

of it. Also scary!
We all were anchored safely at 6:15^{P.M.}.
But Mort + I were very tired and unstrung
by our near miss.

We anchored on the advice of the
Yachtman's guide 1 1/2 miles south of
the beacon. It is not safe anywhere
else, due to large traffic.

We had a large drink, dinner and
then Mort + Bobby, via the VHF, made
some corrections on the Loran which we
hope will give us a better picture tomorrow.
We adjusted the Loran by using the
SET Mode to put in new secondaries.

Then we ~~had~~ staggered off to bed,
after getting the position of all anchor
lights in our minds eye, for checking
a secure hold during the night. It was 10:30^{P.M.}

Wednesday, April 12, 1989.

At 11:30 P.M. last night I was awaked
by increased wind and the rattling of
our deck chairs on the aft deck. I settled
them down and returned to bed only to
be awaked once more at 12:30 by Mort
moving around. The wind had picked

up even further - 15 knots with higher gusts - we estimated - and since we were in an exposed anchorage we were really getting a knocking around from wind and waves. We were insecure about our anchor holding and we stayed awake on anchor watch until after 3:00 A.M. We are sure our traveling mates were also doing the same. Some time after 3:00 A.M. we dozed off and slept until 5:30 A.M. when the alarm went off. Some nights sleep.

Our original plan was to go this day directly to Nassau, but due to predicted 15 to 20 knots wind and our fatigue, all Captains at our 7:00 A.M. Radio held meeting were in agreement to shorten our day and go into Chub Cay.

At 8:45 Mort sighted Northwest Channel light. It was exactly where our Radar and Thank God! our Loran said it should be. This is a very hopeful sign.

The Water is magnificent - Crystal clear. You can see Starfish on the bottom in 15 ft. of Water. They dot the water like stars dot the sky. Very numerous. What a trip

We passed N.W. Channel light at ~~N.W.~~
9:50 A.M. We have about 14 miles to go.

Rum Cay off our Port side at 11:50 A.M.

We pulled into Chub Cay Club at 12:30 P.M.
The entrance was no problem at 2 hours before
high tide. Also, there is a range and a red +
a green light to guide the way.

We should, particularly when we are
alone, bring the boat in from topside, so
as to see the bottom better and the pilings.
This place is also lovely. *

** We had Lisa Coladas & Chi Chis on board
with our friends and generally lazed
away the afternoon. * At 2:00 we walked
around to the beach and took a swim. Magnificent

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Dinner aboard was Cornish Hen & salad.
Bedtime was 9:00 P.M.

Tomorrow, we hope, is Nassau!

By the way, Our anchor had been damaged in the
winds at Russell Beacon - Mort, Howard +
Joe took it down and onto the pier, to fix same,
last night

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Thursday, April 19, 1989

We spent the morning as follows: We vacuuming and washing floors, and Mort confering on the pier with the other Captains. We are waiting for the tide to be right before leaving here. We pulled away from the dock at 10:30 A.M. enroute to Nassau. Our Log estimates our time of arrival at 4:14

We entered Nassau Harbor at 4:00 and were all secure by 4:30 or 4:45. We had some difficulty understanding our instructions due to the Bahamian accent, but ~~finally~~ finally we were directed to a slip and helped with lines by Dixie the dockmaster of the day, and Pat + Bob of the sailing vessel Baluga (or maybe it was Cavian). We had them aboard for a drink as a thank you. We called Paula and got a good report on everyone, Thank God!! Then we showered and taped into town for a fabulous Bahamian meal at "Three Queens" on Wully Rd.

The Marina Harbor is busy & exciting, but not by Baltimore standards. Although this is an inner city Marina, it is still smalltown.

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Friday April 14, 1989

We had a super, restful night.

Today we straightened up quickly and took off to see the town at 10:00 A.M. As we left the Marina we were once again taken by the clarity of the water here. You can read the labels on cans in 15 feet of water. We walked three plus miles into the major center, after browsing through the most colorful and friendly Produce + Fish markets on Torters Cay. (We took many snapshots all day.) You can buy your fish already on a slab, or while it is still swimming in a tank. We loved it and will return before we leave to stock upon fresh produce (Tomatoes, Soursop, Thyme, ginger root, peppers, yams.) Fresh conch is a plentiful commodity and so are White and Red Crabs. Strange looking and expensive by their standards, as well as ours, \$2.50 to \$3.50 each. I think, however, bargains can be struck. Then we visited The BASRA headquarters and picked up our window emblem and much helpful info. For example: Weather can be obtained on Ch. 27 (VHF) every 2 hrs on the even hour, and at anytime if a request is made. This is Nassau