is also the person who sponsors the boat Alinghi in the Americas Cup racing.

Anchored next to Jammin' and Hiatus in the rain! This is looking more like Portland today! Oh well, at least we'll get the salt washed off the boat.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 7 **Max Wave Height:** 2 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 30
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 6:30 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 70 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 24.31.716 N **Lon** 110.22.612 W

Weather: Cloudy with sprinkles of rain. No wind.

Comments Heard from Jammin', about 18 miles up. They said it was blowing about 16 knots out of the North.

Time: 10:15 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 74 °F **Wind** 8 WSW **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 24.49.627 N **Lon** 110.37.025 W

Weather: Cloudy and lightly raining.

Comments The weather system forecasted to come up from the South is moving over us now. High winds are predicted for later today from the S-SW, then changing to high winds from the NE and North tomorrow.

Captain's Log

Date: 12/5/2007 **Location** Bahia San Evaristo, Mexico **Lat** 24.54.778 N **Lon** 110.42.203 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bahia Los Gatos, Mexico **Lat** 25.18.220 N **Lon** 110.56.783 W **Underway** 9:50 **Arrive** 15:00
Eng Hrs: 2224.0 **Guests:**

Comments

Put the spinnaker up about 35 minutes out of the anchorage. Sailing along at about 4 knots under light SE breeze and beautiful sunny skies.

Took down the spinnaker about 1245, as the wind shifted to ENE. Motor-sailed the rest of the way to charge the batteries, and to make sure we got to the anchorage well before dark.

Anchored in about 11 feet of water in a beautiful setting. Red rock cliffs to the north and south. Nice sandy beach to the west. Nice quiet little cove. There are five boats here - two that were here before we all came in, and then us, Hiatus, and Jammin'. Think we'll stay here for a couple of days.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 10 **Max Wave Height:** 4 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 28
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:45 **Bar:** 29.90 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 72 ° F **Wind** 4 SE **Waves** 0 ft **Lat** 24.54.777 N **Lon** 110.42.203 W

Weather: Perfectly clear skies with very light SE wind.

Comments Headed out for the next anchorage north. Looking for wind to help us get there!

Time: 13:10 **Bar:** 29.85 **Trend:** Falling **Temp:** 79 ° F **Wind** 13 ENE **Waves** 2 ft **Lat** 25.07.888 N **Lon** 110.48.616 W

Weather: Sunny skies with moderate ENE wind

Comments Wind shifted about 1/2 hour ago from light south to ENE 10-13. We took down the spinnaker, rolled out the head sail, and are motor-sailing with just the headsail out. Need to run the engine to charge the batteries, anyway, so will keep our speed up while we do so.

Captain's Log

Date: 12/7/2007 **Location** Bahia Los Gatos, Mexico **Lat** 25.18.220 N **Lon** 110.56.783 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Bahia Agua Verde, Mexico **Lat** 25.30.864 N **Lon** 111.03.719 W **Underway** 8:55 **Arrive** 11:35
Eng Hrs: 2230.0 **Guests:**

Comments

After a very roly night, the bay was flat calm this morning.

Motored all the way (about 3 hours). Anchored in the SE bight of the bay with three other boats in about 11 feet of water. Very calm and picturesque.

We went into the "village" in search of a store and cantina. We found the remains of the cantina, but not the store. Terri was approached by several children selling raffle tickets for their school. She bought a few, although we won't be here when they do the drawing. The way the people live here is so different than what we're used to. The village consists of about 15 houses, but they have a school that looks very nice, and the children, varying in age from about six to late teens, were very nicely dressed and well-behaved. The livelihood for the people here is to raise some farm animals (we saw pigs, cows, chicken, and goats), and to fish. Very simple lives, but they seem happy.

One of the other boats anchored here was named Whirlwind, from Seattle. They went ashore and found the store, so gave us directions. Tomorrow we'll go searching for it again, before embarking on our snorkeling for the afternoon.

Had Kent & Heather Sisk from Hiatus over for a rousing game of Rummikub after dinner. Very nice day.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 8 **Max Wave Height:** 1 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 20
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:40 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 72 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 25.18.223 N **Lon** 110.56.760 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with no wind.

Comments Forecast is for light SE winds today. Hopefully we'll get enough to be able to sail north to Agua Verde. Jammin' and Hiatus left about 20 minutes ago.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 12/9/2007 **Location** Bahia Agua Verde, Mexico **Lat** 25.30.864 N **Lon** 111.03.719 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Candelero Chico, Mexico **Lat** 25.42.411 N **Lon** 111.12.941 W **Underway** 11:00 **Arrive** 15:09
Eng Hrs: 2233.1 **Guests:**

Comments

Motored out of the bay and then immediately put up the sails. Light NW wind (on the nose, of course!), but we were in no hurry so just tacked up toward our destination. We had to motor part of the way, but were able to sail most of the time.

We anchored in this cute little cove called Candelero Chico. Rock cliffs on the south and west and an island on the east form this cove, and protect from all but northeast wind. Only room for one boat in here, and tonight we are it!! No sign of civilization anywhere here - just the birds and sea life. We ended up staying two nights.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 11 **Max Wave Height:** 2 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 13
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:15 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** Calm **Waves** 0 **Lat** 25.30.864 N **Lon** 111.03.719 W

Weather: Partly cloudy. No wind.

Comments Forecast is all over the place, from NW to SW winds, light and variable to 20-25 knots. Guess we'll head north and see what happens!!

Time: 11:40 **Bar:** 29.95 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 74 °F **Wind** 6 NW **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 25.32.996 N **Lon** 111.03.012 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with light NW wind.

Comments Making about 4 knots over ground with main and genoa.

Captain's Log

Date: 12/11/2007 **Location** Candelero Chico, Mexico **Lat** 25.42.411 N **Lon** 111.12.941 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Puerto Escondido, Mexico **Lat** 25.49.803 N **Lon** 111.18.857 W **Underway** 8:10 **Arrive** 10:00
Eng Hrs: 2235.2 **Guests:**

Comments

There was very little wind, so we motored the short distance from Candelera Chico to Puerto Escondido. After a few attempts at anchoring (we could not get the anchor to set) we moved to the very NW corner of the bay and set the anchor in about 40 feet of water. It held well, and we let out about 250 feet of chain, a little over 6-to-1 scope. The forecast is for pretty strong NW winds, so this location should provide us good protection and comfort, and a 6-to-1 scope should keep us secure.

We took the dinghy across the bay, checked in to the Port Captain, got the lay of the land, logged on to the Internet, and then went up the road a bit to a restaurant that's connected to a hotel there. Had a good dinner, and then got back to the boat about dusk. Winds are very calm now, so we're settling in for the night.

The second night we moved over to the dock so we could get water, do laundry, wash the boat, get provisions, etc. It was pretty bumpy at the dock, but we had a pretty restful night.

One of the boats moored there, Neka, had a pickup and offered to take us into Loreto for provisions. That worked out great for us! We got a "mini tour" of Loreto, stopped at several different stores for provisions, and brought a whole bunch of food stuff back with us. Always great to find friendly and helpful people along the way.

The third night we moved back out to anchor, again, and had a very quiet, peaceful night tucked up in the NW corner of the bay.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 5 **Max Wave Height:** 1 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 8
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 7:30 **Bar:** 30.00 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 61 °F **Wind** 5 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 25.42.411 N **Lon** 111.12.941 W

Weather: Clear skies with light winds.

Comments Forecast is for light winds and clear skies all day today, changing to NNW 20-30 knots tomorrow. We're going to move up to Puerto Escondido for better NW protection, and to get provisions, do internet, etc.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 12/14/2007 **Location** Puerto Escondido, Mexico **Lat** 25.49.803 N **Lon** 111.18.857 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Puerto Balandra, Carmen Island, Mexico **Lat** 26.01.232 N **Lon** 111.09.817 W **Underway** 9:00 **Arrive** 12:05
Eng Hrs: 2239.7 **Guests:**

Comments

Knowing that we had another "Norther" coming, we wanted to get out of Puerto Escondido and get tucked in to someplace that would provide good protection from the strong NW winds for the next couple of days. Puerto Escondido is a perfectly fine place to stay during a Norther, but they charge about US\$18 per night to anchor, which is a real rip-off. So, we didn't want to stay any longer than we had to.

As soon as we rounded the southern corner of the bay coming out of Puerto Escondido, we found that the wind and seas had already begun to build. It was only 3 hours to our planned destination, so we just headed into the Sea. It was a lot wilder ride than either of us anticipated. After about an hour, the winds were continuously over 20 knots, on the nose, and the waves continuously broke over the bow, spraying us with salt water and keeping the decks awash. The short, choppy seas slowed our speed by as much as 2 knots (which, when you only go 6.5 knots to begin with, is a LOT!!).

One thing we hadn't counted on was that the waves breaking over the bow continuously tested the forward hatches, evidently beyond their limits. Our bunk got soaked, along with some clothes and a painting. We mopped it up as best we could while underway, put some towels and plastic trash bags around to catch the incoming water, and pressed on. In the end, the damage wasn't too great, so we marked it up as another "lesson learned".

On the more positive side, we saw WHALES today!! About 1/2 way up, there were about half-a-dozen breaching and frolicking about a mile out. Cool!!

The protection in the bay here at Puerto Balandra on Carmen Island is great! We can see the choppy seas and hear the wind just outside the bay, but the water is calm and the wind is mild inside. We'll stay here for the 2 or 3 days that it takes for the Norther to blow itself out.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 24 **Max Wave Height:** 6 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 15
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:40 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 8 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 25.49.803 N **Lon** 111.18.857 W

Weather: Partly cloudy with light-to-moderate NW winds.

Comments Forecast is for stronger NNW winds for the next couple of days, so we're headed over to the protected cove of Puerto Balandra on Carmen Island.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 12/17/2007 **Location** Puerto Balandra, Carmen Island, Mexico **Lat** 26.01.232 N **Lon** 111.09.817 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Loreto, then on to Isla Coronados, Mexico **Lat** 26.06.323 N **Lon** 111.16.101 W **Underway** 8:45 **Arrive** 16:25
Eng Hrs: 2243.2 **Guests:**

Comments

Anchored off the roadstead in Loreto, just south of the small boat basin entrance, at 10:15 in about 12 feet of water. Took the dinghy into town for lunch, internet, and provisioning. Had a great lunch at a little café on the Malecon.

Met a couple that moved here 4 years ago from Bandon, Oregon. They love it here.

Accomplished all our errands and pulled up anchor about 1515 (that's 3:15 pm for you land-lubbers!).

Dropped the anchor off the south side of Isla Coronados just before 1630. The First Mate mixed up the anchor watch cocktails, and we sat out in the cockpit for about an hour, just taking in the peacefulness. We settled in for the night.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 6 NW **Max Wave Height:** 2 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 15
Times Anchored Today: 2 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:35 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Rising **Temp:** 66 °F **Wind** 3 NW **Waves** 0 **Lat** 26.01.232 N **Lon** 111.09.817 W

Weather: Cloudy skies with no wind.

Comments Forecast is for these conditions to continue all day.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 12/18/2007 **Location** Isla Coronados, Mexico **Lat** 26.06.334 N **Lon** 111.16.089 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Punta Perico, Isla Carmen, Mexico **Lat** 25.58.288 N **Lon** 111.04.625 W **Underway** 10:35 **Arrive** 15:50
Eng Hrs: 2246.0 **Guests:**

Comments

We raised the main while still at anchor. As soon as we cleared the SE corner of Isla Coronados, we put out the head sail and shortly thereafter were making about 6 knots on a close reach on flat seas in the sunshine. This is what sailing is supposed to be like all the time!!!

We had a great day of sailing all the way to our anchorage just south of Punta Perico (pronounced pay-ree-co) on Carmen Island. Winds stayed pretty constant at 8 - 10 knots out of the NNW all day.

At the head of the bay is an abandoned salt mining operation. According to the guide book, this facility was in operation for about 200 years. Weather permitting, we will explore it tomorrow.

We made contact mid-afternoon with another sailboat named "Daydream" from Vancouver, B.C. We were the only two boats on the water today! They anchored further up in the bay than we did.

Tucked in for the night. NW winds are supposed to kick up tonight and continue for the rest of the week.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 10 **Max Wave Height:** 2 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 24
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:50 **Bar:** 30.10 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 0 **Waves** 0 **Lat** 26.06.334 N **Lon** 111.16.089 W

Weather: Mostly clear with no wind.

Comments Beautiful sunny morning. Will leave within the hour for the East side of Carmen Island.

Time: 12:20 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 77 °F **Wind** 9 N **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 26.05.600 N **Lon** 111.06.868 W

Weather: Clear skies with light north breeze

Comments Sailing along at about 4.5 knots on a beam reach on the north side of Carmen Island. Life is good!

Captain's Log

Date: 12/19/2007 **Location** Punta Perico, Isla Carmen, Mexico **Lat** 25.58.288 N **Lon** 111.04.625 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Honeymoon Cove, Isla Danzante, Mexico **Lat** 25.48.517 N **Lon** 111.15.567 W **Underway** 9:55 **Arrive** 15:15
Eng Hrs: 2247.0 **Guests:**

Comments

Very light wind today. The forecast was for 15-20 knots NNW, but we had much less. We sailed most of the time, making very slow progress, but we were in no hurry.

We anchored in the northern bight of Honeymoon Cove. Very narrow bight - just barely room enough for one boat. But, we're the only one's here, so we have our pick of anchoring spots.

The Manta Rays are jumping all around us this afternoon. So weird to see them awkwardly flying out of the water only to belly-flop back down. We wonder if maybe they're trying to stun the little fish near the surface so they can catch them more easily. At any rate, pretty entertaining to watch!

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 9 **Max Wave Height:** 2 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 20
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 10:40 **Bar:** 30.10 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 74 °F **Wind** 5 NW **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 25.56.038 N **Lon** 111.05.614 W

Weather: Mostly cloudy with light NW wind.

Comments Forecast is for increasing NW winds this afternoon, continuing for several days, so we plan to tuck into Honeymoon Cove to be protected tonight.

Time: 13:10 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Falling **Temp:** 76 °F **Wind** 6 NW **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 25.50.465 N **Lon** 111.11.741 W

Weather: Mostly cloudy with very light NW wind.

Comments Just coming up to the southernmost point of Carmen Island. We'll turn west around the point and go above the northern tip of Danzante Island, then turn south to Honeymoon Cove.

Captain's Log

Date: 12/20/2007 **Location** Honeymoon Cove, Isla Danzante, Mexico **Lat** 25.48.517 N **Lon** 111.15.567 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: The "Ellipse" at Puerto Escondido, Mexico **Lat** 25.48.773 N **Lon** 111.18.594 W **Underway** 8:30 **Arrive** 9:30
Eng Hrs: 2249.3 **Guests:**

Comments

Crossed over to Puerto Escondido to have access to Internet, laundry, water, taxi to the airport and provisioning. Will be here a couple of days, probably one of those days at the dock. Currently anchored in a small man-made bay called the Ellipse, just south of the breakwater for the dock at Puerto Escondido.

Terri's Son, Mike, is coming in tomorrow (Friday) to spend Christmas with us.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 21 **Max Wave Height:** 5 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 5
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 8:15 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 17 NW **Waves** 3 ft **Lat** 25.48.517 N **Lon** 111.15.567 W

Weather: Mostly clear with brisk NW wind.

Comments Making the short hop over to Puerto Escondido this morning to get Internet errands done and prepare for Terri's Son's arrival tomorrow.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 12/24/2007 **Location** The "Waiting Room" at Puerto Escondido, M **Lat** 25.48.692 N **Lon** 111.18.219 W **Vessel:** sans clés
Destination: Honeymoon Cove, Danzante Island, Mexico **Lat** 25.48.517 N **Lon** 111.15.441 W **Underway** 10:35 **Arrive** 11:45
Eng Hrs: 2252.4 **Guests:** Mike O'Brien (Terri's Son)

Comments

Made a run across to Danzante to spend Christmas Eve and Christmas Day - just the three of us and the wildlife!!

We decided to anchor in the middle "lobe" of Honeymoon Cove this time, and had a lot of difficulty getting the anchor set. Closer in to the beach, where you'd like to anchor, there are rocks in with the sand, so you can't get your anchor to set without dragging over rocks. Out futher, the bottom goes to just sand, but you're in 50 feet of water and futher from shore than you'd like to be for protection. However, it was still very well-protected and comfortable.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 18 **Max Wave Height:** 4 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 7
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 9:45 **Bar:** 30.10 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 68 °F **Wind** 10 NW **Waves** 1 ft **Lat** 25.48.693 N **Lon** 111.18.221 W

Weather: Mostly clear with moderate NNW winds

Comments Forecast is for continued moderate winds today, so we're going to shoot over to Honeymoon Cove on Danzante Island.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments

Captain's Log

Date: 12/26/2007 **Location** Honeymoon Cove, Danzante Island, Mexico **Lat** 25.48.499 N **Lon** 111.15.478 W **Vessel:** sans clés

Destination: The "Ellipse" at Puerto Escondido, Mexico **Lat** 25.48.809 N **Lon** 111.18.586 W **Underway** 12:40 **Arrive** 13:20

Eng Hrs: 2255.5 **Guests:** Mike O'Brien

Comments

Easy sail over with headsail alone. Waves were on the beam, but with the headsail out, rolling was minimal.

We anchored in the "Ellipse" at Puerto Escondido, a man-made circular cove at the south end of the Singular complex here. The sea wall provides great protection from the waves from all directions, so even though the wind will blow strongly through the anchorage, the movement of the boat is very comfortable. It's also a safer place to leave the boat anchored unattended for a while, as we'll be doing tomorrow when we take Mike back to the airport, and then continue on into Loreto for provisioning.

The Singular facility here has laundry, showers (although often cool), Internet, water, and a fuel dock. You can anchor or moor in the primary bay, although a lot of the moorings are suspect, in that they haven't been inspected for quite a while, and many boats have drifted across the bay while tied to them, or you can tie up to one of the few places available at the small dock. Power and water are available on the dock.

We'll be anchored here for a few days while we wait out the weather and decide our next move. We may go north to see more of the Sea of Cortez, or we may head south in search of warmer weather.

Recap

Max Wind Speed: 25 **Max Wave Height:** 6 ft **Inland Day** **Near Coastal Day** **Dist for Day (nm):** 5
Times Anchored Today: 1 **Anchored for Night?** Yes **Times Docked Today:** **Docked for Night?** No
Times Moored Today: **Moored for Night?** No **Fuel Purch?** **# Gallons**

Time: 12:30 **Bar:** 30.05 **Trend:** Steady **Temp:** 70 °F **Wind** 9 NW **Waves** 2 ft **Lat** 25.48.499 N **Lon** 111.15.476 W

Weather: Clear skies with moderate NW wind.

Comments Making our way back to Puerto Escondido, as Mike has to fly out of Loreto tomorrow, headed back to Portland, OR.

Time: **Bar:** **Trend:** **Temp:** **Wind** **Waves** **Lat** **Lon**

Weather:

Comments