

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

Someewhere on the Water

Our Great Loop

Thursday, August 7, 2025

Bassett Island anchorage, Ont to Drummond Yacht Basin, Drummond, MI

Welcome! Glad to have you here!

The anchor came up rather clean. There was a little bit of mud and clay that rinsed off easily. This anchorage was good. The anchor had a good hold; it was spacious with plenty of room for a lot of boats.

It was a bit humid today. The forecast predicted rain in a few days. We have had glorious weather so far on this trip. We have been fortunate to have had calm seas, sunshine, and warm water for swimming.

Last night was our last night in Canada. I know I did not realize that fact, or I would have done something to commemorate it. We had a quiet evening. We explored the area in the tender, we went ashore on a small sandy beach where there was a picnic table, a hammock, a fire pit for anyone to use, plus a short walking trail to the opposite side of the island. Of course, we had to take turns in the hammock, I mean, why not! Mark had mentioned many times that he wanted to have a waterside fire. Why he did not take advantage of this opportunity, I do not know. It was the perfect chance to make it happen.

It does not get dark until close to 10 pm up here in these parts. We had several nights of clear skies and the brightest moonlit nights. The moon had an orange glow tonight that, against the night sky, was incredible.

Today, we are cruising Lake Huron's North Channel to Drummond Island. We will check back into the USA and then anchor nearby.

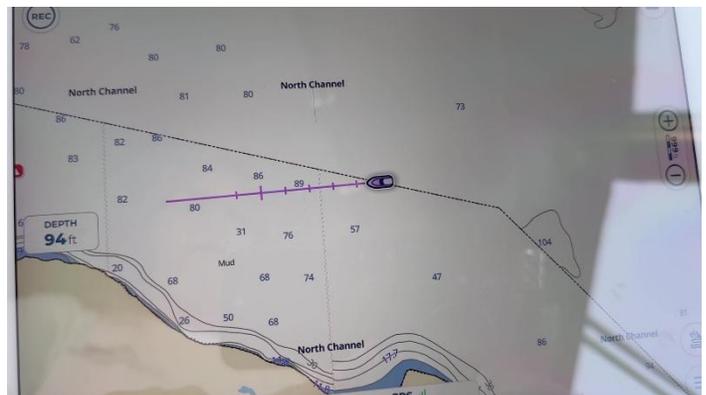
While cruising, Mark was busy setting the stage for his afternoon project: flipping the anchor chain. He found a weak link that needs to be removed. Once he removes the chain in its entirety, he will remove the

weak link, insert an emergency link made with rope, then remark the chain at the intervals he likes. The emergency rope link gives the captain a place to cut the anchor free if ever an emergency warrants it.

After calling the Drummond Yacht Club, Mark changed our plans and booked us a slip for the night. In preparation for returning to the States, I downloaded the App onto my phone and started doing a little research on what was required from us.

The wind picked up during the cruise, which caused us to roll around a bit. Nothing too exciting. It was just enough to notice and to make walking about the salon a little like a drunken sailor rather than a sure-footed one.

12:20 pm – Mark and I watched the Valkyrie icon on Aquamaps and Navionics apps as we crossed the imaginary line called the USA & Canadian border back into the United States. We gave each other a high five and said thank you to Canada (because good vibes out into the universe are important) and



continued with our cruise. We were about 1 ½ hours from the marina.

We arrived at Drummond Yacht Haven, fueled up with 274 gallons of diesel, paid for one overnight, settled into our slip, and turned the engines off by 2:45 pm. We fueled up once in Canada, in South Bay Cove. Fuel is much cheaper in the US; thankfully, Valkyrie had the range for that.

Checking back into the USA on the app (CBP One mobile app) was not the smoothest process for us. We actually got denied entry at one point. I walked over to the marina office for guidance. What an amazing, friendly staff at this marina! I called the customs office. They advised that the

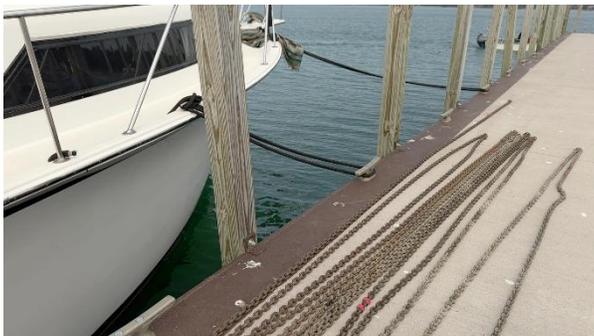
reason we were denied was either that we weren't actually in the country or that we lost internet connection while submitting our application. Of course, we were in the country, so under the agent's advice, I resubmitted the application. He promptly videoconferenced us, asked to see our passports, we answered a few questions, and then we got the approval to be back in our home country.

There is an additional step, not only downloading the app and filling out the application, but there is a separate website (DTOPS) that directs you to pay a fee for reentry. The fee is for a decal for private vessels over 30'. This should be done before submitting your CBP application. It was not an overwhelmingly daunting task, but obviously my earlier research was not very thorough so I was a bit frustrated with myself. Because I did not purchase a decal, I did not have our decal number, which is required on the CBP application. Thankfully, the marina staff directed me on how to handle that.

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YOU HAVE BEEN APPROVED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES.



The anchor chain project took a while to accomplish. That was not the only important project on the list that needed to get done today. Next up was raising the tender back to the

flybridge, manually. Don't forget that our winch motor was broken, and without it, raising the 396lbs tender was an enormous undertaking.

After all that, laundry was next, and filling the fresh water tank. With no time left to tour the area, we had dinner on board the boat, enchiladas.



What a moon! Goodbye Canada
Thanks for the memories!

Daily Summary:

Departed from Bassett Island @ 8:18 am

Arrived at Drummond Yacht Haven @ 1:55 pm

Days cruised: 51 Days on the loop: 72

Hours traveled: 5hrs 36mins

Nautical Miles Traveled: 46.8 for the day (1,182.12 total miles)

Average Speed 8.3 knots

Weather: cloudy, cool, windy

Anchorage/mooring/marina review: Bassett Island was a great anchorage, good hold, lots of room

#of locks we went through: (73 total locks)

States Travelled: So far this trip: 4 MA, RI, NY, NJ, MI

Countries: USA & Canada

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