

Tales of Divided Sky

Colin & Jeannie Harrison are currently crossing the Atlantic on their way from the US to the Med after purchasing Divided Sky, a Catalina 400 MKII. They intend to return to Oz late 2013

Regular updates will be posted here when as we receive them:



Sun 27/05/2012 8:40 PM Greetings

The pace here has been frantic. Estimation for volume of items loaded onto the yacht is approaching a tonne. We had five cases of tinned meat waiting for us upon arrival. Fortunately we have the storage capacity for that plus the chateau cardboard wine.

Our holiday touring has included a trip to Cape Cod to pick up the tow generator from Hamilton Ferris, a visit to Portland, Maine to pick up a liferaft, and a trip over the "border" to New Hampshire where there is very low state liquor tax.

Work stopped yesterday for a Clam Chowder Cook-off at the Newburyport Yacht Club, as this is the Memorial Day Long Weekend. But we had a 6 am start today in order to get to the showers before the crowds.

Our yacht is on the hard in the car park with hundreds of cars surrounding us, but at least from this height we have water views.

Best to all,

Colin and Jeanne Harrison

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Mon 4/06/2012 3:14 AM Launch of Divided Sky

Hi

On Friday, 1 June we successfully launched "Divided Sky" after two frantic weeks of working, provisioning and bottom painting. We've had a very shaky shakedown about 15 miles to Annisquam Yacht Club near Gloucester, MA (setting of the movie "Perfect Storm") where we've been hit with SE-NE gale force winds and buckets of rain. We are sitting on a mooring off of the yacht club waiting for the prevailing SW winds to leave for the Azores. They are not forecast for another week.

In the meantime we are getting everything squared away. Col has finished the wiring for our tow water generator, re-plumbing of the rusty gas connectors and we are eating into our 5 month supply of food.

We saw the boat afloat yesterday for the first time, when we took the launch into the yacht club - she looks great, and sits nicely on her lines even with the tonnes of stuff we've crammed into her.

Regards to all!

Jeanne and Col Harrison

Sun 1/07/2012 2:06 AM DS Meets Hurricane Chris



“DIVIDED SKY” MEETS HURRICANE CHRIS IN THE ATLANTIC During the last few weeks we’ve crossed the North Atlantic from Massachusetts to the Portuguese islands called the Azores.

We survived the near direct hit of Category 2 Hurricane Chris; it’s mating 995mb low following north to link up with it; and the earlier NE Gale which hit whilst crossing the NE setting Gulf Stream (wind against current). After 16 days of wild weather or calms, we finally saw prevailing southwest winds of 15-20 knots, sunshine and dry butts for the last 5 days of hand steering into port without a working engine. Huge thanks go to son-in-law Mike and CA, who provided us with early warning of the Hurricane, which meant that we were able to move south of the eye in order to avoid the Dangerous Quadrant of the system.

We are now at Horta, Faial, Azores: 38 31.9’N; 28 37.5’W, where we plan to recover for a few days before heading for Gibraltar (about 1000 nm).



The services here seem good. We've already had a rigger up the mast to inspect the damage from the wind instruments ripping off of the top of the mast. The mechanic is scheduled for Monday morning.

All in all, "Divided Sky" provided a safe haven for us throughout the ordeal and we are enjoying her comfortable accommodation whilst here in Horta.

Love from Jeanne and Colin Harrison