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56' Ocean Yacht.

Somewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop
Trent Severn Waterway Hastings to Peterborough

Tuesday, July 8, 2025
Day 42 (28th day of cruising)

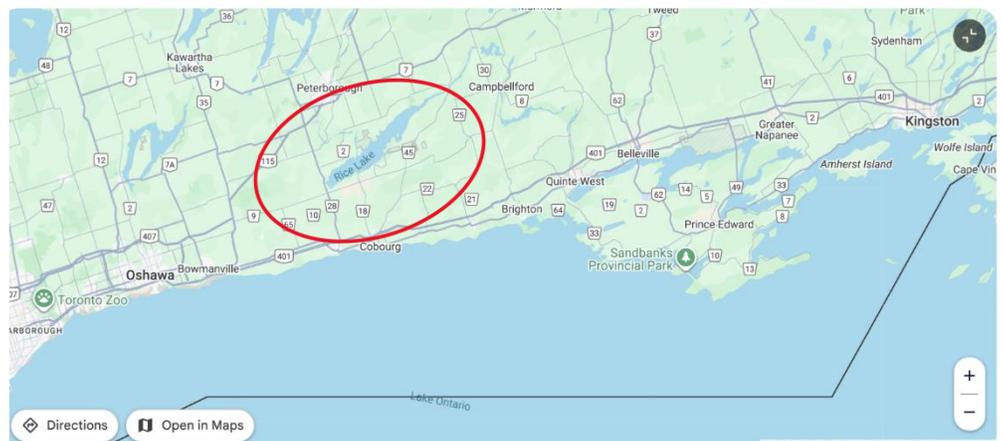
Welcome! Glad to have you here!

6:30 am – We left Hastings hastily because we needed to separate ourselves from this boat pack, and/or just be ahead of it, so we may or may not have some options regarding where we were going to dock tonight.

Why did we leave hastily? I talk about it in today's video and mentioned it in the previous day's blog. First, I thought it added a bit of fun drama to word it that way...Hastings hastily, but also because we wanted to place ourselves in a good position for the night and we needed to charge our batteries. They were low!!

Mark ran the generator this morning while underway because we did not get to run it last night to charge the batteries. Normally, in the morning, we would let the generator run just to make coffee and tea, but we needed to make up for not running it last night. He also ran the water maker and filled our fresh water tank while we were in Rice Lake. Rice Lake makes up 17 miles of our passage today.

Rice Lake is an eutrophic lake (rich in [nutrients](#) and so supporting a dense plant population, the [decomposition](#) of which kills animal life by [depriving](#) it of oxygen) formed by the retreating



glaciers of the last ice age nestled in the scenic glacial moraine to the north of Lake Ontario. A shallow lake, it features marshes and wetlands at the mouths of the Otonabee, Ouse, and Indian Rivers that flow into the lake.



Rice Lake

9:30 am – we saw cows! Cows on the side of the waterbank were having a morning drink.

Mark felt that maybe we had some weeds on the props, so he slowed to a halt and then backed down to clear them. Either that or we were going against a strong current, but he was not seeing evidence of a current.



10:20 am This stretch felt rather isolated from the rest of the world. We saw several camp sites with RVs that had built their own boat ramps, some had sheds, some had seating areas with firepits. There were a lot of people fishing along this portion of the river. If you wanted to hide out, this might be the spot.

When we approached Lock 19, we discovered that it was a portside tie. I am not sure why I was supposed to drop the fenders for this because they are typically always in place, but Mark asked me to, and I forgot one...oops. I prefer to use the shorter of the two stern lines, so I had to quickly switch those. I don't like to be rushed, but in the end, the lock went smoothly.

Lock 19: The 1841 lock at Whitla's Rapids allowed steamers access from the Otonabee River to Peterborough and this is the only lock left to retain its original masonry. Home to the Trent-Severn Waterway Headquarters. Today the original Lockmaster's Watch House from Lock 20 is being used as a mini-museum at Lock 32. <https://parks.canada.ca/lhn-nhs/on/trentsevern/visit/posteeclusage-lockstation/ecluse-lock-19-scottmills>

11:40 am – engines off, docked lower lock 20, Ashburnham. I called it Peterborough, but it is Ashburnham. There is a bike trail here and a nice park for kids to play. We were at the end of the lock wall, so no one could be bothered by our generator.

We took a bike ride to see the historic lock 21, which is a bathtub lock. It is one of two Hydraulic Lift Locks on the Trent. The nearby visitor center that focused on this lock, its history, etc., was closed. We walked up an obnoxious number of steps to the top and watched the lock in action. It is very impressive.



After watching the lift lock, we biked downtown Peterborough.

Thoughts on Peterborough...not pedestrian friendly, stores were not impressive, plenty of restaurants, and there is a marina near the waterfront park. The fountain was cool.

A popular museum to visit here is the Canadian Canoe Museum. (We did not visit)

The Canadian Canoe Museum, located in Peterborough, Ontario, Canada, is a museum dedicated to canoes. The museum's mission is to preserve and share the culture and history of the canoe's enduring significance to the peoples of Canada through an exceptional collection of canoes, kayaks, and paddled watercraft." [Wikipedia](#)



Dinner was bbq ribs with zucchini & corn on the grill.

We had cocktails on the flybridge. I slapped a tree so now Mark and I are one each. 😊

The boat that complained about our generator also tied to the wall here on the opposite side from us. They came over and spoke with us about leaving early and apologized for the way they spoke with us about it. It was not necessary for them to



do that but appreciated. However, the drama of our diesel engines is not over so stay tuned!

Daily Summary:

Departed from Hastings @ 6:30 am

Arrived at Lock 20 @ 11:40 am

Hours traveled: 5 hrs 10 mins total for the day

Nautical Miles Traveled: 33.69 for the day (754.34 total miles)

Average Speed 6.4 knots

Weather: Sunny in the 80's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Dock is right next to town, not too many shopping options in Hastings.

#of locks we went through: 1 (49 total locks)

 **YouTube** <https://youtu.be/X2xrp5379X0>

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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