

WA Mistress MKIII: Shadowside

The Voyage of the Sailing Vessel Shadowside August 3, 2016 to August 28, 2016



Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii to Port Townsend Washington

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The Voyage

On July 11, 2016, the Ketch Shadowside crossed the starting line in front of the Saint Francis Yacht Club and headed out the Golden Gate for the finish line of the Pacific Cup in Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii. After 2139 nautical miles, 14 days, 21 hours, 29 minutes and Tropical Storm Darby, we crossed the finish line.

After eight beautiful days in Hawaii, which featured the great hospitality of the Kaneohe Bay Yacht Club and a change of crew, the Shadowside cast off on August 03, 2016 for the return voyage to our new home in Port Townsend, Washington.

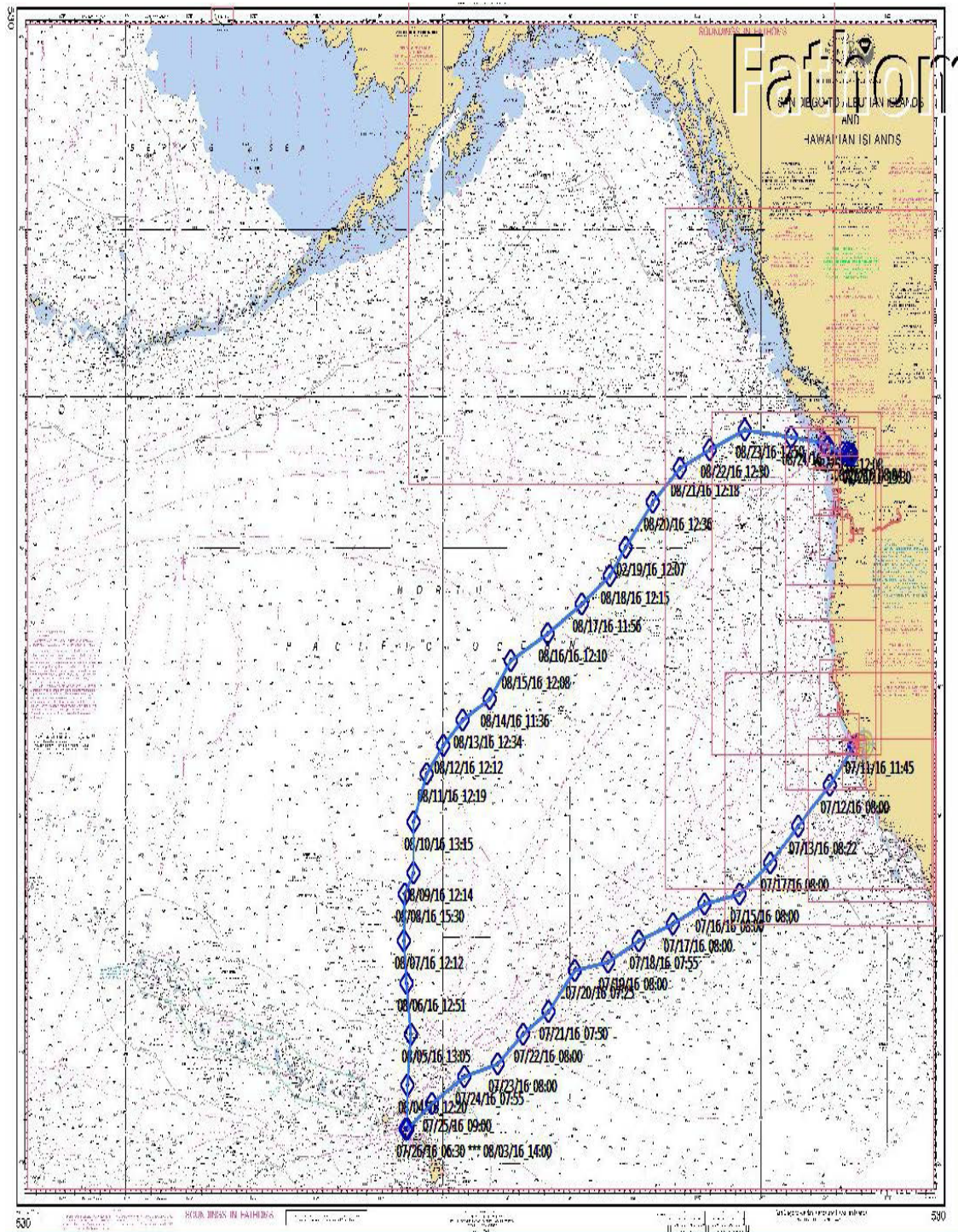
On August 25th, 2016, we entered the Strait of Juan de Fuca at Cape Flattery, WA. We made a landfall at Neah Bay. The Shadowside tied in at the fuel dock and we went ashore to the convenience store where we discovered fresh, hot pizza. Pizza never tasted so good!

We took on fuel and then continued our voyage down the Strait 80 nautical miles to Port Townsend. At 15:30 on August 26th, 2016 we docked at Port Townsend Yacht Haven Marina after a voyage of 2,617 nautical miles and 23 days at sea.

This story incorporates posts and comments from the Shadowside Blog, photographs and other materials. It is the second of two parts. Part One, which chronicles the Voyage to Hawaii and this one which chronicles the Return Voyage.

I hope you will enjoy reading about this adventure.

The Voyages



July 11 - July 26
August 4 - August 26
2016

The Boat



"Shadowside" is an Allied Mistress MKIII. She is 42 ft overall, 30 ft at the waterline, a 12 ft beam, a 4.5 ft draft and displaces 21,800 lb.

She has been well maintained and re-rigged down to and including the chain-plates. The sails and the six-person liferaft are new.

"Shadowside" will not be the fastest boat in the race, but she is stable and sea-kindly. Our challenge will be to sail her well and keep her moving in the right direction. She has been weighed and measured for a CPHRF Rating.

Wednesday, August 3, 2016



The Return Crew

(Left to Right)

- Lee Krasnow - Exceptional Sail Trimmer and Fisherman
- Michelle Diaz - Best Mast Climber in the Fleet
- Molly Reynolds - Social Director
- Lad Burgin - Skipper
- Don Van Valkenburg - Ship's Photographer

Thursday, August 4, 2016

Back to Sea

Thursday August 4, 02:00 HST
22-27 N 167-46 W

Dear Shadowside followers,

Its been a great week in HI, spent getting the Shadowside ready to sail and catching up on sleep.

The members of the Racing Crew have gone on their way and the Return Crew have joined the Ship's Company. I am pleased to welcome Michelle, Molly, Lee and Don aboard.

Yesterday, Wednesday, August 3 we departed for the Mainland. Next stop Port Townsend Washington. This will be a 3000 Nautical mile voyage. We will sail north for about 1000 nautical miles and then turn for Cape Flattery. The wild card is the Pacific High. If good fortune smiles upon us, the High will move east and we will be able to sail around the back side of it. If good fortune frowns upon us, It will stay in its current position and we will have to motor through it.

Lad

comments:

Anonymous August 4, 2016 at 8:16 AM

Welcome Shadowside return crew! Thank you for the wonderful blog post, Captain - I miss you and hope good fortune smiles upon you all. - Burke

Anonymous August 4, 2016 at 10:55 AM

Ahoy to Molly and the rest of the Shadowside crew! I hope you are all avoiding the "mal de mer" and keeping in good spirits! I will be following closely on the spot tracker and blog. Life at the alameda marina continues as expected-- a foggy mist shrouds pier three as the Svendson's crew plod methodically through their day. Paddlers, motorboats, and sailing dinghies ply the estuary as the busy work continues on coast guard island. I trudge slowly and indecisively through the chandlery with my coffee, picking out a random assortment of hardware and crossing things off my sloppily-prepared list. All is well in the universe, except it's missing the best part - my lovely and beautiful wife :-)) - Ben

Wayne August 6, 2016 at 9:01 AM

Smooth sailing home.

The Bash Home

Thursday 8/04/16 - 07:26 HST

22-55 N 157.47 W

Good Morning All,

We are sailing due north under furled jib and full mizzen. Making 6.5 kn over the ground. Winds are steady out of the NE at 20 kts seas are about 6ft,

It is always good to see the morning sun after a dark night at sea. Last night gave us quite a bit of variety. Clear periods with great stars, cloudy periods with squalls and higher winds. The sea gave us some lovely bioluminescence.

The captain and crew are in good spirits and getting used to what will be a long starboard tack.

Have a great day!

Lad

Socks

Good Morning!

07:47 HST

25-11 N

157-49 W

Wind 081 @15.5 kn

Calm and clear

Just a quick note this morning to let you all know the Shadowside and crew are doing fine. Everyone here agrees that last night was the best yet with calm seas, smooth sailing and the the crystal clear sky with its tapestry of stars.

So what is the most difficult task when living healed over and moving through the water? Putting on socks!

We like your blog comments so please keep them coming.

Have a great day!

Lad

Friday, August 5, 2016

Ready to Go



Michelle & Lad



Sun Rise

Good Morning!

Saturday 08/06/16

07:50 HST

27-24 N 157-48 W

SOG 5.9 kn COG 002

Wind 075 @ 14.6 kn

Dawn brings the sun and a new day after a very dark night. Yesterday was a good day of sailing. We are now 362.7 NM north of HI.

Molly, Lee and Michelle spent the two days prior to our departure preparing food and vacuum bagging it in individual portions. Last night we had a sumptuous dinner around 20:00. Put the bags to boil in our pressure cooker. No fuss no mess! I had the curry, excellent!

Crew and skipper doing well.

Lad

Finding our Way





Fishing and Noon Sightings

Hello to everyone out there on solid ground! We're doing great here at sea...weather has been lovely and winds steady from the east between 15-20 knots. We've been on a starboard tack for four days, which means we're living our lives on a slant. You can imagine how difficult it is to do everyday tasks, like cooking and using the bathroom when leaning and sliding to the left while also bumping up and down with the ocean swell. It's taken a few days, but we're getting our sea legs! Today we're determined to catch a fish. We're trolling our line and hoping for sushi in our future. We're also keeping ourselves busy by trying to take a noon sighting using the ancient technology, the sextant. After much trial and error, we've concluded that we're lucky for GPS and that those ancient mariners had mad skills. Well, that's all for now. Check back in soon for more adventures from the middle of the Pacific. We love you all and miss you.

-Molly

Saturday, August 6, 2016

Dinner



Comments:

Anonymous August 6, 2016 at 4:52 PM

Hi Lad - Samantha's husband called me today and he's coming over on Wednesday. Marilyn and I were texting last night while watching the Olympics and I said I'd never heard back from him. May be a coincidence!?! It looks like your Pacific High is breaking up/slipping as it is sooooo cold and windy here today and windyty.com shows it dissipating (?) - what do I know??? Love you

John Calhoun August 6, 2016 at 5:08 PM

Thanks for the posts and photos. What a great trip! We hope the weather continues to cooperate and that you catch a fish for sushi. Communicating this way is terrific and alleviates some of our angst, so we are looking forward to hearing more of your adventures at sea. Love, Mom and John

MamaCat August 8, 2016 at 9:54 PM

Molly rocking the sextant! Looking good my friend!

Sunday, August 7, 2016

Position Update

Good morning,
07:55 HST
29-28 N 157-60 W
SOG 4.5 kn @ 350
Wind 13.3 kn @ 069

Back to Dinner

Hi,

From the pictures sent yesterday, you already know that Lee caught a 20lb Mahi Mahi. He also cleaned and prepared it. We feasted on fresh Scheme flowed by mahi tacos. What a great dinner!

We are now starting into the High. 12kn breeze calm sea sunny and warm.
The crew started the day with boat baths and bucket showers. Very refreshed we sail on.
Enjoy your Sunday!

Lad

Comments:

Robert Eigenberg August 7, 2016 at 3:29 AM

Hi Mols and crew....Glad you're having a grand time making good progress with steady winds.... northward bound...must be quite the challenge doing everything slanted...all's well back on the mainland...keep us posted..Love hearing of your adventures...Sara and Andy are doing great in Israel...touring around exploring many ruins...be safe and regards to all ...Dad

Anonymous August 7, 2016 at 5:19 PM

Ahoy Shadowside - the pictures are wonderful, thank you! You made me hungry for seafood. Glad you got showers and fresh socks - not bad! Love you, Burke

John Calhoun August 7, 2016 at 5:53 PM

The super fresh fish sounded great. Thanks for the pictures and updates. Here in Florida, the heat broke a little to the 80's but still with a high humidity. I was able to get out of the air conditioning this evening and went for a walk. Glad to hear you are having good weather. Love you.

Wayne August 8, 2016 at 7:44 AM

Impressive! Sautéed in butter with capers, please.

Wayne August 8, 2016 at 7:48 AM

Lad, Buckeyes pushing for "The Edge" this season. JT looking good. Hope they get clean socks more often than you. Anyone hear any whales singing at night? Wayne

Robert Eigenberg August 8, 2016 at 10:07 AM

Fresh fishyummy...Glad to hear the weather's been good...quite hot and humid in the big Apple ...great golfing weather....whole crew is now clean and spiffy..good...continue with the clear sailing...keep the posts coming...enjoying them all...love

MamaCat August 8, 2016 at 10:06 PM

The conditions sound ideal, but I bet you're ready to come about!! Haha! It's cooled off a bit here, down in the 90's! I look forward to more updates!

Monday, August 8, 2016

The Stayail is Up

Good Morning,

31-11 N 157-47 W

SOG 5.6 kn COG 350

Wind 070 TWS 9.8

Seas Calm Weather Clear and Sunny

Yesterday and today have been great sailing days with moderate to light NE winds as we work our way through the back side of the High.

I awoke this morning to the sound of the staysail winch on the cabin top above my head. I stuck my head out of the hatch to find Lee and Don smiling in the morning sun. One look at the winch and I knew the Staysail was flying.

The Shadowside is a cutter rigged ketch. This means she has two masts and two forestays. The Jib Forestay carries a large roller furling headsail. The Inner Forestay carries a smaller sail called a staysail.

Now there are few things that are as satisfying to a skipper than to come on watch and find the Boat rigged and sailing in optimum form for the wind and sea conditions. The Staysail gives us an additional half kn of speed over the ground. Its also just a thing of beauty to see a fine ketch with under full sail. Excellent work Lee and Don.

Have a great day!

Lad

Comments:

WayneAugust 8, 2016 at 7:20 PM

Sounds like a fine ketch is a fine catch.

Nancy IsenburgAugust 9, 2016 at 10:47 AM

What a great way to awaken ... Thank you for sharing a beautiful new morning with we Landlub bers. Sail on!



Comments:

Anonymous August 8, 2016 at 5:32 PM

Hi Lad! It sounds like your crew is amazing and working together well. Shadowside must be so very happy. I know you are! The photos are beautiful. Such wonderful memories you all are making. I love you - Burke

Reply

Wayne August 8, 2016 at 7:22 PM

No wonder poets and mystics love the sea. Beautiful!

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

Charles P and the Iron Genny

Good Morning,

Position:

32-18 N 157-13 W

SOG 4.0 kn COG 330 M

Wind 4.7 kn @ 080

The Shadowside is making its way through the backside of the High. The wind deserted us yesterday afternoon.

In the days of the fine wooden sailing ships the ritual of sticking a knife in the main mast was used to summon the wind. Not so easy to do on a contemporary boat with aluminum masts.

By now you all know George our Hydrovane windvane. Although he is a real trooper when the wind is up, George is no help to us here. Therefore let me introduce you to the Iron Genoa and its friend Charles P Townsend. The Iron Genny is of course our own Westerbeke 40 HP Diesel Engine. IG works tirelessly on our behalf as long as we keep feeding it fuel and fresh air. IG is complemented by Charles P. our CPT Wheel Pilot. Charles P. steers us along keeping us on our magnetic course.

Both are nice to have when transiting the back side of the High! Keep up the good work IG and CP!

Have a great day,

Lad

Comments:

Wayne August 9, 2016 at 11:16 AM

Where is the closest ARCO or BP that sells diesel?

Robert Eigenberg August 9, 2016 at 11:18 AM

sorry to hear the wind quit....good thing you have backups...hope your engines get you into some favorable winds soon ...surely must slow the trip down...hope you're all well and in good spirits ...safe travels

Anonymous August 9, 2016 at 11:48 AM

Hi Lad! Greg explained Charles P to me when I noticed it in one of the cockpit pictures. Glad you have the assistance. Thanks for getting back to me so quickly on sailmail. When do you anticipate the half-way point? Is there a party planned? Miss you lots! - Burke

We are “There “





Don Having Fun



Wednesday, August 10, 2016

Watching

Good Morning,

Position:

08/10/16 07:45 HST

34-16 N 157-22 W

SOG 5.2 kn COG 008 M

Wind 13.0 @ 076 M

Clear and Calm

Well here we are Day 8. The wind came up yesterday afternoon and stayed steady through the night. As expected it is moving into the east allowing us to bend our course to the NE.

Now what do you do for days on end, heeled over on starboard tack while crossing the back side of the Pacific High. Your right, watching!

Life aboard is ruled by the watch Schedule. Each of us is on watch three times a day, usually for 4 hours. Two of us stand watch at any one time. Our watches overlap in a way that gives each of us time to be on watch with each other.

While on duty, we watch everything, the sea, the weather, the sails, the performance of George, IG and Charles P.. Occasionally we have to adjust something or change sail or the course. But, mostly we watch and have interesting conversations and just enjoy being out at sea.

When we go off watch, we head for our bunks. Its hard to get a good sleep 3 hours at a time. We each feed ourselves breakfast and lunch and of course there are snacks.

Dinner is one of our favorite times each day. We do it at change of watch so that we can all gather together. Our boil and bag provisioning lets us have a good meal with very little cleanup.

Last night was another great night of sailing, clear skies and stars. We are very fortunate to have good winds for this part of the Voyage.

Have a great day!

Lad

Boat Life



Comments:

Anonymous August 10, 2016 at 11:34 AM

These blog posts are so informative and helpful! Thank you! Have you gotten to see any of the Perseid meteor showers? Apparently they peak Thursday and Friday night and the crew who are on watch after midnight will get quite a show. They are supposed to be really amazing this year. My love, Burke

Robert Eigenberg August 10, 2016 at 2:41 PM

Glad to hear the winds have picked up..night sailing must be an awesome experience... the skies must be alive with all those stars and no ambient light to ruin the sight... brings our existence into perspective...this blog truly is great...very informative. Enjoying this "trip" immensely...thanks...Love to my Molly and to all her shipmates

Wayne August 10, 2016 at 10:48 PM

Meteor shower Thurs/Fri night? Do you sing camp songs? Bet you wish you a real EN-TOURAGE on board.

Wayne August 10, 2016 at 10:52 PM

ENTOURAGE was supposed to be ENTP. Lad can explain to the crew that the "P" stands for PERFECT.

Thursday, August 11, 2016

Sunrise



Good Morning,

Position:

08/11/16 07:40 HST

36-18 N 156-37 W

SOG 5.2 kn COG 030 M

Wind 8.2 @ 118 M

Cloudy and Calm

One picture says it all!

Have a great day!

Lad

Friday, August 12, 2016

Shooting Stars

Good morning,

Position:

08/12/16 07:50 HST

37-37 N 155-12 W

SOG 3.0 kn COG 030 M

Wind 8.2 @ 018 M

Cloudy and Calm

motored yesterday and last night

Last night was again crystal clear and calm. The Shadowsiders' were treated to a great show as we had a front row seat for the Meteor Shower. To bad there is no way to bring the experience to you.

More pictures and boat life coming soon.

Have a great day!

Lad

Saturday, August 13, 2016

Postion Update

Good Morning!

Position:

08/13/16 07:59 HST

38-32 N 153-49 W

SOG 5.2 kn COG 030 M

Wind 8.2 @ 030 M

Clear and Calm

Sailing

Have a great day,

Lad

Just about as far from land as it is possible to get.

Position:

08/13/16 07:59 HST

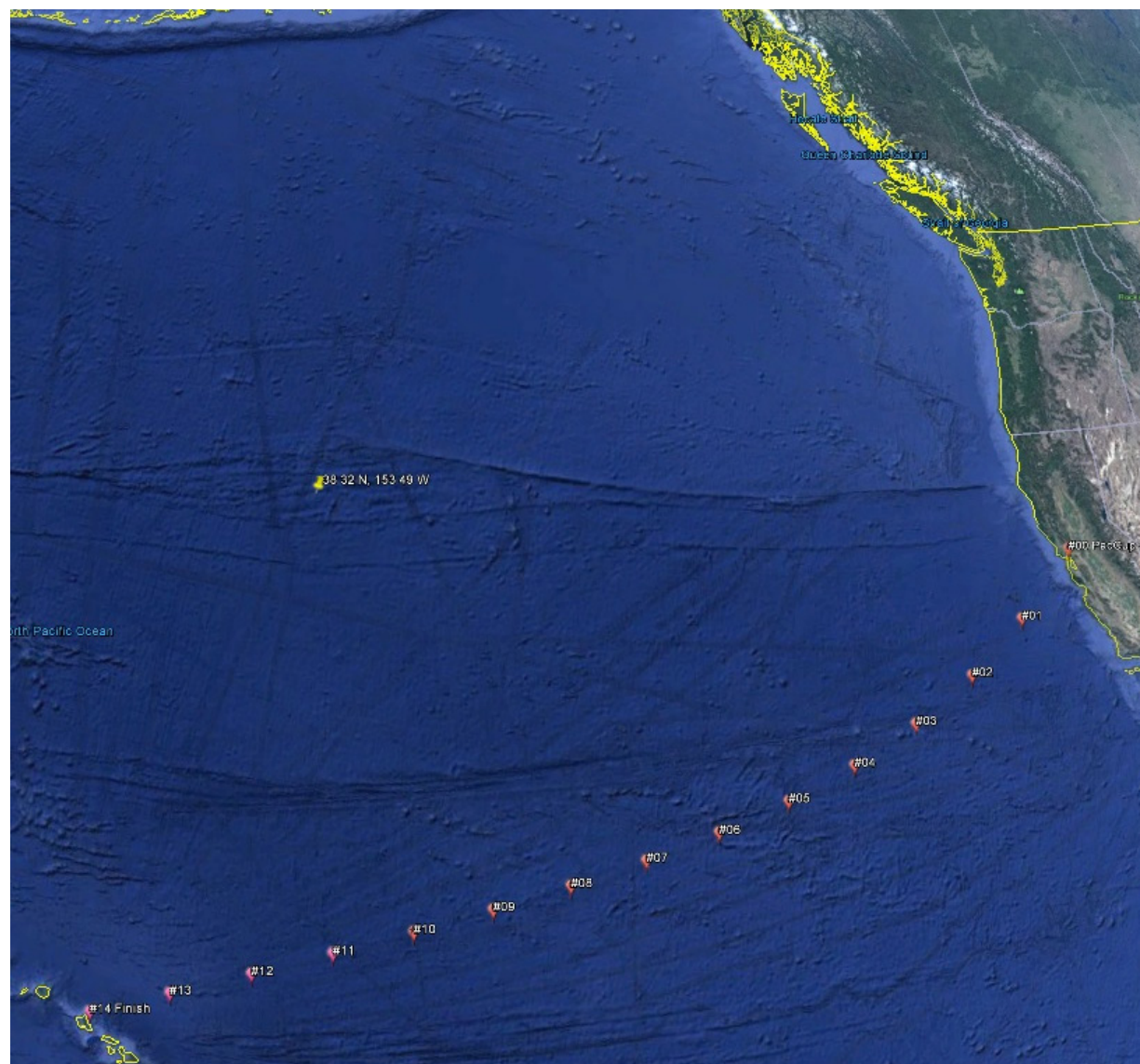
38-32 N 153-49 W

SOG 5.2 kn COG 030 M

Wind 8.2 @ 030 M

Clear and Calm

Sailing



Hygiene at sea



Two days ago we were again becalmed and spent the better part of 24 hours motor sailing through the backside of the pacific high. What to do when the winds are as flat as the sea state? Tend to the washing!

Keeping yourself and your clothes clean at sea is a challenge Shadowsiders are well up to. We don't have a water maker on board so we have to be judicious with our fresh water usage. We have plenty for drinking and cooking, just not enough for each of us to take even a military shower every few days, but we have found ways to tend to our needs!

Molly, Lee and I decided to take a group salt water bucket bath in the cockpit. Since the sea state was near placid, it was safe for us to disrobe from our PFDs, tethers and shoes and get in a good scrubbing. Most soap products don't lather in salt water - our two types of castille soaps and shampoos don't for example - so it takes a few passes to really feel clean. Douse with a bucket or two of salt water to rinse. Thanks to one of the sailing blogs I follow - The Boat Galley - I learned about two useful tools liveboarders shouldn't do without - a pressurized plant/utility spray bottle and a Scrubba bag. For our freshwater final rinse, we used the spray bottle which does a bang-up job of misting/spraying off just about everything from dishes to solar panels to bodyparts with a whisper of water. The three of us rinsed ourselves off with just one 40oz bottle and had some to spare!

Afterwards we turned to laundry. I also learned from The Boat Galley that Method ultra concentrated laundry detergent suds in salt water, so we bought a tiny 50-load pump bottle for the passage. Small on packaging, big on clean! We Washed clothes in salt water in the scrubba bag (you can get it on amazon), did two salt water rinses and then one fresh water rinse in less than 1L of water.

All fresh for a few more days!

- Michelle

1000nm+ offshore

The winds turned yesterday and are now coming from our south west and so now we're sailing downwind wing on wing - ie poled-out jib on the opposite side of the prevented boom.

With the seastate continuing to be calm and winds light and the sun continuing to shine brightly, Capn decided yesterday was our best option before the winds fill in proper to douse, heave-to, refill the smaller diesel tanks from the jerry cans lashed to the deck and go for a swim!

We all took turns keeping a watchful eye from deck for curious sea creatures coming for a looky-see as we jumped in and played in the most glorious blue sea one could ever imagine. I didn't know swimming 1000nm from land in every direction was on my bucket list, but now that I've crossed that one off, I can safely say it was one of the most amazing experiences ever!

- Michelle

1000 NM Pictures



Ccomments:

Joanna August 15, 2016 at 10:17 AM

Woah that's some magical looking blue water! Add another item to the bucket list...

Nancy Isenburg August 13, 2016 at 12:30 PM

Haven't been able to post for three days, but enjoyed the photos and knowing that you are seeing the incredible meteor showers. Enjoy!!

Robert Eigenberg August 13, 2016 at 5:00 PM

Glad you're taking care of your hygienic needs...refreshing to be a bit clean with some clean clothes...the swimming that far out must be amazing....hope the winds return and your progress toward terra firma proceeds on schedule...major heat wave in the northeastern States..keeping cool in the air conditioning...Mols....Sara's safely home from her travels and sends her love...be safe, hale and hardy my daughter ...regards to the captain and crew

Anonymous August 13, 2016 at 5:57 PM

As Californians, we should follow your example of water conservation. I'm impressed! The water looks soooo blue! What an incredible experience you are all having. - Burke

Joanna August 15, 2016 at 10:14 AM

Wow I'm impressed too! As always, Michelle does her homework :) Have fun in your nice n clean skivvies!!

Sunday, August 14, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/14/16 07:55 HST

39-20 N 151-32 W

SOG 4.5 kn COG 055 M

Wind 11.5 @ 224 M

Clear and Calm

Sailing

Have a great day,

Lad

Dolphins

Good Day,

Exciting morning aboard the Shadowside as we have passed the half way point of our voyage.

The Crew was roused to the call of “Dolphins Ho” as a pod of approximately twenty dolphins cavorted next to, around and under the Shadowside this morning.

Lee is preparing to stream his fishing line and we are all hopeful that we will have fresh tuna for our half-way dinner tonight.

You're probably getting tired of this, however it is another spectacular day out here on the Blue Pacific!

Have a great day!

Lad





Comments:

CurtyAugust 14, 2016 at 2:48 PM

Hi Lad! It was comforting to know my brother (in the Katherine S.) had company nearby out in the big blue last night. :). Safe travels to you and your crew.

Monday, August 15, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/15/16 07:22 HST

40-50 N 150-00 W

SOG 4.0 kn COG 055 M

Wind 11.5 @ 055 M

Clear and Calm

Sailing

Have a great day,

Lad

Comments:

Nancy Isenburg August 15, 2016 at 10:22 AM

Timely arrival of the dolphins sending you cheers on passing the half-way mark in your voyage. Now THAT, for me at least, is a great reason to greet the morning. Good luck with the fishing for your dinner feast.

Robert Eigenberg August 15, 2016 at 10:59 AM

Dolphins are a great sign...happy to hear you're passed the halfway point in this journey....May the seas remain calm with steady winds and may you enjoy tuna sushi this evening...safe travels

Tuesday, August 16, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/16/16 07:51 HST

41-46 N 147-14 W

SOG 5.5 kn COG 055 M

Wind 11.5 @ 055 M

Clear and Calm

Sailing

Lad

Boat Life

Well Hello Shadowside Followers,

The skies cleared yesterday evening and we are now clipping along with perfect sailing weather.

We are fortunate to be where we are as there is a big low pressure trough from WA down to the CA coast. There is a boat in front of us that will have to heave to for two or three days before they can approach Cape Flattery, The bad weather should be gone by the time we get there. Its also nice that the Crew is still getting along well. There have been some great conversations during the watches.

We are all settled into the daily rhythm of life aboard. Eating, sleeping and standing watches with a little personal time left over to read and think.

We are all just enjoying this experience as it will soon be over.

We have covered 1563 NM since we left HI with 995.7 NM to go to our landfall at Cape Flattery. Then another 85 NM to Port Townsend. We are anticipating making our landfall sometime next Tuesday or Wednesday.

We celebrated crossing the half-way point with a bottle of champagne and some fine chocolate.

So far, we have encountered one single handed sailor on his way to SF and one large ship that crossed our bow last night about 3 NM away.

Have a great day!

Lad

Wednesday, August 17, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/17/16 07:47 HST

42-54 N 144-35 W

SOG 7.1 kn COG 056 M

Wind 10.3 kn @ 163 M

Clear and Calm

Sailing

Lad

Just Another Day

Good Day,

Well, I know your getting tired of my “another perfect sailing day posts”. However, I just report the sailing conditions, I don’t create them. However if I could, I would create just what we have! Here are a couple of pictures from the Shadowside’s helm station that tell it all!

Best wishes,

Lad

The View from the Helm



Sunset



Comments:

WayneAugust 17, 2016 at 6:18 AM

Sailed on Donner Lake (no extra-curricular dining required) in Tahoe last week. Nine yr old grandson was quite the skipper in our two-person Pico. Only capsized once, easy recovery with my weight on the dagger. Do I qualify to swab Shadowside's deck? Safe sailing.

Robert EigenbergAugust 17, 2016 at 10:45 AM

Glad the progress is steady and the weather's been good...Will continue following this journey...it amazes me....all be safe and wishing you further clear sailing...Love you Molly

Nancy IsenburgAugust 17, 2016 at 4:54 PM

Besides having a great crew, I know they have a proven Captain whose easy company and proven leadership makes the voyage all the better. Enjoy!!

Anonymous August 17, 2016 at 5:33 PM

I will never tire of hearing your good news! Sail on, Shadowside! - from the other, lesser Helm - Burke

Marilyn in SF August 17, 2016 at 7:50 PM

Just so you know, like Burke, I will never tire of hearing about a wonderful day at sea! I was in Texas and out of the loop for awhile, so finally had a chance to catch up on the blogs. That fish you caught looked like it must have been a very tasty dinner. And one question, did everyone go for a swim? Lad, did you? The water sure seemed inviting in those pictures. Foggy and gray in the City...
Happy sailing, Shadowside!

Wayne August 17, 2016 at 7:52 PM

I challenge you to describe the water WITHOUT using the word "blue." Gorgeous.

Nancy Isenburg August 17, 2016 at 10:02 PM

This is EXACTLY as described: "another perfect sailing" post. Even after living in Hawaii for years long ago, I couldn't imagine bluer water - nor more radiant skies!! Thanks for the "Wally Middy" voyeuristic experience. Wow ...

Friday, August 19, 2016

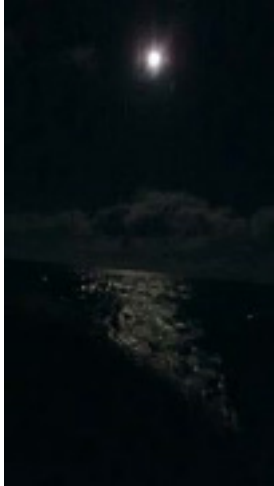
Position Update

Good Morning,
Position:
08/19/16 08:00 HST
44-51 N 140-56 W
SOG 3.1 kn COG 015 M
Wind 4.5 kn @ 000 M
Clear and Calm Motoring

Lad

Friday, August 19, 2016

Sailing Down a Moon Beam



Saturday, August 20, 2016

Continuing Voyage of the Sailing Vessel Shadowside.





Good day!

At 03:33 this morning the Klingon's attacked from the East. Oops wrong movie!

Another day on the Shadowside. I awoke this morning to an overcast sky. We are sailing along at 6.3 knots on our rout NE toward our turning point for Cape Flattery. About 23:00 today will reach 48-30 N and make our turn for the Cape. Hard to predict yet when we will make landfall at the Cape. Could be Wednesday night. Could be sooner if wind holds up. I will keep you updated. Just put the final set of way points into the chart plotter all the way to PT. The end of the voyage is in sight. At least on the Chart.

Life here continues to be good. Although, crew is getting a little tired. Everyone is in their bunk as soon as their watch is over and some have been seen snoozing on watch. You can tell we are N of latitude 45. Now need several layers at night to stay warm. At least one trip below during watch to warm up.

It is serprising how fast the days go. And it is quite pleasant watching the sea go by and hearing the sounds of the Shadowside cutting through the water. At night, I have the sensation of flying across the sea. Amazing how vast this ocean is!
Here are some pictures of life at sea.

Best wishes,
Lad

Sunday, August 21, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/21/16 07:48 HST

47-42 N 136-48 W

SOG 4.2 kn COG 350 M

Wind 10.8 kn @ 039 M

Clear and Calm Motor Sailing

Lad

Turning for Home

Good day,

This morning at 09:00 HST and after sailing 2170 NM from HI, the Shadowside turned East for the final leg of our voyage to landfall at Cape Flattery with 462 NM to go.

It continues to be a great voyage. Last night we came through a cold front with quite a bit of rain. Today the sun is back out and we have a crystal clear, cloudless sky.

Every evening at 17:00 HST we check in with the Pacific Seafarers Net, which is a ham radio net that serves sailors like us who are out at sea. We have made new friends with Peter Z1PWM who is located in the Bay of Islands in North New Zealand, Jane NH7TZ who is located on the Island of Kauai HI and Randy located on the Big Island HI. I want to say thank you to the dozen or so land based stations which participate in the net every day. They are there to log our position, relay messages to other stations, help with medical or other emergencies, or to patch us into a phone call.

It is quite pleasing to your skipper, who installed the radio gear, to be able to hear and be heard loud and clear all the way to NZ.

Unfortunately, we are running out of pictures. We keep hoping for a whale or a big ship or something else of interest to send you.

Have a great day,

Lad

Monday, August 22, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/23/16 08:10 HST

48-54 N 131-50 W

SOG 5.1 kn COG 049 M

Wind 8.2 kn @ 287 M

Overcast and Calm Sailing

Lad

A Perfect Day For.....





So what do you on your another perfect day on the Pacific and your 20 th day at sea?

Well ifyou are Michelle, you brighten the crew's day with PANCAKES!

All is well on Sailing Vessel Shadowside!

Have a great day!

Lad

Tuesday, August 23, 2016

The Wind is Up

Here are some great pictures of Molly reefing the main.



Greetings!

The Shadowside is reaching straight down the course line to Cape Flattery which is just 237 NM away. The wind came up this afternoon. We are doing 7.3 knots over the ground in 20 knots of wind, which is about as fast as the Shadowside will go.

What do you do when the wind comes up?

If the wind is blowing 15 knots or less. We will be under full sail which includes: Jib, Staysail, Main and Mizzen. As the wind comes up we need to shorten sail to depower the Boat. At 15 knots we strike the staysail. At 17 knots we shorten the Mainsail by putting in the first reef and furl in some of the Jib.

At 20 knots of sustained wind, we put a second reef in the Main and furl in more of the Jib. At 24 knots of sustained wind, we lower the Main altogether and sail under furled jib and Mizzen. Oh the beauty of a Ketch, so many sail combinations to choose from! So far on this voyage, we have flown every sail except the Mizzen Staysail and Storm Staysail.

We are anticipating landfall at Cape Flattery early in the afternoon (PDT) on Thursday. We are planning a fuel stop in Neah Bay. We should reach Port Townsend by midday Friday-- if the wind stays up!

Best wishes,

Lad

Wednesday, August 24, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/24/16 07:28 HST

48-41 N 128-12 W

SOG 6.2 kn COG 068 M

Wind 20.2 kn @ 311 M Clear and Sea 6 ft from NW Sailing

Lad

Wind Dance

Good day!

104.8 NM out from landfall at Cape Flattery.

You will recall that just a day ago we were motor sailing through light winds. So we (Michelle, Molly and I) decided that we needed a wind dance. As Skipper the task was given to me to choreograph such a dance. As we started in Hawaii, it was appropriate to do a hula. If we would have started in New Zealand, we could have done a haka!

The Shadowside Wind Dance begins with the dancers facing NW. The Dancers extend their hands and turn their palms up gently inviting the wind by rhythmically moving their hands toward their bodies. Next the Dancers portray a gentle wind by turning their palms down and extending their hands in a smooth waving motion. While waving the Dancers slowly turn from the NW to the N and then to our course line to the E. Finally, the Dancers invoke a stronger wind by amplifying their hand and arm movements until on the last movement they strongly extend their hands and arms toward Cape Flattery!

So, late yesterday afternoon the Shadowside Dancers (Michelle, Molly and Lad) performed the Shadowside Wind Dance with great energy! Unfortunately, no pictorial record exists of this unique custom.

Did it work you ask?

Last evening the wind began to rise. At first 15 knots, then 17 knots and we put two reefs in the main. When your captain's watch ended at 02:00 HST the wind was hovering around 20 knots and the sea was running about 6 feet from the NW.

At 03:30, the below deck crew was called to the deck. It was blowing 25 knots and the seas were running at 10 feet. We quickly dropped the Main Sale and furled the Jib down to about half. The Shadowside then charged through the night under Furled Jib and full Mizzen. Winds reached a high 34.5 knots with seas about 12 feet. Ah! the Shadowside is truly a wonderful sailing vessel!!!!

As I write these words we are skimming along toward Cape Flattery under full sail at 6.6 knots with 18.5 knots of wind and 5 foot seas.

Its a good thing we did not do a haka - we would have likely summoned a full gale!

Have a great day!

Lad

Thursday, August 25, 2016

Position Update

Good Morning,

Position:

08/25/16 07:00 HST

48-28 N 125-22 W

SOG 5.0 kn COG 080 M

Wind 7.5 kn @ 356 M

Clear and Sea 1 ft from NNW Sailing

21.8 NM from Cape Flattery

Lad

Re: Position Update

Hi Lad:

Great news! It was a pleasure working with you.

Aloha,

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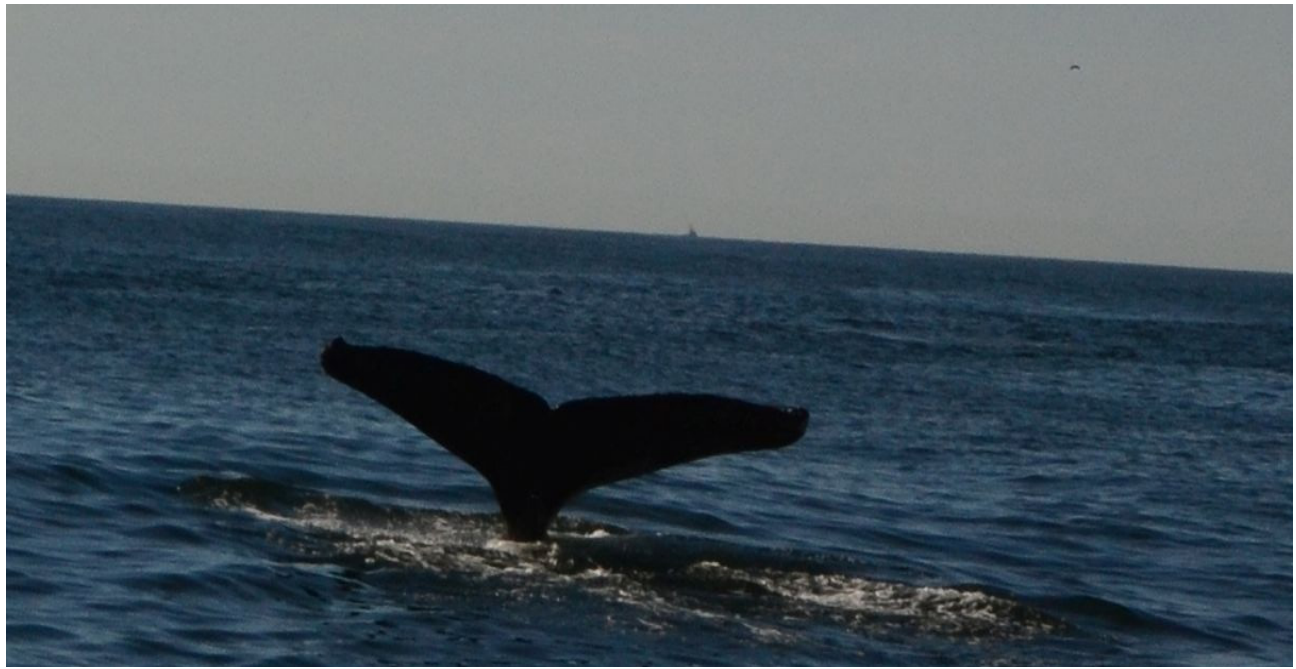
There be Whales Here

Good Morning!

At 07:00 your skipper was roused from his bunk by shouts of “Whales, Whales”. For the next ten minutes the Shadowside sailed past a pod of Hump Back Whales. We counted Ten, but then we are new at whale counting!

More latter,
Lad





Here are a couple of pictures from this mornings encounter.

After an interruption to let a tanker pass and to change a fuel filter, the Shadowside is three miles away from the entrance to the Strait of San Juan De Fuca.

Lad

Shadowside at Nehalem Bay, WA

Saturday, August 27, 2016



In Port Townsend



Two Photos to mark the end of the voyage. The entire crew on deck and Captain Lad kissing the deck of Shadowside



Another photo of all of us



In previous post, I posted a photo that perhaps was not the best, and did not tell the whole story. Standing there in the warm sun, some of us were reacting to a strange odor we acquired after 23 days without proper showers. These two might tell the whole story.



Saturday, August 27, 2016

Voyage Ends

Good Day Mates!

Yesterday, Friday, August 26, 2016 at 18:30 PDT, the latest Voyage of the Sailing Vessel Shadowside came to an end at 48-06 N and 122-47 W when we secured her in Slip D-228 at the Port Townsend Yacht Haven Marina.

Our voyage from Kaneohe Bay HI to Port Townsend WA has taken 24 days and covered 2591 NM up and across the North Pacific Ocean.

The Crew and I say THANK YOU! to all of you who have followed our voyage. We have a few more things to share with you, so check back in about a week.

DON'T MISS MICHELLE UP THE MAST AND OTHER EXCITING BITS NEVER YET SHARED WITH YOU!!

Until our next voyage and for Molly, Michelle, Lee and Don, May you have following seas and the wind at your back!
Lad