



*"For when the cold wind blows, I will close my eyes calmly, knowing I am anchored to you"*

*Tyler Knott Gregson*

## **Bahamas Bound 2019/2020**

### **Farewell Toronto Family and Friends**

After a long cold Canadian winter, a wet spring, and what seemed like a very short summer we are ready to begin our next journey.

Our list of projects is to the point where we can say "we'll do the rest underway". She runs, electronics are ready, she's safe and provisioned with our Canadian favourites; Tetley Tea, Jiff Peanut Butter, Canadian flour, HP Bold, India Kitchen Curry Paste, Advil 400's and Kenya AA Bold Coffee; all things we found were not available south of the border.

A huge, huge thank you to our friends and dock neighbours for their well wishes, gifts and gourmet farewell meal(s). We hope to see some of you next year on the warm blue waters.

#### **Check List:**

Insurance & registration docs.  
 Passports  
 Fuel tanks full  
 Water tanks full  
 Propane tanks full  
 Laundry basket empty  
 Holding tank empty  
 Full first aid kit (2 courses of antibiotics, allergy medications, epi-pens, prescription meds, etc.)  
 Applicable flags  
 Watercolour supplies  
 Skipper Bob's Book of Anchorages  
 American money  
 US Phone, etc., etc.

### **Toronto (Port Credit Yacht Club) to Wilson NY (Tuscarora Yacht Club)**

#### **Day 1**

Departure: Friday August 16, 2019 (coincidentally the same day we left on our 2016 voyage)  
 9:00 am







Arrival: 3:30 p.m. at Tuscarora Yacht Club

(RECIPROCAL RATES/ NO LIQUOR STORE IN TOWN)

\$10 FOR THE FIRST NIGHT, THE NEXT ?? ARE FREE. SUCH A WELCOMING AND FRIENDLY CLUB.

Rocked like a hobby horse across the lake with a few shoves on the beam from the waves. Arrived using radar in a thick fog to Wilson then to the customs check-in area to deal with a big wind blowing us off the dock. **Surprise**, no more video phones for check in, you need to have the CPB Roam app (not what their website showed yesterday). If you know Wallace, you know that he's not a fan of smart phones or texts, apps, screens that sleep, touch screens, too many buttons ... basically the phone in general. But he had to succumb. Downloaded it and spent the next hour and a half waiting for the app to submit our arrival which it never did. Finally got someone at Customs on the phone and got an arrival number which turned out to be useless.

*Get the app before you leave your dock in Canada.*

Now that's the way to start a cruise...we are having a great time though, the sun came out, did the dock walk and met the neighbours (we may have a stow away in the morning), had a light dinner, sat around the fire pit and relaxed for the evening!



Weather looks good for tomorrow's leg.

**Wilson NY (Tuscarora Yacht Club) Rochester**

Departure: Saturday August 17, 2019 9:20 am

Arrived in fog and left in fog and rain. Radar showed boats a 1/4 mile away but couldn't see a thing. No waves and the flags were still. We discovered we lost a fender somewhere along the way, just left with a piece of broken line.

**Day 2**







*New to me...An Alerion has a self tending rib*

Arrived Rochester Yacht Club a 6:30 pm and were greeted by Chris the Commodore who was happy to see us with an offer to stay as long as we liked, invited us for a drink and the bar and directed us to the liquor store for Wallace's spiced rum and Vanilla Coke supplies. Now that's how a Yacht Club should welcome visitors.

RECIPROCAL CLUB - NO DOCKAGE FEE. SHOWERS, WIFI AND A SWIMMING POOL.







## Rochester to Oswego Marina

Day 3

Departure: Sunday August 18, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Arrival: 6:00 p.m.

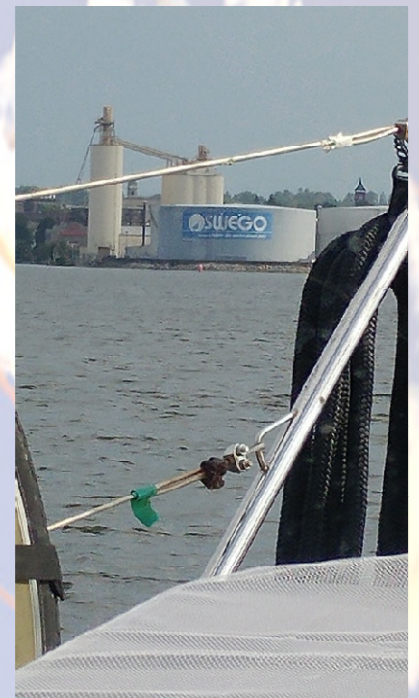
DOCKAGE IS \$1.50 PER FOOT. 30 AMP SERVICE AND WIFI.

Arrived to find the Marina closed at 5 and of course no video phone. Luckily Tami the marina girl left something in her office and came back to get it. So we have a wifi code, a slip and hydro for the night. Will try the ROAM app again in the morning and see how we get a cruising licence from it...should be interesting. Presumably Tami has dealt with a number of Canadian boaters who are not used to the new techno-wizardry way to enter the US. and I'm sure we will give her a run for her money.



Lovely cruise along the lake today, no fog, waves or wind. The perfect day to sit out on the bow and watch the world go by. Nice to be able to make lunch underway without getting bounced around.

## Oswego Lighthouse/Harbour







*Breakwall just outside the entrance*



We saw a Canadian flag on the other side of the marina so we dawdled over to say hello. I was so surprised to see Clarke Wilson pop his head out of the hatch. I didn't recognize his boat from across the marina. Clarke left PCYC in May and we had a chance to catch with him and hear about his awesome trip to Nova Scotia over dock drinks. He is on his way back to Port Credit but he has the bug and will be travelling again somewhere, some day. Can't imagine handling all those locks single handed. Welcome home Clarke.







## Oswego to Town of Minetto Dock

Day 3

Departure: Monday August 19, 2019 10:00 a.m.

Arrival Noon

DOCK IS \$1.00 PER FOOT ON THE HONOUR SYSTEM, PUBLIC WASHROOMS AVAILABLE. POWER POSTS WERE NOT FUNCTIONING.

First four locks down. Lock 6 and I had a fight, point to Lock 6. My own fault, did something I shouldn't have and paid the price. First injury goes to Sharon this trip. Don't put the lock rope under your boat cleat, I know you already know it and so do I, stupid stupid, stupid.

Made a short day of it and spent a lovely afternoon on the lido deck. Went for a dawdle around town and found this. The best ice cream by far we've had on our trips. Death By Chocolate, Totally Tiramisu, Apple Pie and English Toffee Pie. It's amazing that they have nailed the flavours to a tee.



That's gonna bruise.

Gave the boat a much needed wash down after the locks.















Departed Minetto Tues. Aug. 20, 2019 8:20 a.m.

New back-up camera installed and working, not necessarily for backing up but rather to see who is racing up behind us. When the dinghy is on board it blocks the two rear windows.

Just Chilling



Lift Bridge just before Lock 1, the last lock on the Oswego Canal (but plenty more to come on the Erie).







Arrived Phoenix Dock

11:25 a.m.

Surprisingly, we have not seen any Canadian boats since Oswego.

DOCKAGE HERE IS FREE, HOWEVER DONATIONS TO THE BRIDGE HOUSE MUSEUM ARE APPRECIATED. THERE IS 15 AMP AND 30 AMP HYDRO, DEPENDING ON WHERE YOU CAN GET ON THE DOCK. WATER AND FREE PUMP ARE AVAILABLE AS WELL AS COIN OPERATED SHOWERS. \$150 FOR 7.5 MINUTES (SHOWER FAST). A COIN LAUNDRY IS 50 YARDS AWAY, ABOUT 3.50 PER LOAD.

*Update, 7.5 mins. is long enough for two people, who would have guessed.*

We will stay here for a few days waiting for wind to die down, our next leg is across Lake Oneida which is very shallow and can get really uncomfortable with the resulting waves.

We love Phoenix, home of the Bridge House Brats. School kids mentored by Kathy Lee who has been volunteering here for 40 years. The kids are there to help you dock, bring you coffee or a meal or take you on a tour of the museum. It's a wonderful program and the kids are polite and happy. We ran into Juan, one of the brats who was here in 2016 when we passed through. He didn't remember us ha ha, but remembered the boat. You know you've arrived when your boat is more memorable than you are.

Went to the local farm produce stand for peaches (so juicy), garlic, peppers and corn. Tonight's dinner is bacon wrapped scallops, asparagus and red peppers. Tomorrow laundry and ice cream.

### Mission Statement Bridge House Brats Oswego Canal; Lock 1

We will, by the effective use of the resources available to us, enhance the quality of life of all who participate in and or take advantage of our efforts.


We will develop an ongoing program for the youth of the area that teaches the concept of service, co-operative work effort and individual growth. We will offer diverse hospitality services to tourists and town folks in an effort to increase business for our local stores and restaurants. We will create and maintain a bridge house museum for all to enjoy our heritage. We will host events for community growth and entertainment. We will work to keep streets, the canal and pathways clean and healthy. We will serve our village officials in any capacity when called upon.

**Please sign our registration  
book in the Museum**

**Please sign our boater  
survey**

### Services Available

- Use of 3 wheel trikes
- Pump Out
- Water
- Electric
- Garbage
- Museum tour
- Brats will pick up ice
- Brats will clean boats
- Brats will walk your dog
- Will arrange rides to local stores
- Wi-Fi
- Bathrooms
- Shower







Around Town:

*Right Way/Wrong Way*



*If you have to have an Out House*



*Poor Fellow*







Wed. Aug. 21, Phoenix Day 2

Woke to thunderous downpour and hail storm. Definitely staying put for the day, will pick up fresh warm bread from the Fruit and Veggie Stand and hunker down.

