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56' Ocean Yacht.**

# *Somewhere on the Water*

Our Great Loop

Trent Severn Waterway lock 26, Lakefield to Anchorage in Martini Bay,  
Pigeon Lake

Thursday, July 10, 2025

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

8:40 am – Started engines and departed Lakefield.

Here in Lakefield, there are alternative docking options to the wall that we tied to. There is a second free wall that is in front of the maintenance building, and there is the Lakefield Marina. While Mark and I were out walking last evening, we saw many looper boats at the marina.

At the first lock of the day, Young's Point is a popular stop amongst loopers and, of course, locals. Lockside. We opted not to stop because we don't need to spend money on anything.

## *Fun Fact:*

Lockside began in 1987 with the purchase of the historic Young family homestead in the community of Young's Point, Ontario (built in the 1850's). It was originally the lockmasters house at Lock 27 on the Trent severn Waterway, and the home of the The Stoney Lake Navigation Company a steamboat company that offered transportation for the area. Lockside Trading Company was born when owners Susan Mattucci and partner Brian Holmes left the comfort of the 9-5 business world to begin their own dream in the country to fill the need of a great business right in the heart of cottage country. Originally fashioned as an antique and gift shop, Lockside has grown into the **largest country store in the Kawarthas**, showcasing four seasons of in-store design and merchandise

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We had a short delay getting into lock 27, Young's Point. There was a boat locking through, so we tied to the blue wall (indicating we were waiting to lock through). The water was so clear that we could see fish, and Mark saw a turtle. While locking, I had a nice conversation with a local couple about our trip and America's Great Loop.

By 10:15 am, we were through our first lock of the day.

We had a nice stretch between locks 27 & 28. It was like the land of little islands. There were hundreds of islands, some with cottages, some without. It was a beautiful ride as the canal had us weaving in and out of them.



12:19 pm, and we just came through lock 30.

As we are travelling along the Trent, we both noticed that the lock attendants are becoming less chatty. The early

locks had a lot of staff, young college kids; their main job was to open and close the doors and talk with the boaters. Yesterday and today, the lock attendants are all business and little chatter. They have automatic doors, do not have to use the turnstiles, and the elevation is not as high. Curious as to why they are not more chatty.



The lowest clearance bridge on the TSW @ 20.5' is the Gannon Narrows Bridge.

With the radar arch and antennas down, Valkyrie is 19' high.

Lock 31 is the busiest lock on the Trent, according to the lock attendants. We waited 3 cycles of boats locking before we fit in. We finally got through by 2:40 pm after an almost 2-hour wait.

4:30 pm – Engines off and we are at anchor! Yay. Martini Bay. There are several houseboats at anchor here. We are next to two islands with cottages on them. Mark let out 150' of anchor chain. We are in 20ish' of water.

Went swimming, Mark double checked everything under the boat. All looks good.

Mark flew the drone and took this photo of us. Made water with our water maker to fill the freshwater tank. We had burgers and salad for dinner,



The full moon was spectacular. It lit up the whole sky, saw the Big Dipper and many other stars, but the moon was bright enough to keep us from seeing too many star constellations.

### *Daily Summary:*

Departed from Lakefield, Ont @ 8:40 am

Arrived at Anchorage, Martini Bay @ 4:30 pm

Days cruised: 31 Days on the loop: 44

Hours traveled: 7 hrs 50 mins total for the day

Nautical Miles Traveled: 34.03 for the day (796.75 total miles)

Average Speed 4.4 knots

Weather: Sunny in the 80's

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Quiet, easy walk to town

#of locks we went through: 5 (61 total locks)



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That is a wrap for this update!



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