

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

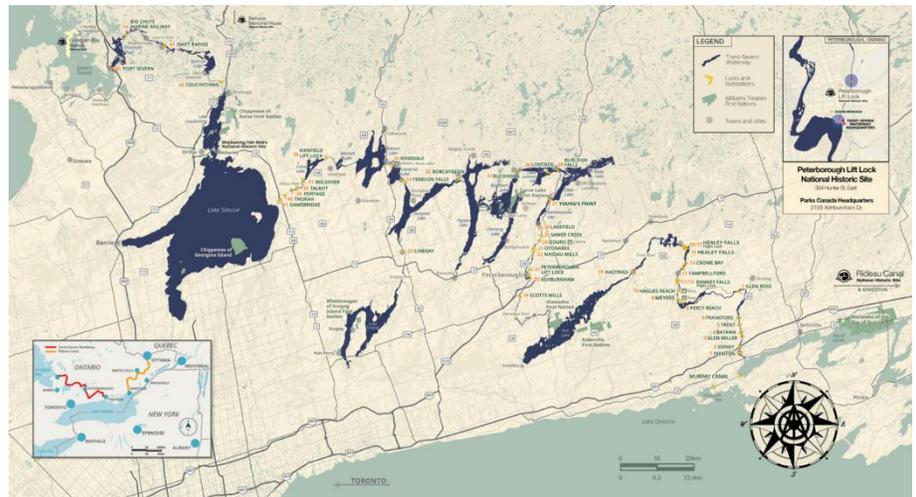
Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Trenton, Ontario to Glen Ross, TSW Lock 7

Saturday, July 5, 2025
Day 39 (26th day of cruising)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!
Trent Severn Waterway, here we come!

The Trent–Severn Waterway is a 386-kilometre-long canal route connecting Lake Ontario at Trenton to Georgian Bay, Lake Huron, at Port Severn. Its major natural waterways include the Trent River, Otonabee River, Kawartha Lakes, Lake Simcoe, Lake Couchiching and Severn River. [Wikipedia](#)



First opened in 1922 and is operated by Parks Canada. You need to have a Parks & Waterways pass (which Valkyrie does). You can purchase that online before arrival or at your first lock.

8:20 am – engines started,
Trash removed, water tank filled, black water tank pumped, fuel tank full, and we dropped our keys into the slot at the dock gate, and disconnected the electric cord. Did we miss anything?

I don't know, but we had our locking gear, meaning our marriage savers, life jackets, gloves, and hooks at the ready, and our fenders and lines were in place. We had 15 minutes to the first lock, and we saw 3 loop boats leave before us.



The locks open at 9 am. The first set of boats went through and out the other side by 9:25 am. Now it is our turn!

We were the 2nd set of boats to go through the lock. We were with 2 other boats, Silver Lining and Sweet Melissa. They rafted up together inside the lock as directed by the lock master. We followed in behind them.

By 10:30 am, we completed two locks and were on our way to lock #3, which was 1 mile ahead. The entire Trent is a no-wake speed.

My GoPro quit as we were exiting the 2nd lock, and the bow GoPro shut itself off because it overheated. I put a fan under it in hopes of it happening again. I would hate to miss out on this footage because this is a once in a lifetime for us!

I use 3 cameras to capture our travels:

1. My iPhone
2. A GoPro that is on the windshield
3. A second GoPro is in a tripod that I set up as needed, mostly in the back cockpit with me during locking.

The cameras today were giving me trouble. The heat kept the front GoPro from being dependable, and the battery in the other was not holding a charge. I placed my work phone in the windshield as a backup; however, it was not a stable setup, so it tipped over when Mark used the thrusters while positioning ourselves in the locks. I was capturing so much footage that my iPhone's storage filled up quickly. On top of being in the high 80s and sweltering inside the locks with no breeze and the fact that they were back-to-back locks with little time in between each of them, this camera issue was not making my day easy.

Emptying the camera's storage cards takes a bit of time. It was a hectic day. Mostly smooth outside of the camera issues. I did have trouble at lock 6, which was frustrating for me, but overall, the day had been going fine.



By 1:10 pm, we had done six locks, and we were cruising at no wake speed to lock 7. The goal was to go through lock 7, then stop for the day.

Apparently, there is an amazing ice cream place at Lock 7 that cannot be missed, and who am I to say no to ice cream!!!



Baby swans 😊

This next lock was anticipated to be an hour away, so I took that time to regroup, get the cameras in order, and had a cold drink.

There is a swing bridge at Lock 7. Our first swing bridge out of 33 on the Trent-Severn.

2:20 engines off. We are at lock 7 (high side).



There are no services at this lock wall, meaning no electricity or water hookup.

Some local kids were jumping off the train bridge located across the canal. It was a hot day. The temperature rose to 90 degrees inside the salon. We had hamburgers & salad for dinner. The variety store located here (I think it's the only thing located here) has a reputation for having some of the tastiest ice cream cones on the canal. We walked over the bridge and bought ourselves ice cream. It was good, although the cashier wasn't sure why loopers keep stopping there for ice cream; she didn't think it was worth bragging about. They sold Kawartha brand ice cream, which turns out, so doesn't just about everyone else in Ontario.

- **[Kawartha Dairy:](#)**

An Ontario-based, family-owned company known for its rich, creamy ice cream made with 100% Canadian milk and cream.



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Daily Summary:

Departed from Trenton @ 8:20 am

Arrived at Lock 7 Glenross free wall @ 2:20 pm

Hours traveled: 6 hrs total for the day

Nautical Miles Traveled: 16.71 for the day (683.38 total miles)

Average Speed 2.8 knots

Weather: Sunny in the 80's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Trenton Marina was great. Highly recommend. Can get everything and anything needed in town.

The facility was clean and had every amenity you could want.

#of locks we went through: 7 (37 total locks)



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That is a wrap for this update!



Time is unrenewable and tomorrow is never promised so do it before you can't!

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