2014 Cast-off

Another big summer boating trip is about to begin! Here's the plan — July 29 cast-off for our adventure. Return….. Well we're not sure yet, sometime at the end of August. We decided to visit some cruising grounds we are very familiar with — the San Juan's and Canada Gulf Islands. We've cruised these waters every year for the last 12 years but there's always more to explore.   Our goal is to visit as many new places as possible but of course hit our favorites as well.

But before we go north, we will need to turn south. Julie's big family reunion — Pirates Cove near Allen in the South Sound — is the weekend after we leave and our contribution is to bring as much freshly caught crab as possible.

Weeks of preparation, the boat is almost ready to go. Two days before cast-off, 3am, I hear the horrible sound of kid puke permitting the house. I run to the kids' bathroom — no child. Not good — there's going to be a mess to clean up. Skylar is sitting at the edge of his bed puke all over his bed and floor. How do you deal with this, especially in the middle of the night! Julie and I rallied and got everything cleaned up and disinfected but poor Skylar was not doing well. After dry heaves all mooring and into the next day, he was starting to feel better. No body aches, no fever, we wondered what he had and thought we might have to postpone our cast-off

date. Ahhhh…. the seafood chowder he ate the night before at Crockets. Food poisoning – must be it, no one else is sick and he's getting better pretty quick. Thank God, no worries about making our cast-off date even if late in the day.

After loading the last of our belongings we cast-off for Oro Bay on Anderson Island – Tuesday July 29th 4:55pm. Oro Bay will be our home base for the next few days while we hunt down the crab!

Dropped 4 pots in the water for a nights soak, had dinner, played some Gin Rummy and went to bed in hopes of the mother-load tomorrow morning.

Arrived at 6:50pm
Traveled 13.73nm
Total – 13.73nm

A Celebratory Drink For Cast-Off!

The Narrows Bridge