

Follow along with us as we cruise onboard our
56' Ocean Yacht.

Somewhere on the Water

OUR STORY

Volume 1 – Where did the idea come from?

Hi, we are the Corbett family.

We are living our dream and we welcome you to our story!



Family photo in front of our house. Spring 2020.



Come find us, we are out there –

[Somewhere on the Water!](#)

THE BACKSTORY

Several years ago, during a trip to Vermont; That is where **this story** begins.

While visiting family during our Christmas holiday vacation, **Mark** got a little bored while we **womenfolk** were hanging out in the kitchen.

To cure his boredom he grabbed his iPad, went online, and went in search of something entertaining. Eventually, he stumbled across something called; **"THE GREAT LOOP."**

According to greatloop.org:

America's Great Loop is the boating adventure of a lifetime!

"Loopers" cruise the 6,000-mile Great Loop route aboard their own boats, traveling northward along the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway to New York, through the New York canals to the Great Lakes to Chicago, down the inland rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, and around Florida.

This **REALLY** grabbed Mark's attention!

Being a boater his whole life he was surprised he never heard of this.



So begins the research.

- How long does it take?
- When should you start?
- What is the best boat for the Great Loop?

Come to find out there is a book that answers all those questions and more: *"The Looper's Companion."*

It is the first book (that wasn't a 'user manual') I have seen him read in many years, lol!

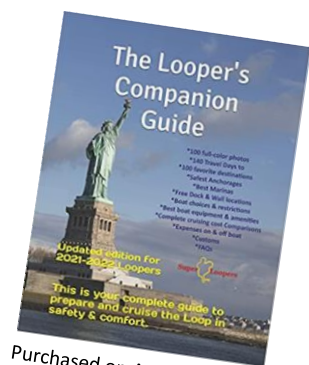


"The Looper's Companion" is very thorough and is now Mark's favorite book.

Many "loopers" have documented and shared their experiences cruising the loop on YouTube.

There are also Facebook groups that prove to be a good forum to share experiences, tips, hints, etc. about the loop.

There are also several websites about the loop.



Purchased on Amazon.com
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Here are some Great Loop links:

- <https://greatloop.org/>
- <https://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/great-loop.html>
- <https://www.knowwake.com/blog/destinations/cruising-americas-great-loop/>
- <https://www.discoverboating.com/resources/best-great-loop-boats>

We have no affiliations with these links. I just googled the great loop and am sharing what I found and some of the sites Mark found useful.

Now that the obsession of doing the loop is fully engrained in Mark's mind he needs to make a plan.

FAILING TO PLAN
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PLANNING TO FAIL

But Wait! There is something **MORE IMPORTANT** than making a plan!

What is that you ask?

Mark has to get the family on board with this idea!

What is the idea? Taking this trip is a significantly huge commitment. Is it even a possibility for our family? We have a house. The kids are still in school. What about the business?

Mark has a lot to think about and a lot of planning to do.

Is that going to be a difficult task? To get your family to agree to this trip? Maybe? Maybe not?



The Great Loop is probably best described as the boating adventure of a lifetime! It's a 6,000-mile water route that circumnavigates the eastern part of the U.S., and often part of Canada.

The route takes you northward on the Atlantic Intracoastal Waterway, through the Chesapeake Bay, along the New Jersey coastline to New York Harbor, up the Hudson River to the New York State canals, through the Great Lakes to the Inland rivers near Chicago, down the rivers to the Gulf of Mexico, and around the tip of Florida.

As a family, we have been boating for 15 years. All summer long. Every weekend. Almost every summer (keep reading). Boating is what our family does for fun.



Boating is an expensive hobby. Add to that the short New England boating season; we made sure to maximize our investment by being onboard as much as possible.

Over the years we turned down many invitations to BBQs, parties, etc., to be onboard **SECOND NATURE**.

Second Nature: A history story...

This 1980 vessel was named *Lady Duane*. Mark found her for sale in Maryland. We drove from Cape Cod, MA to Maryland to buy our family's first boat and then had it hauled to us.

We named it: **SECOND NATURE.**



DELIVERY DAY, APRIL 2005!

Securing a mooring at Zecco Marina, in Wareham, MA for the Summer of 2006 was our first summer boating.

Our summer routine consisted of packing our bags, a large cooler, and climbing onboard Friday night, returning home late Sunday afternoon. Rain or shine.

We did a little bit of fishing, a little bit of exploring, some snorkeling, and a whole lot of swimming.



Our 'water-dog' Brandy Anne had the most fun! She would eagerly jump in and swim by herself, with the kids, give you a tow, take herself to the shore to go to the bathroom, swim herself back to the boat, and just keep going until you made her stop and rest!



Our fun was always accompanied by loud music, good food & drink and sometimes we had family and friends join us.

Some of our favorite boating destinations in Buzzards Bay, MA include:

- Hadley Harbor
- Bassetts Island
- Cuttyhunk
- Black Beach
- Onset Harbor

We were truly a happy family and looked forward to our summers. The saddest day of the year for us was the day the boat got hauled out of the water and trailered back home to the driveway!

As much as we love being on **SECOND NATURE**, we did miss one or two boating seasons throughout the 15 years we owned her.



Find out WHY we missed those summer boating seasons on our beloved **SECOND NATURE** and, WHAT did we do instead?

Plus:

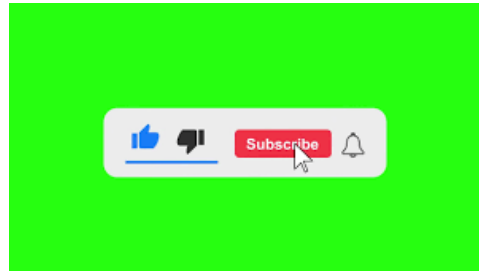
How does Mark convince me and the girls that buying a boat and cruising this 6,000-mile trek is a good idea?

Coming soon..

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Volume 2 – What happened to Second Nature?

In the meantime, check out the video link....and please like & subscribe.



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