



Is it Worth it?

We've been prepping for weeks now but when it gets down to a couple days before you leave on a 6 week boat trip why is it always a scramble! Running around like crazy gathering all the necessary items, making food and meal plans, making sure the boat is ready, and all the things you have to do to leave your house and business for that length of time has left us exhausted. Is it worth it? Hmmm.... I think so.

On Saturday July 15th at 3:35pm we cast the lines off. At that moment you realize it's all worth it! We were off, anything you forgot bring or do doesn't matter now, there's no going back. It's a great feeling; your whole world becomes your family and the boat.

With the late departure from Tacoma we couldn't get too far today and we still had to get fuel. We stopped at the Des Moines fuel dock and took on 270 gallons of diesel. Cruising at a swift 8 knots we turned north headed for Blakely Harbor on Bainbridge Island. Blakely Hbr is a beautiful anchorage with views of the Seattle skyline over Elliot Bay.

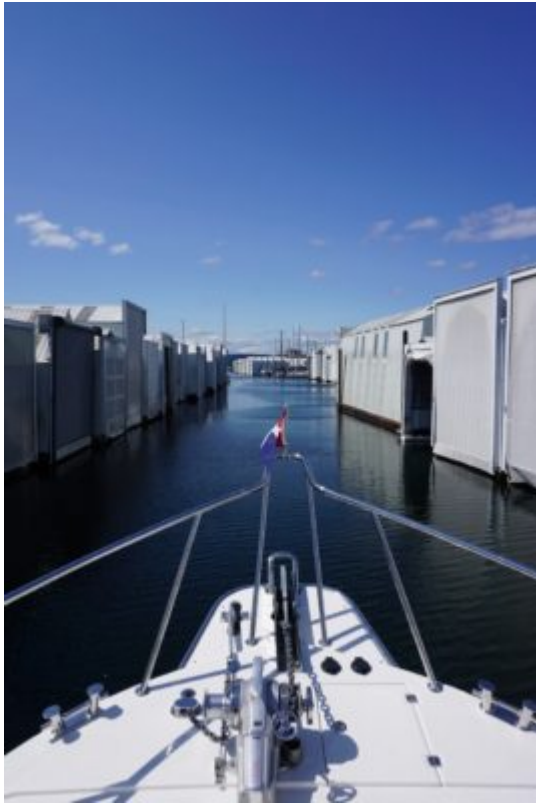
Only 22nm from home, we anchored in a sea of other boats and watched the sun go down. The family hung out on the boat talking about our destination tomorrow. We decided we needed

to make it to the northern San Juan Islands. Reluctantly, I agreed to a 5:30am departure that would get us to Stewart Island by 3pm.

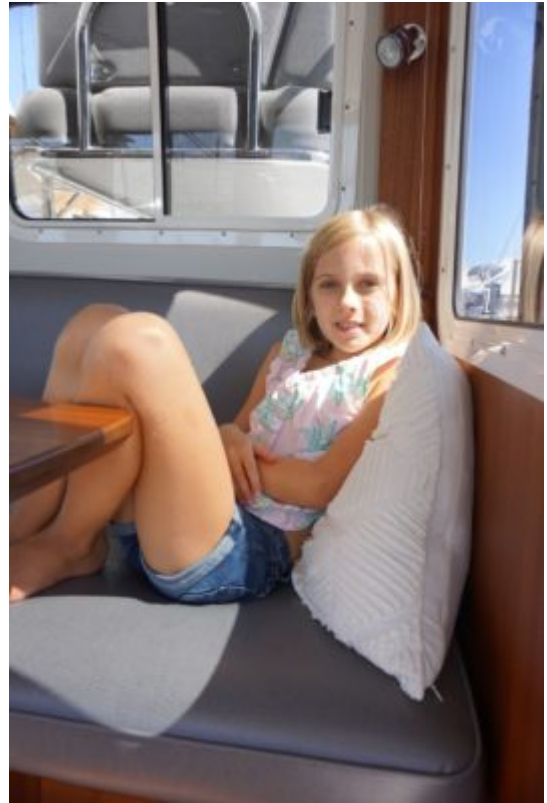


A celebration shot to kick off the cruise





Leaving the yacht club





Our view from Blakely
Harbor