



*"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

### Little Falls NY to Canajoharie NY

Departed: Aug. 26, 2019 8:30a.m.

Arrived: Noon

[FREE DOCK, 30 AND 50 AMP HYDRO](#)

Canajoharie is another great town to visit. They have a great museum, however if you plan on visiting there it is closed on Monday's. There was a NAPA in town which we were hoping to secure a spark plug from, but it was gone, and the Ice cream Shop is now a Church. Not to worry, there is one feature here that never closes and will never move or go out of business. The boiling pots. Last visit we were able to take a dip, but it was a chilly day today. In 2017, we rode up a virtual mountain only find that this wonder was near the bottom of the hill, today I had to walk the bike just to get there. Oh boy we are out shape after sitting on our butts all winter, more me than Wallace.









*Nature Walk*

*Told you he liked to tinker. The battery charger was acting up and we found a bad wire from the new freezer compressor to the batteries.*



### **Canajoharie NY to Amsterdam NY**

Departed: Aug. 26, 2019 8:30a.m.

Arrived: 1:14 p.m.\_

50 AND 30 AMP HYDRO, \$1/FOOT, SHOWERS

NOTE: THERE ARE NOW THREE HYDRO POSTS AT FREE WALL AT LOCK 12 JUST BEFORE AMSTERDAM IF YOU PREFER

A few boats at the dock today that we saw in Little Falls and in Canajoharie, but no Canadians. Today the local children's water ski club is practising off these docks, so although it's Tuesday it looks as if we will get entertainment none the less. It will be a bit bouncy but worth it for a few hours.





We went for a walk around town and sadly found that the area was extremely depressed. The waterfront has been revitalized and is beautiful, with a large public area, band stand, restaurant and docks but it is only accessible by foot via a pedestrian bridge that was constructed over the railway that separates the canal from the town. We were told by one local business man that the large parking structure at the walkway entrance has been condemned and the nearest place for locals to park is a mile and a half away. The town had many old buildings that were demolished and graffiti abounds. Most of the shops in town were closed, perhaps because it was Tuesday, or perhaps permanently.



### **Amsterdam NY to Waterford NY**

Departed: Aug. 28, 2019 7:30a.m.

Arrived: 2:00 p.m.

30 , 20 AMP HYDRO, SHOWERS, PUMP OUT, WIFI (\$10 PLUS \$10 REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT ON KEY TO WASHROOMS)

NOTE: THERE IS A LAUNDRY MAT, GROCERIES , PHARMACY, BEER AND STEWART'S ICE CREAM WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE.

NAPA IS A 2 MILE BIKE RIDE AWAY

Waterford dock is just after you leave Lock E2, the last in a series of 5 flight locks that drop you down about 150 feet. The average lock in the flight is about a 33 foot drop so it takes a long quite a while to complete. This is just about the time when you say "enough locks already"; 30 in total for our route down the Erie Canal. Next we go down the Hudson River.



First things first, we stocked up on some groceries. If you ask the cashier they can arrange to have the locks on the shopping carts deactivated then you can take the shopping cart off the property and down to the dock to unload. The store then collects the carts at the end of the day. This is a great place to load up on all those heavy and bulky items. Thank you Waterford!

The Visitor's Centre.







Just across the bridge is Peebles Island State Park created thousands of years ago by receding glaciers from the Hudson Valley. There is lovely walking trail that's approximately 2 miles long. Here a few shots of today's walk.



*Flintstone style sling shot for our granddaughter Jillie*



*It's been a long time since we've seen a Daddy Long Legs*









*Having a great adventure, and a good hair day thanks to my visit this morn to Wallace's Salon.*

A family of 4 with two teen sons came through the lock in their really small Kayaks, they said it was a fun and daunting experience...I bet. Not sure if this photo shows the magnitude of the lock, I tried to capture a guy fishing as well to show the scale.





Met up with Laurie and Matt on First Light again here, we have been pacing each other through Little Falls, Canajoharie, Amsterdam and Waterford. They have recently retired and joined the crazy people to live on their boat full time.

Dined at a local restaurant that was recommended by the Visitor's Centre. We were told that the food was really good, the prices were reasonable but the owner was an acquired taste (lol). Candied Pecan Chicken Salad - yes delish and Roast Beef Dip also very good.

