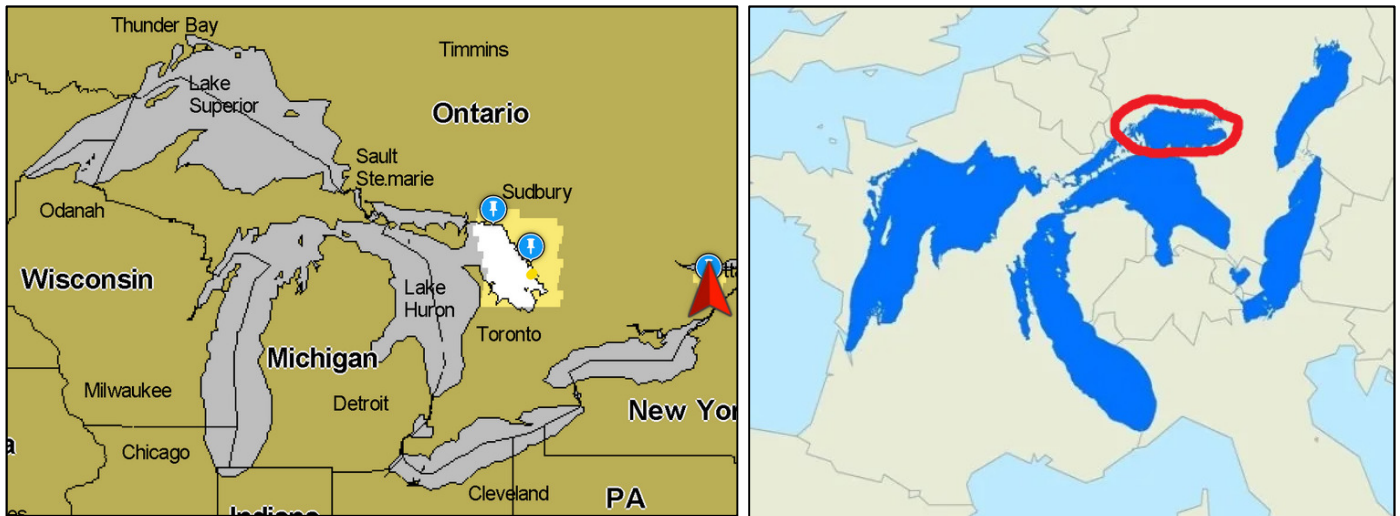


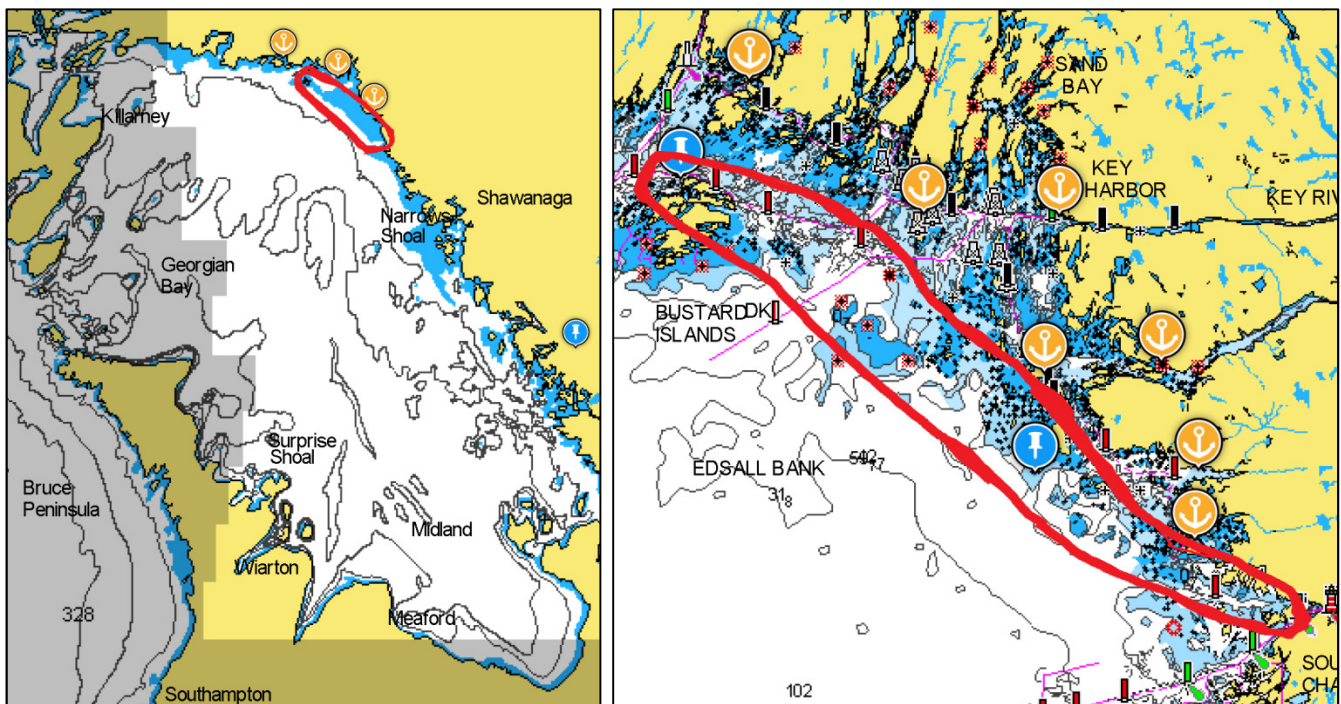
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Only time for a four day cruise this summer, but the bonus was that we had both my daughters and I. While we had been planning to head back to the North Channel of Lake Huron, a Facebook posting on dinghy cruising in Georgian Bay north of Parry Sound caught our eye. A little research and this trip was born. An appendix has the images that started us off; many thanks to those cruisers for sharing.

The highlighted section of the map below is Georgian Bay. To give our friends in Europe a feel for the size of the Great Lakes, the image to the right shows the Great Lakes overlaid on continental Europe, with Georgian Bay circled.

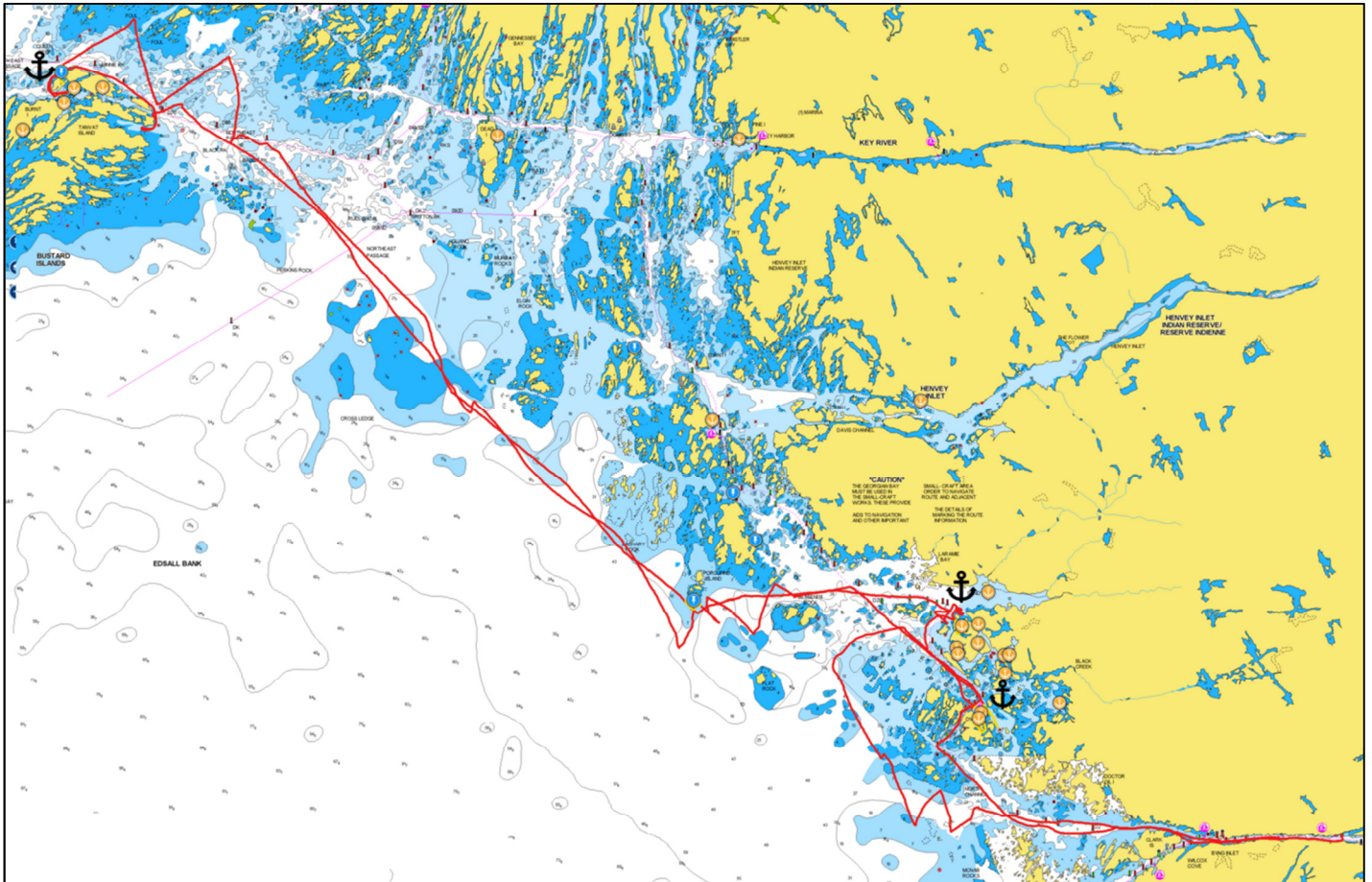


This cruise is in that little area of Georgian Bay.



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## Complete Cruise



## Boat

The boat is Wayfarer W728, purchased by my late father, Frank Yates, in 1972 from the late Wallace Schwenger in Kingston. This Wayfarer has a wooden hull, deck, and spars, with all its original fittings. Cruising modifications are limited, and mainly consist of numerous stainless steel eye bolts tucked under the gunwales for easy attachment of fenders, storage bags, and water bottles. While we sleep on the floor boards, all cooking is performed on shore.

## Cruising equipment

- Grapnel anchor with 150' of rode
- Hans Gottschling canvas boom tent
- Daughter-made mosquito netting tent
- Honda 2.3 HP 4 stroke outboard motor w/ eight litres of Aspen fuel
- Main sail with single set of reefing points
- 50 Amp-Hour LiFePO<sub>4</sub> battery for lighting and charging
- TrakMaps printed chart w/ case
- Navionics electronic chart plotter on an iPhone
- Portable VHF marine radio

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## Camping equipment

- 15' x 15' silicone nylon tarp from Cooke Custom Sewing
- Sleeping bags
- Sleeping pads
- Svea white gas stove
- Folding table
- Collapsible chairs
- Tent for 3rd person

The always fun challenge is pulling the gear out of the bow compartment every afternoon, and loading it back in every morning.

## Navionics

Have always loved this mobile app for chart plotting and track logging. Unfortunately, multiple feature reductions and bugs since they were purchased by Garmin. Hopefully somebody will come out with a competitive product. Issues encountered:

1. Does not always start tracking when enabled.
2. No longer able to view saved tracks on desktop PC, and thus take advantage of the larger screen.
3. Not able to view multiple tracks concurrently.

## Overall Statistics

Day	Departure	Arrival	Duration	Distance	Drinks At
One	1:42pm	4:06pm	2h 23m	9.4 NM	4:42pm
Two	10:47am	4:06pm	5h 14m	15.8 NM	4:34pm
Three	10:11am	3:11pm	4h 59m	15.1 NM	3:54pm
Four	10:01am	12:03pm	2h 01m	3.9 NM	

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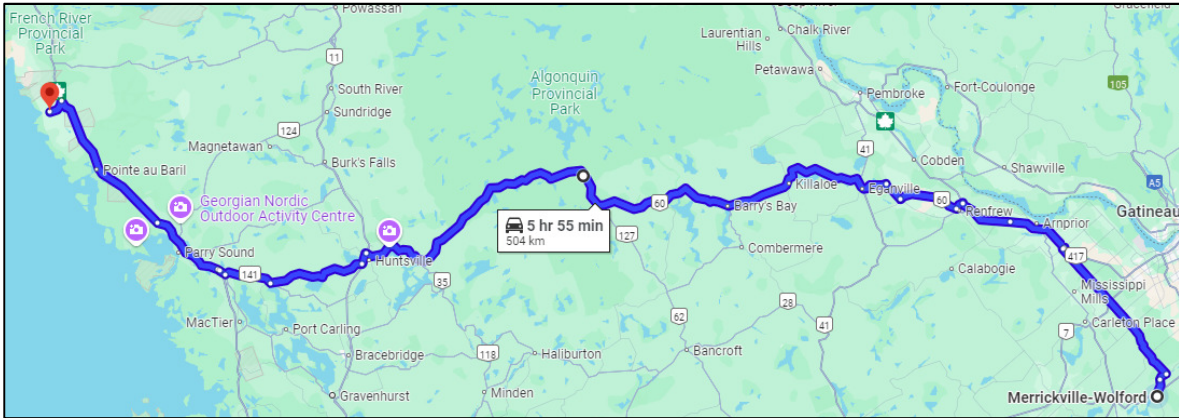
- More eye bolts
- More clips
- Spare screwdriver
- Mainsail foot tie pin
- Motor transom eye bolt



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## Day One

Drove from our home in Merrickville, Ontario to the put-in at Britt, Ontario. This is a six hour, 500km, drive. It is always a toss-up between the high road and the low road. We took the low road this time, through Algonquin Provincial Park.



Launch ramp and parking at Wright's Marina. Super friendly staff, along with a complete mechanic's shop if anything broken needs fixing. \$100 for four days parking and launch in/out. Large parking area across the road from the marina; they ask that trailers are disconnected from vehicles. Lots of space for rigging the boat, a nice launch ramp, and accompanying dock. Flush toilets and showers. Very small convenience shop.



Receipt		
Wright Marina Inc.		
1624 Riverside Drive		
Britt, ON P0G 1A0		
(705) 383-2295		
Order Id: 77282	Till: 100	
08-06-24 11:55	77282	Tracey
Launch Ramp In/Out	\$17.69	HST
Daily Parking Two Units 4.0 @ \$17.70	\$70.80	HST
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	PST: \$0.00	
	<b>Total: \$99.99</b>	

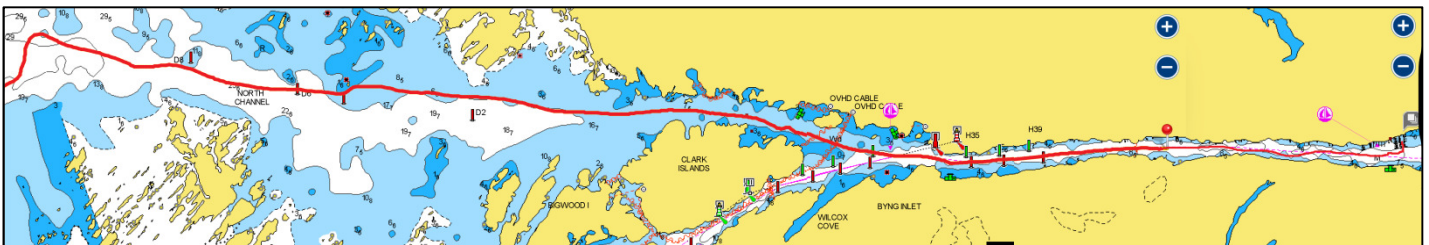




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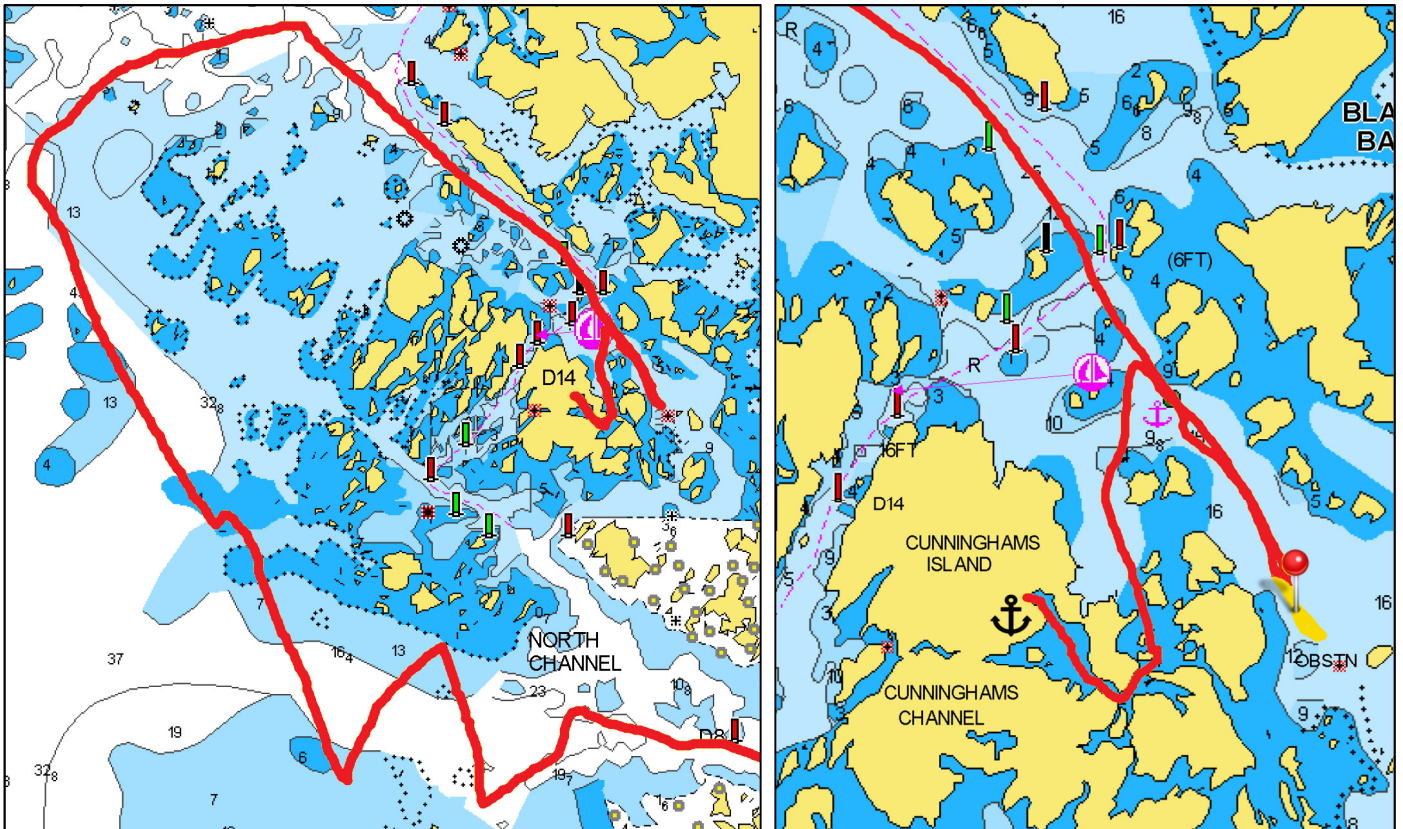
Motored down the inlet as we were heading directly into wind.





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Once clear of the inlet, we set sail. While wanting to make a direct heading for potential anchorages, we kept to deep water, rather than navigating all rock and shoals.



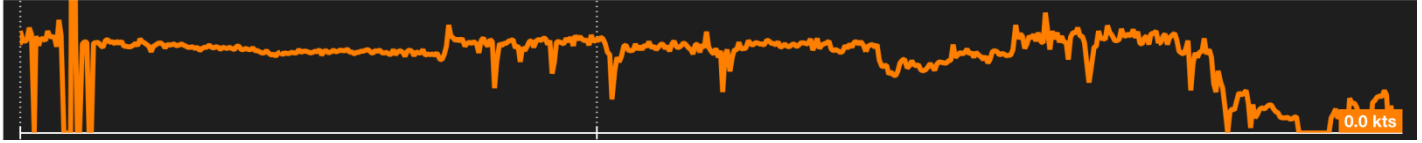
After a little bit of motoring around we found a beautiful secluded spot on Cunningham's Island. Only one wee little scrape on the bottom. My two daughters jumped out of the boat so fast to save any further scratches.





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Total of 9.4 NM, over two hours, averaging 4-5 knots. The engine cut-off is quite clear in the speed graph, as is our poking around for a mooring.



Great mooring location, and we settled down at 4:42pm for drinks and snacks. Lots of options for camping spots, we picked one on the point overlooking our bay. Don't mind the windmills.





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### Day Two

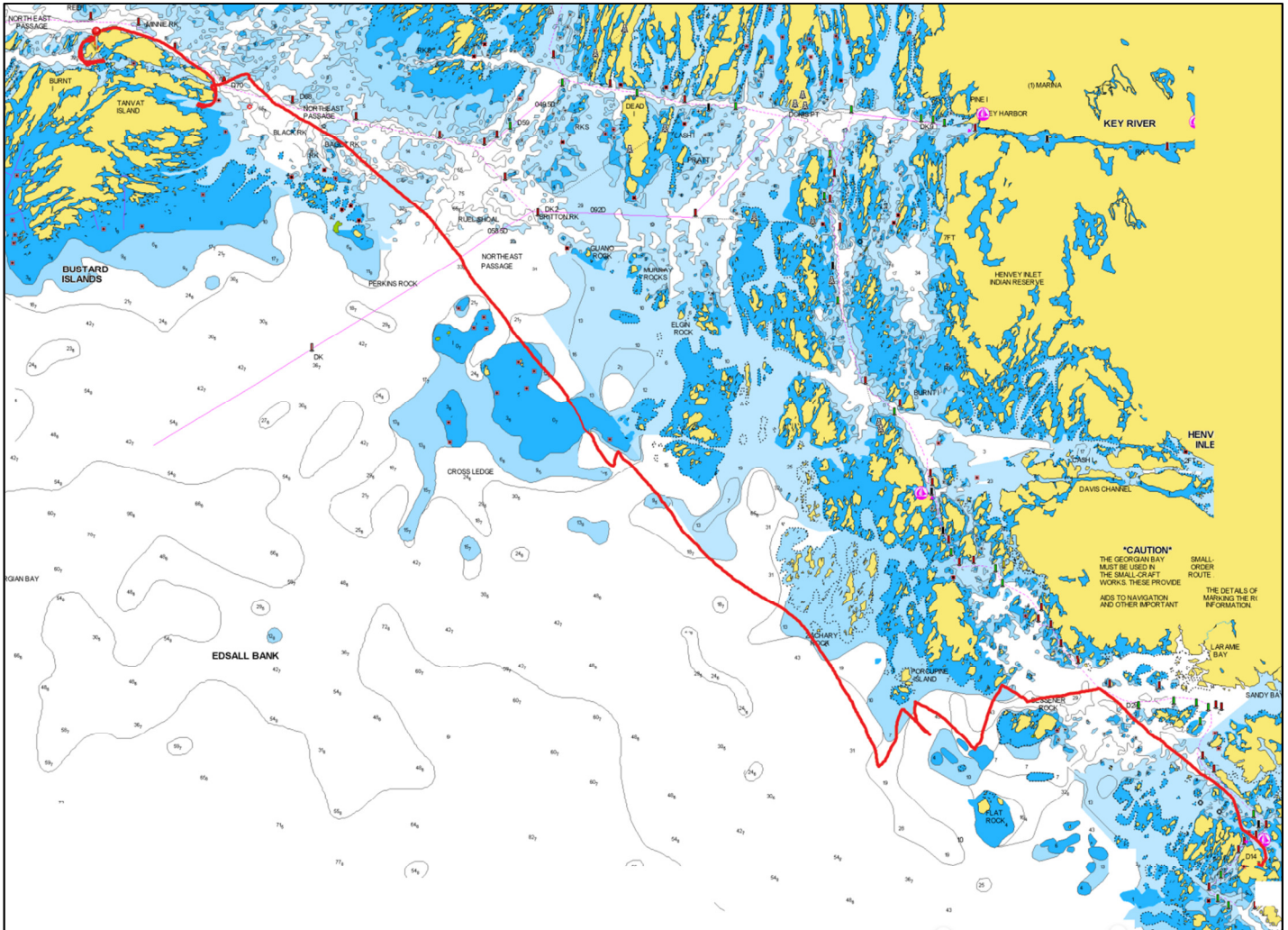
A grand day for sailing, 16 NM over five hours.





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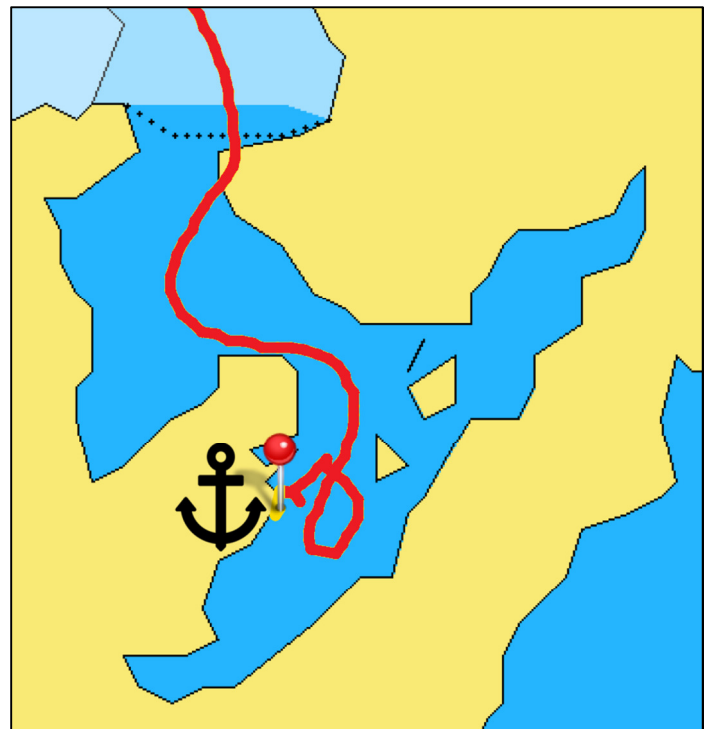
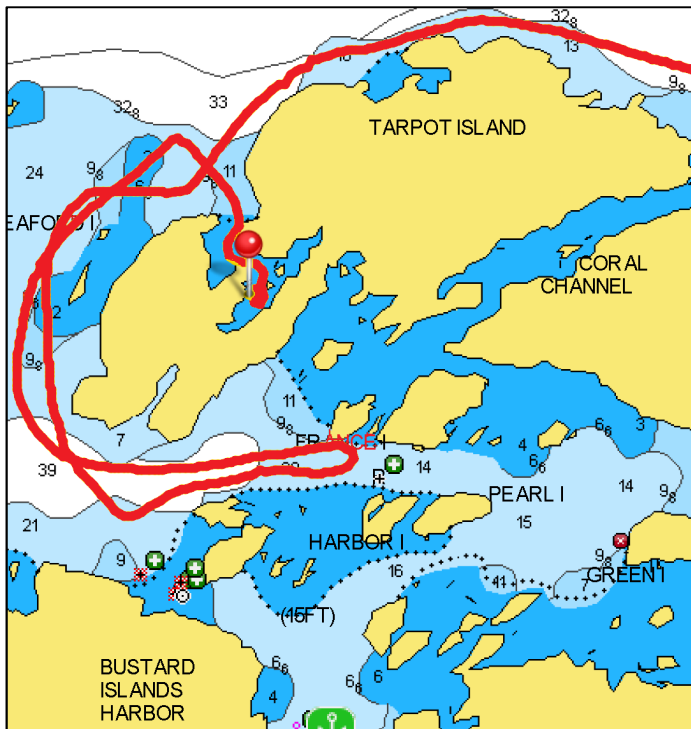
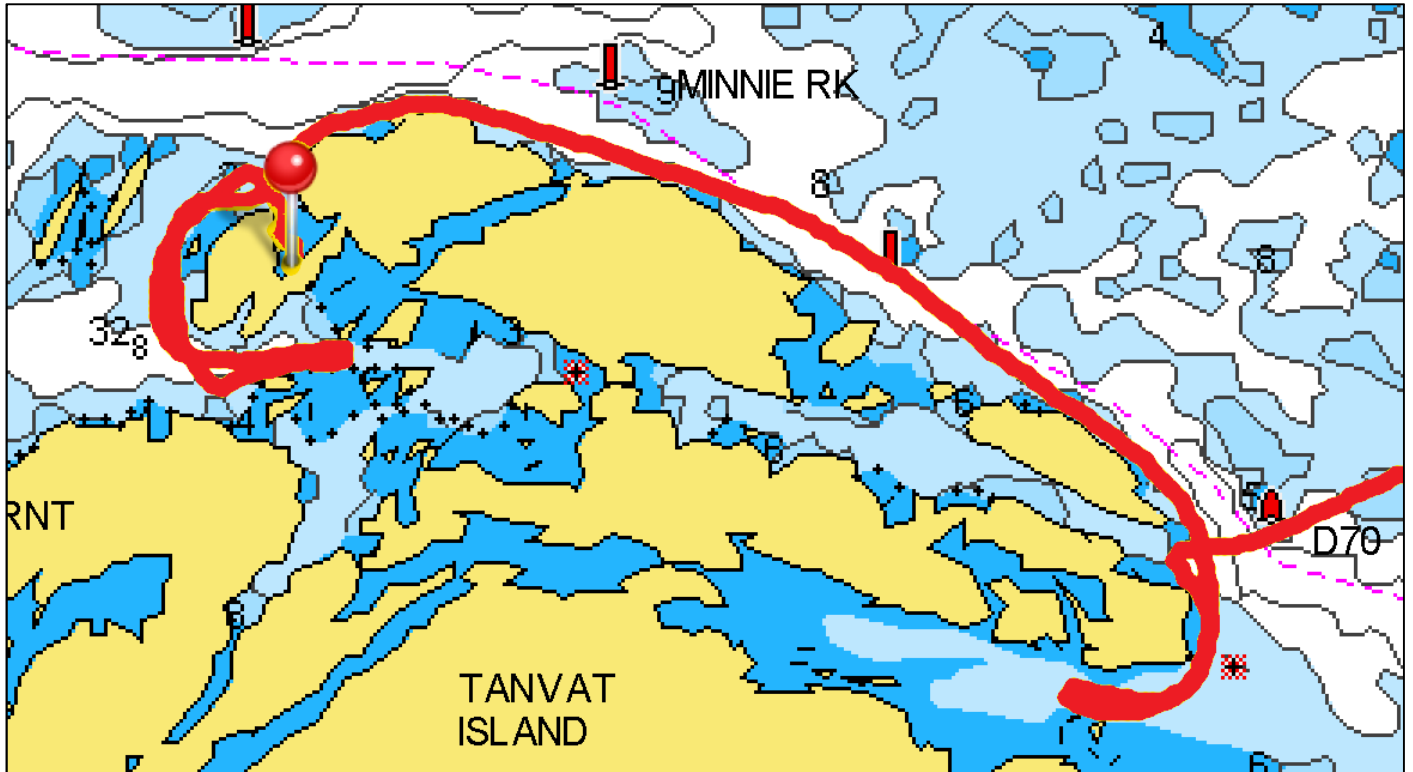
The wind was good, so we figured we would head to the Bustard Islands, and worry about getting back the next day.





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Having arrived at the islands, we cut over to the motor so we could poke around for an appealing mooring. One criteria being not full of other boats. We checked out a few locations, before finally settling on this cute little island in its own lagoon, with a nice view over the bay



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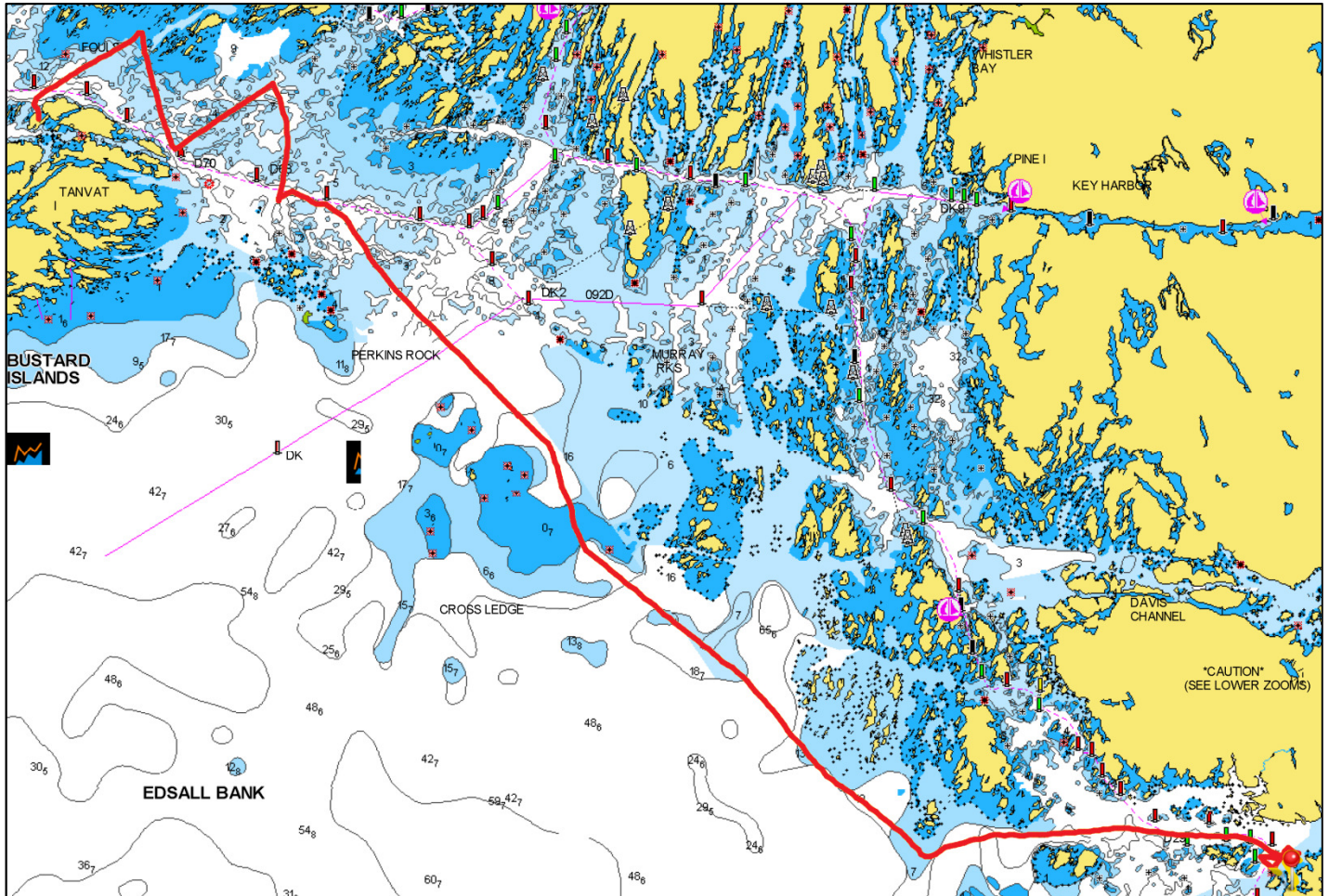




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### Day Three

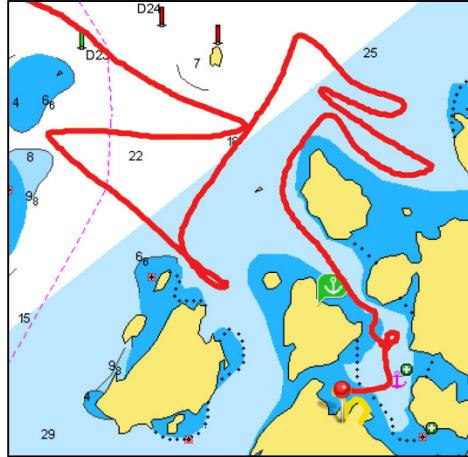
Our last full day of sailing turned out to have been an island too far. Only a light breeze when we got going, which was admittedly only at 10am. We managed a few tacks around the island for 1 ½ hours, before the wind dropped off completely. So the motor it was for the next 1 ½ hours. Enough wind for the last 1 ½ hours for us to find a mooring under sail.



A little looping around on the motor brought us to what we termed Laura's Ledge. We settled on the camping spot first, but the mooring was a little dicey. The aforementioned ledge looked too sloping for comfortable docking, but when actually tried, it was perfect. The aft painter eluded us for a bit, until this patented redirect with a tent peg was invented. The moral of the story is always bring lots of fenders. We had five, but I will be cruising with six in the future.



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It was quite the hike across the peninsular to the bay facing side, but we always insist on the best of views for drink time.





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Inside mooring:



Out towards the bay:





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Most nights we have a fire. It's just part of camping. One of the many benefits of these locations, is that there is tons of driftwood.

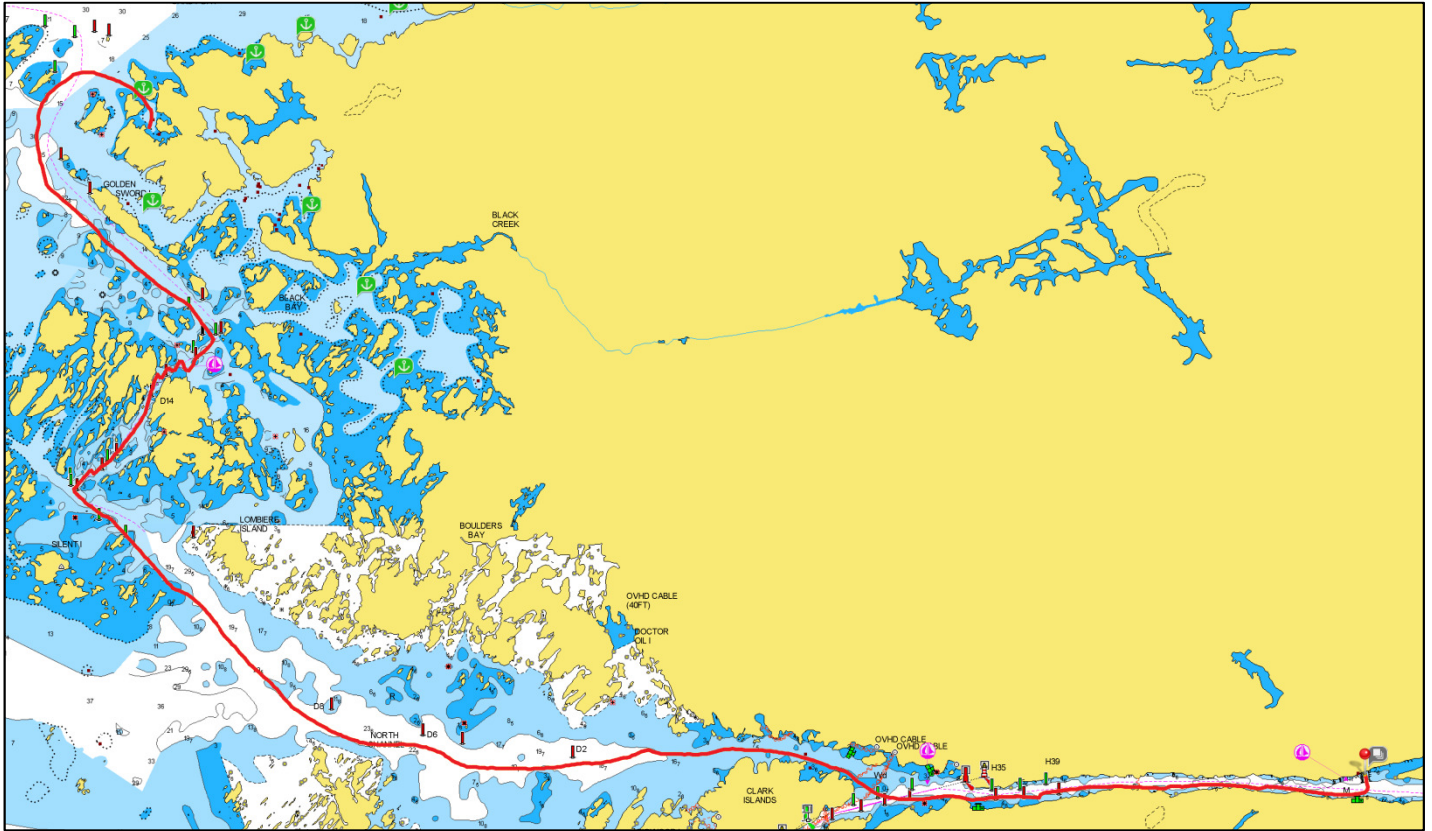




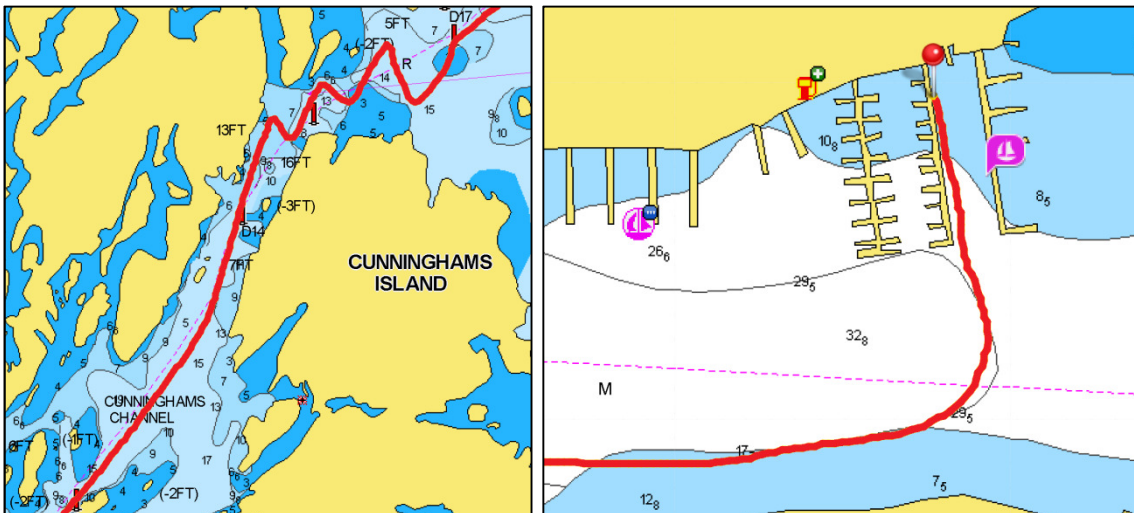
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## Day Four

A nice breeze made for a great sail all the way from our anchorage right up to the dock at Wright's Marina.

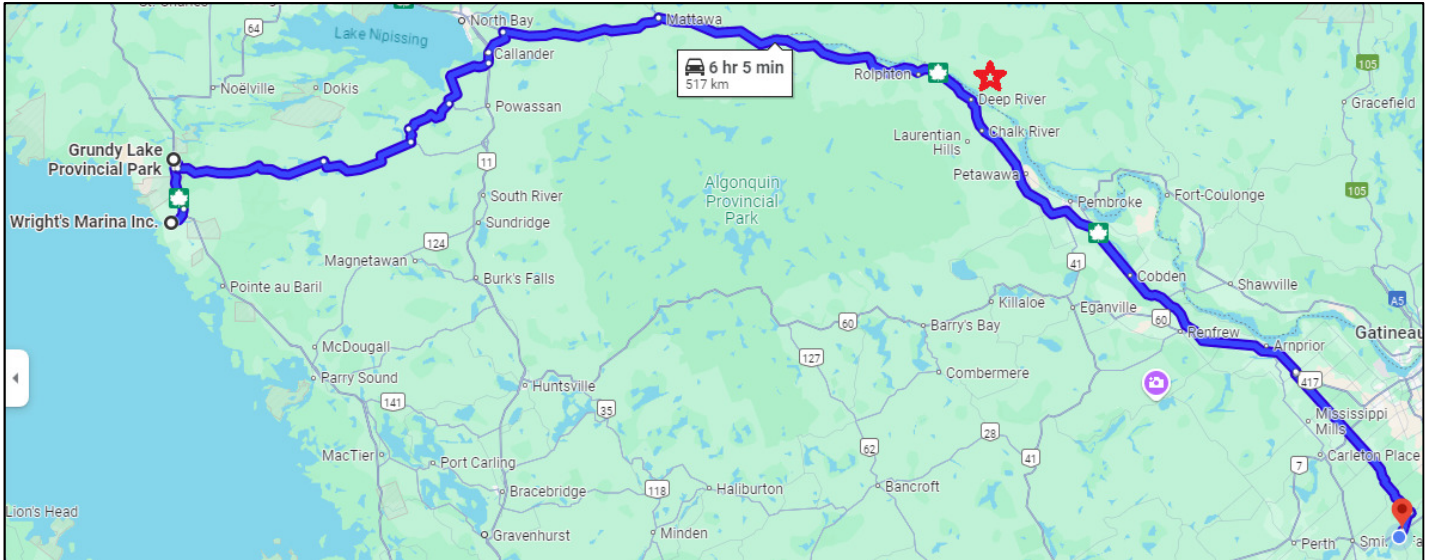


A nice bit of tacking through Cunningham's Channel, and right onto the dock at the end.



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For the drive home, Wayz took us along the high road, with the little detour for ice cream mentioned below, and the red star marking the trailer failure (discussed in detail below).





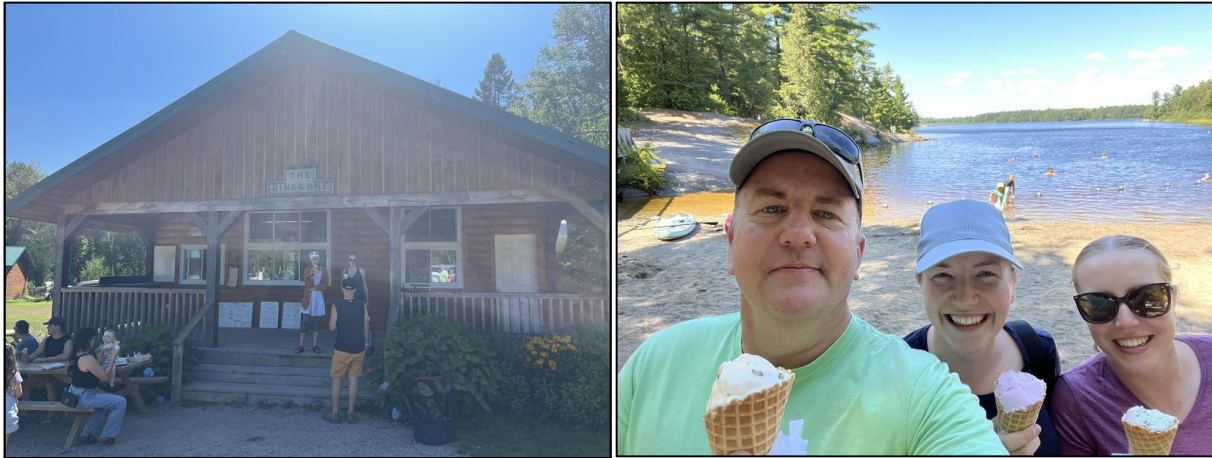
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### Ice Cream

We always aim to have an ice cream shop on hand at the put-in/take-out. This trip was no exception, with Ice Cream on the Rocks in Britt, Ontario. However, much to our dismay, it was closed. We just assumed that on a Friday in summer it would be open. It turns out, that the shop only opens at 3pm on Fridays. We actually bumped into the owner who said he would be opening when he returned from a short outing. We hung around for a while, but eventually had to give it up as a bad job. Note that Ice Cream on the Rocks is cash only.



A little Googling showed us an ice cream shop called The Pine Cone opposite Grundy Provincial Park, just a few minutes detour off our route home. We stopped there and got great service. Special treat as a bear wandered into the back yard; hey, its Canada! We then popped across the street into the provincial park day use area, as we had a season pass, to lick in peace.



### Trailer Failure

Half way home we had stopped for coffee in Deep River, and did our routine walk around the trailer. We discovered that we had blown one of the wheel bearings. This was now Friday evening, with every chance of a local mechanic closed for the night. Considered grabbing a hotel for the night and looking for a mechanic in the morning, but there was no guarantee a fix could be made on the weekend. We called our mechanic back home, and he told us to leave the trailer in a safe place for the night, and he would drive up on Saturday morning and bring the trailer (w/ boat) back home on his flat bed. Talk about a saviour. The Bear's Den Lounge Motel graciously let us leave the boat in their back parking lot. We completely unloaded the boat, except for the mast & boom, cramming it all into the car. Then completed our journey home. My mechanic has since condemned the trailer, and the replacement plan is a longer EZ Loader bunk trailer.



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### Outboard Motor Mount

New this trip is an outboard motor mount from Aeroluffspars in the UK. The previous home built mount of my fathers died a hero's death after many seasons on previous cruise. See that cruise log for the gruesome details. This new mount is the best piece of kit on the market; the design, quality, and post-sale support is second to none. A simple wing nut and the mount slides off for transport. Just need to add an eye bolt in the transom for a safety wire.



### Sleeping Accommodations

With three adults on this cruise, the question of where to sleep arose. The standard location on the bottom boards only fits two adults. Luckily one of my daughters preferred a bit of peace and quiet, and thus brought along here tent. Some of the best tenting locations around on Georgian Bay and the North Channel.





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## Meals

All meals are pre-packaged by my loving wife, complete with all ingredients and instructions. Frying is avoided due to mess and cleanup effort.



## Cooking

While lunch is eaten onboard, breakfast and supper are always cooked on land. I can't understand the folk who cook onboard a dinghy. Much more comfortable ashore. Rubbermaid containers, which nestle nicely in the stern locker, are used for bringing the appropriate bits and pieces to the cooking location. That location is always adjacent to the sitting/relaxing area with a great view. Cooking is over an Optimous Svea 123 white gas (Naphtha) stove. Stove top toaster for English Muffins in the morning, and of course freshly brewed coffee!





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### Water Purification

Sailing in the great lakes does give easy access to billions of gallons of clean pure fresh water. Unlike inland lakes which can contain Giardia. But just to be on the safe side, and as it is easy to do so, when out far from shore, we scoop water in Nalgene bottles and treat with bleach (chlorine).



### Tarp

We always bring along our trusty 15' x 15' Tundra Tarp from Cooke Custom Sewing. While often we just bring the centre pole and paracord, this time we included the four corner poles as well. Paddles work as well in a pinch for poles; lashed together for length if needed. The tarp is used for protection from both sun and rain, and sometimes wind.





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Facing Georgian Bay, with a 20 knot onshore wind, we had the tarp dipped down to protect from the westerly sun. As such, we had a lot of wind on the tarp, and the centre pole, for the first time ever, was being severely bent. Before the centre pole had a chance to be damage, a paid of unused corner poles were lashed to the centre pole. The added stiffness resolved the situation.



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### Sailing Equipment

Life jackets  
Compass  
Anchor  
Anchor rode  
Anchor bag  
Fender w/ tether and carabiner, 4  
Bailer w/ tether and carabiner, 2  
Boom crutch  
Boom  
Mast  
Tiller  
Rudder  
Charts  
Chart bag  
Main sail  
Main sheet  
Batons  
Jib  
Jib sheet  
Painters, 2  
Oars, pair  
Whistle  
Throw bag  
Paddles, 2  
Reefing rope  
Seat pad, 2  
Radio, VHF, portable  
Velcro halyard straps, 2  
Under gunwale bags w/ carabiner, 2  
Engine  
Engine parts box  
Engine spare fuel, 8  
Fire extinguisher  
Bilge pump, 12V  
Rear hatch screwdriver  
Step ladder  
Sponge



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## Camping Equipment

Matches	Insect repellent
Svea stove	Sunscreen
White gas, bottle, large	Anchor light
Pot set	Main battery
Pot handle	Main battery distribution box
Water containers, 1L, 4	Solar panel
Water containers, 500mL, 2	Power bank
First aid kit	Radio, VHF
Watch	Radio, VHF, charger
Torch	Boom tent
Cup, insulated, 2	Mosquito tent
Bowl, 3	Mosquito tent boom padding
Plate, 3	Phone case
Knife, 2	Table
Fork, 2	Mobile telephone charging cable
Tea spoon, 2	Tarp centre pole
Dessert spoon, 2	Tarp corner pole, 4
Knife, Opinel	Tarp
Can opener	PSOC card
Tinfoil	Measuring cup
Wind break for stove	Trowel
Paracord, hanks, 5	Wine glasses, 2
Kleenex	Cutting board
Garbage bags	Spoon, slotted
Duct tape	
Repair kit	
Newspaper	
Saw, folding	
Dish soap	
Dish cloth	
Dish towel	
Toilet paper, 3	
Bleach	
Multi-tool	
Toaster, stove top	
Notebook & pencil	
Anemometer	
Zip-loc bags, large & small	
Rope, spare	
Booster cables, pair	
Spoon, wooden	
Chair, collapsible, 2	
LED string	
Coffee filter holder, 2	
Fly swatter	

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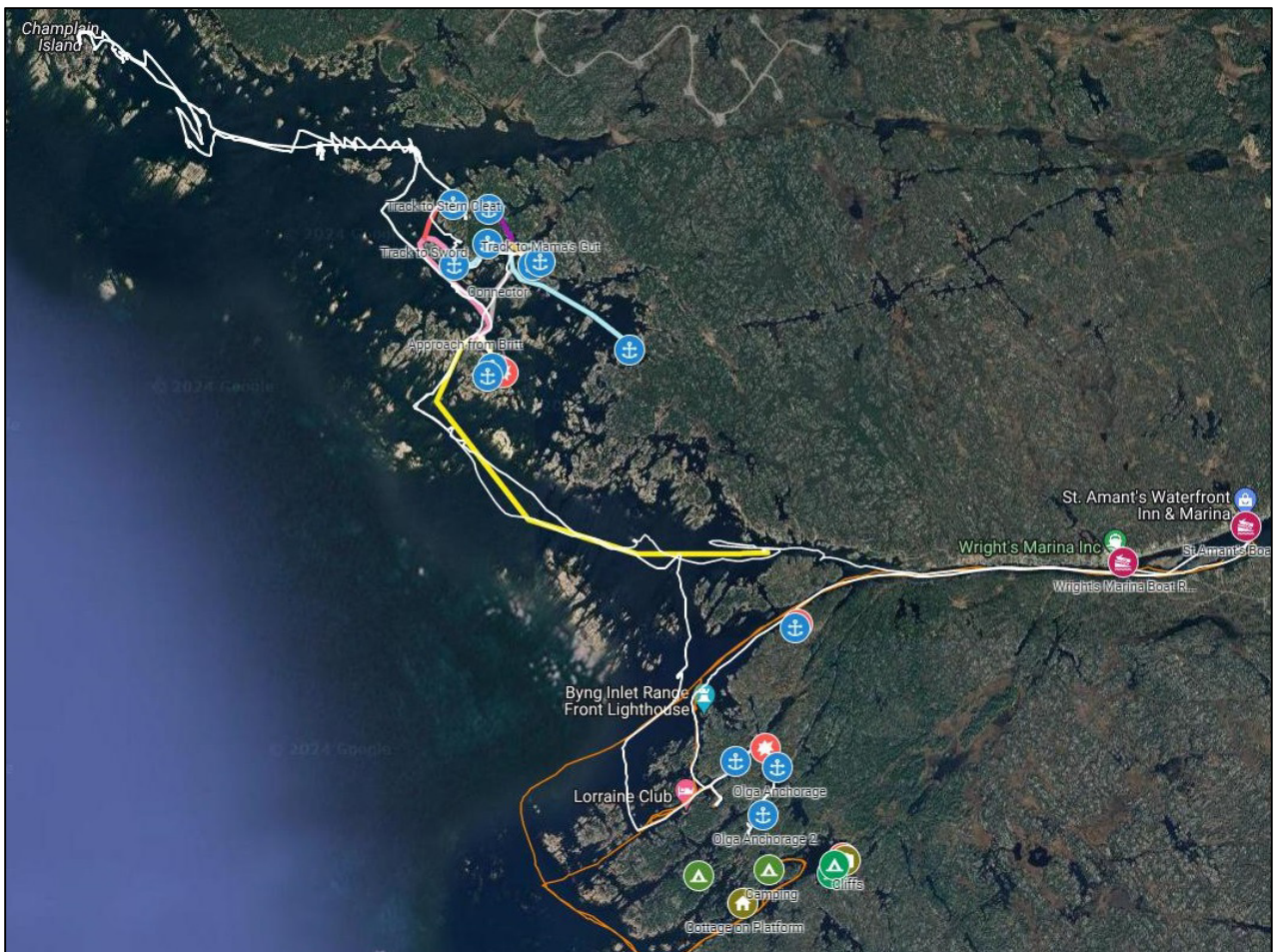
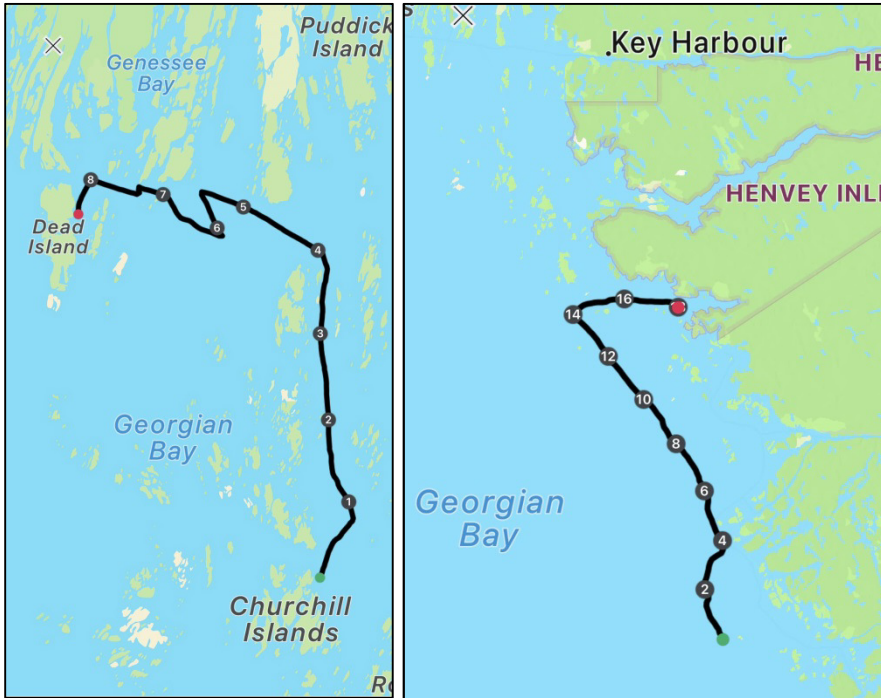
### Personal Equipment

Sleeping bag  
Sleeping pad  
Headlamp  
Spare batteries  
Trousers  
Shorts  
Socks, short  
Socks, long  
Shirts, short sleeved  
Shirts, long sleeved.  
Long sleeved shirt  
Swim suit  
Towel  
Sweat shirt  
Fleece pants  
Rain jacket  
Rain pants  
Pyjamas  
Pillow  
Tooth brush  
Tooth paste  
Wash kit  
Hat  
Camera  
Camera battery  
Sunglasses  
Water shoes  
Reading glasses  
Mobile telephone  
Ear plugs  
Books  
Chapstick  
Medicine  
Spare clothes, towel, and shoes for car



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