

7-6-94 Con't.

and sometimes scary. One of the last boats to come in was Knot Married, Harriet & Rich. They are friends we made in passing at Faro Blanco, who keep popping up.

They said they had a rough time beating into the wind. They sounded woofed so we invited them aboard for Dinner! They brought the salad, I made Chicken/peas and Rice.

It was nice, But exhausting.

By 10:00 we were cleaned up and in bed.

Thursday,
July 7, 1994

Royal Island

At 4:00^{a.m.} I was lying awake listening to the stillness of no wind. Last night it was as flat as a pancake. I thought it would be a "go" so I kept myself from drifting back to sleep.

At 6:00 a.m. I was on deck & listening to Portsmouth weather. At 7:15 we were all set up to leave as soon as we picked up the Bahamas weather.

We were dumbfounded. The Nassau MET office said Small Craft advisories ~~and~~ cautions. Wind SSE 15-20 K waves 6 feet. It is a "no go". We were so nonplused that we called via Cellular to the Nassau Weather Officer. He reiterated the disappointing news. !!!
But we will roll with the Charge!!!

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We called Carol and told her to send our mail to Conch Inn.

It is 8:15 and we can feel the wind now. Good move not to go. Maybe tomorrow. Maybe not.

Mort is on the top deck working on the little motor for the red dingy. Maybe we'll get ashore in it, maybe not.

I haven't a thought for dinner.

We got the dingy in the water, but the wind is too high to take it to shore.

We had a wonderful day though ^{for} ^{parts.} R.T. Aides, and assisting people coming into "Royal Island Yacht Club". Fun with A. I. Broadshad. Mort thinks he is a real gaggle and a laugh.

Dinner was Lamb Chops & Salad.

Lights out at 9:00 P.M.

Friday, July 8, 1994

Royal Island *

Once more a stay day. We did A.M. chores. Mort cleaned some pumps, rustoleum some things in engine room (Rust spots)

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I did hand laundry, hard Boiled some eggs, cleaned the stove, our head etc.

At 9:30 we put the VHF on only to find Mariposa calling us seeking assistance.

This is a young couple on a sailboat they plan to go to the Dominican Republic. They have a broken fridge, a radio that is very weak, a dog & no dog food and they are on their way.

Well they said that they were adrift in Current Cut with their anchor wrapped around their prop & rudder, and their dingy adrift.

We assisted Basra in getting them assistance.

It is too windy to go in the little inflatable to see. We had a nice quiet Blowy afternoon. Only one large sailboat - Virginia Reel - came in, later followed by of all boats - Mariposa. They told us their adventure and they are an accident going somewhere to happen.

Dinner was Catfish. Beets. Applesauce.

Saturday, July 9, 1994

Royal Island

After a good good night's sleep we listened to the Ham net and decided maybe we'll go tomorrow.

It was calm enough however, to take the "Little Red Dugy" to the Island.

I was so afraid my knees would not handle the "crouch" necessary to get in the boat and the "push" necessary to get out, But I was fine.

My knees even seemed to withstand the long walk up and down the island.

It was worth going ashore. The old plantation estate is ~~crumbling~~ crumbling and decaying. The tropical plants are overgrowing it but it is apparent that it once was quite beautiful. We saw lizards, huge moths (so large I thought they were bats), blossoms, crabs and the northern shore of the island.

We were back by 10:00. By ~~10:30~~ 11:30 the little boat was up on the top deck and we were recuperating from our strenuous adventure.

We heard from Dragon Fly ^{via VHF} and they will be in the anchorage this afternoon & will join us for cocktails.

Dave & Jan of Morning Star ^{are} still unable to get anyone to help them with their Generator. It is the exhaust elbow - just as we had last year. We ache for them.

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Just as Dragonfly was coming over for cocktails they were approached by the Englishman who maintains the mooring for A-10. He said he could fix their refrigeration. In an hour & a half he had it fixed. It was too late for cocktails but we had them over for dinner instead.

Chicken Salad, Carrots, Vidalias, Tomatoes and some Birthday Cake. Yesterday was Nancy's Birthday.

Sunday, July 10, 1994 Royal Island to Rynyard Cay

Three years ago today we made this same trip.

At 6:40 our engines were on, at 6:50 our anchor was up, and at 7:00 we were out the cut & on course for ^{the} Abacos.

It is now 10:30 we have gone 24+ miles and it is a lot more rocking & rolling than we like even with the stabilizers.

The forecast from Portsmouth was 10 knots but its more. The waves are 2-4 as they predicted, but there are huge rollers that the waves are on.

Our friends on Morning Star left later and they have no stabilizers. Their trip will be more difficult.

This trip was a bitch even with the