

Thursday March 25, 1993 to April 12, 1993 Marathon  
Kids arrived in time for dinner on Thursday. They look good, but tired. We had a super week. The weather was perfect, the kids were good, as well as beautiful, and all seemed to enjoy.

After they left we got into a cleaning, stowing, provisioning, work on all systems mode.

There of course were some glitches and impedences. Mort had to replace the hose from the tub to the pump. A major undertaking. He also had to clean and recalc the foaming in the tub. It was leaking into the bilge. All in all a tough three day job. Two big jobs in the way of getting ready to cruise.

We bought a cellular phone in hopes that communication from the Bahamas will be improved. Jim will tell. He installed a Cellular Antenna. A full days work not on his job list. The depth finder is giving us fits. It has made 2 trips to California and although it was working when it went to the shop for a checkup, it has not worked since. This is a "biggy". It might affect our trip all together.

An even bigger "biggy" is that Paula called that she is feeling poorly. I am sick to death over this. I'm sending major prayers to the Good Lord that it is simply post vacation blues.

Today the 15th of April. Mort is rebuilding some of our Racor filters. He said it was a very good move

April 12, 1993 Cont.

Since it was in horrible shape. Could have caused real problems if left alone.  
Dinner was Caesar + Keks at Porkey. We split both. Eating "lite".

Tuesday, April 13, 1993

Marathon

Slept fitfully. Have Paula on my mind. I feel helpless where her problem is concerned. I'm doing some heavy praying, and can't stop dwelling on her situation. I pray this is not a major depression. (She has been really good for 7 years.) Shit!!! Well, there is really nothing else I can do in this regard. Like I said, "Helpless". This is not a productive mental state to be in myself.

Enough of that for now. I'll try to call her this evening.

Today I plan to defrost the Galley freezer. I've begun to stock the upper deck freezer. Today my second large order should be in at Woolly's

Re: the Depth Sounder. Mort got the fella in California on the line and insisted that he "talk" Mort through a check of the "finder". It has, we discovered a loose board, which Mort was able to "push and plug in".

It gave us on and off fits for several hours until we finally got it installed and working at the same time. We are going to buy a spare before we leave, and when we have the boat hauled in Man-O-War to have the bottom done, we'll have a new transducer installed and a second depth sounder for safety's sake.

Today is Alex's 3rd Birthday.

Wednesday April 14, 1993

Marathon

Made another large pickup & order today at Woolley. We spent a good portion of the day on stowing and Mont worked on the Rakors. (Finished them today. All engines ran well.)

Thursday, April 15, 1993

Marathon

Mont ran errands early then spent afternoon finishing the Cellular Phone Antenna installation. I re-shuffled some of our stores, and cooked 4 meals worth of Pasta for dinner tonight and for freezing. I also vacuum sealed lots of my dry goods, such as pasta, rice, nuts, flour, etc. Washed galley & salon floors.

Friday, April 16, 1993

Marathon

Today I will shop in for our lunch guests Sunday. (Jessie + Dick are coming.) Must pre-cook shrimp, eggs, etc.

I've been up since 4:00 A.M. due to wind, rain and thunder + lightning. I wrote several letters and did some reading. I feel pooped and it's only 7:30 A.M.

Saturday, April 17, 1993

Marathon & Sugarloaf

Today was the usual except for our visit to Janet & Jim Pickering on Sugarloaf. Their place is very interesting, indeed. Right on the water - Day side - and very scenic. Dinner was great. They had smoked a turkey which was delicious, and she served a tomato onion & bean salad & a delicious herbed rice. They plan a trip to the Abasco in June, and we went over to

April 18, 1993 - Sunday

Marathon

We slept in until 8:00 and then spent our morning getting ready for our much anticipated lunch & dinner with Jessie & Dick. They arrived in the area last week <sup>in</sup> on their motor home. For some reason they only have one afternoon to give us, which is just as well since we are all involved in trying to stay on "departure" schedule.

I made shrimp, hardboiled egg and fresh veggies for lunch. Mmm. Then we played Rummy till <sup>the</sup> time for dinner at Croc Radices.

It was a fine day, but Mort and I feel that what we have in common with Jessie & Dick is very thin now. We felt a pulling away. This maybe because Jessie doesn't want to feel the loss of boating. I think she misses it very much.

April 19<sup>th</sup> 1993, Monday

Marathon

Chugging to get ready. Made an appt. with Dally Marine to check out Port Engine - Very hard if not impossible to start. Mort must crack a fuel valve every time. My knee is feeling wonderful for the first time.

April 20, 1993, Tuesday

Marathon

Pat from Dally Marine was here at 8:30. The diagnosis is a new fuel injector pump needed. This will be expensive.

April 21, 1993, Wednesday

Marathon

Jim came today with new 8V Batteries for the 32V system. They were supposed to be here at 10 A.M. They didn't get here until 4:30 P.M. I packed for our trip to Lighthouse point.

Thursday, April 22, 1993

Marathon to Lighthouse Point

Went early into Lauderdale to do the sign place, Publix, Boat U.S. etc. Got to Bobbie about 3:00 p.m. Did several games of Rummy Tiles after talking ourselves out. Dinner was at Pelican Cove. Mont & I shared a 4 lb. lobster (Joe was there) Good day.

Friday, April 23, 1993

Dania

We went, at long last, to the much touted Dania Flea Market.

It was first class, super, fun and very worthwhile.

We got brass hooks we needed, that new would have cost us \$26. + for \$10. We got a 32 Volt fan for \$10. Not too great a loss if it doesn't work. And "ta da", I got 3 pairs of Sabago Sandles - no longer ~~to~~ made - for \$15. Last boat show I paid \$36 for each pair. (I now have a 9 pair stash of new sandals. Maybe by the time I run out they will be making them again. These are my mainstay footwear.)

Bobbie had some trouble with the Truck over heating. This may create a problem with our getting a large order from Costco tomorrow. We left it at the shop.

Dinner was at George's. Margaret and Joe joined us.

This was a terrific day.

Saturday, April 24, 1993

Costco

Bob's <sup>truck</sup> car won't be ready. We will fill Joe's Bronco, and he and Bobbie will follow us to Marathon.

It was a fun and expensive order at Costco. We arrived back in Marathon about 6:00. We had dinner at Anthony's