

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

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Glen Ross Lock 7 to Lock 15 Healy Falls, Ont. Canada

Sunday, July 6, 2025
Day 40 (27th day of cruising)

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

Fun Facts:

The Trent-Severn waterway is famous for its unique locks, which you will see as we progress through the canal. The two most notable are the Peterborough Lift Lock and the Big Chute.

In addition to lockage and overnight mooring services, various other amenities at lockstations, such as washrooms, campsites and potable water, make it easy to plan a trip of any length. Each lock has its own story to tell and you will find friendly Parks Canada staff there to welcome you when you arrive. <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/posteeclusage-lockstation>

The website noted above, and here links to information for each lock, its location, amenities, and history.

<https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/posteeclusage-lockstation/ecluse-lock-01-trenton>

We will also be passing by 160 dams and through Balsam Lake: Balsam Lake, the highest point on earth reachable from sea level by boat. (Google)

7:50 am – We left Lock 7. We planned to take 1 hour 10 minutes to get to lock 8 in hopes of going through the first opening of the day at 9 am.

Silver lining, the boat we locked with yesterday, which was also at this wall last night, was gone before 7:30 am when I got up.

It was a beautiful ride to our first lock. We had a little bit of trouble with the radios upon arrival at lock 8, but it worked itself out.

Lock 8 – Percy Reach went smoothly. We caught up with Silver Lining and went through the lock with them.

There is 1 mile between lock 8 & 9. The GoPro camera I use to record myself in the cockpit battery is no good, and there is no replacement, so we used an extension cord that ran from the salon.

Locks 11 & 12 are the first flight of two on the Trent Severn. This flight is 2 locks together, sharing a common door. This flight lock enabled vessels to bypass Ranney Falls. There is a suspension bridge across the Raney Gorge that was built in 2003 and spans 300 feet. (We did not visit.)

The doors at lock 11 were loud! It is a tall lift. Together with Lock 12 is a 48' lift.

By 11:30 am, we were through lock 12 and the Ranney Falls Swing Bridge.



The next thing on today's agenda was to stop in Campbellford for provisions. It was hard to keep fresh fruit and vegetables on board. We also needed to stop at a liquor store. Here in Ontario, Canada, it is called the LCBO, Liquor Control Board of Ontario.

12:22 pm, we tied up to the wall in Campbellford and went to the grocery store and the LCBO. There was no charge for us to stay at the wall for a few hours; however, an overnight stay does have a fee.

It was 89 degrees in the salon and 89 degrees outside. I was a sweaty mess. There was no breeze inside the locks, and in some cases, the sun was beating down on me. I did not wear sunscreen, which, in hindsight, I should have, and I should also have put a water bottle next to me.

The grocery store was a success. I was able to get what I wanted. The LCBO was not successful in the sense that Mark wanted Rum, but even



(Valkyrie in Campbellford)

after the cash conversion from CAN to US dollars, one bottle of rum would cost over \$50. In the US, we pay \$21. Mark bought Molson Beer, and I bought some seltzers.

1:30 pm – on the move again with 8 more locks to go.

Lock 14 gave me a bit of trouble. I had been going for the 2nd cable all day, but because we were the only boat in this lock, Mark was going further forward than usual, but did not communicate with me, nor did I ask, so luckily we were going slow, so when I yelled stop stop stop, the forward motion did pretty much come to a halt. I was quickly able to talk with him and recover. We should have communicated before going into the lock.

Our next lock, lock 15, was much better. We had great communication, and it went very smoothly.

4:00 pm – arrived at lock 15 on the high and tied up and engines off
It is 92 in the salon

There was a swing bridge at lock 15. It was open. It stays open on the weekends because the only people who need access to it are the Ontario Hydro (water plant) employees, and they don't work weekends.

Hot dogs w/salad and asparagus.



We went for a swim. It was so refreshing. Today was another hot summer day. After our swim, we saw a beaver swimming nearby. At one point, we saw 3 beavers. Happy to have gotten out before they went for their evening swim.

Daily Summary:

Departed from Glenross TSW Lock 7 @ 7:50 am

Arrived at Healy Falls Lock 15 @ 4:00 pm

Hours traveled: 4:20 + 2:24 = 6 hrs 44 mins total for the day

Nautical Miles Traveled: 15.59 + 7.21 = 22.8 for the day (706.18 total miles)

Average Speed 3.6 knots

#of locks we went through: 8 (45 total locks)

Weather: Sunny in the 80's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Good spot, lots of locals swam and jumped off bridge, general store that was raved about was ok, good ice cream. Same brand as everyone else so not sure the hype.

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/9NCLIZBHJwU>

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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