

**Rich and Cheryl Odendahl Take “Roam” on a
Fall Cruise Along the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway
October/November 2014**

We trailered our Ranger Tug “Roam” from our condo in Michigan to Kentucky Lake and launched her at the Kenlake State Park. A few hours later, our friends Mike and Jess arrived from Rhode Island with Roam's sister-ship “Illusions.” Rich and Mike then spent the next two days driving the trucks and trailers ahead to Mobile, Alabama. Then they rented a car one-way and returned to Kentucky. That chore complete, it was time to start the adventure. We would cruise a total of about 900 miles up the Tennessee River, down the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway, the Tombigbee River, the Mobile River and finally the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway across the panhandle of Florida to Apalachicola.





Kenlake Marina, Kentucky



Rich and Cheryl Rowing over to Illusions for Happy Hour



Scenery Along the Tennessee River



Sunrise



Mermaid Marina Three-Dimensional Sign



Rustic, but Nice People at the Mermaid



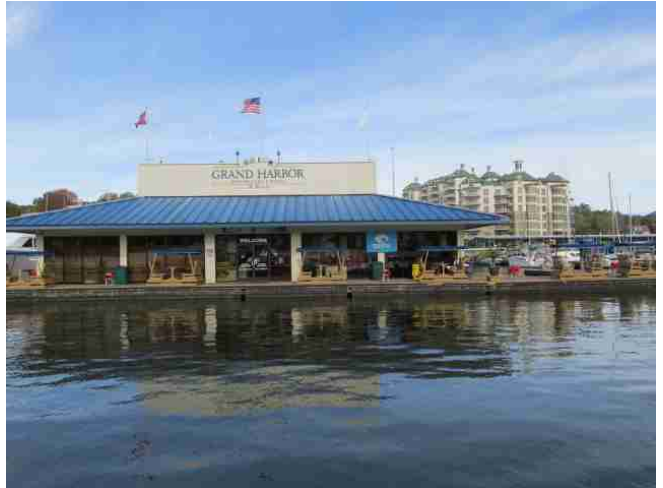
Illusions is Dwarfed by the Pickwick Lock



Rich is on the Edge of His Seat Entering Lock



Inside One of 13 Locks



Grand Harbor Marina, Mississippi



Cheryll wanted Carrot Cake for Her Birthday, but We Found None in Savannah, Tennessee



Instead, Mike Drilled out Carrots and Used them as Candle Holders in a Key Lime Pie



**Somber Moment at the Civil War Battle Field,
Shiloh, Tennessee**



Reflections of Roam at Anchor



**Mike and Jess with the Blue Plate Special
Huck's Place - Columbus, Mississippi**



Eagle Sentry



**Flashback to Our 1997 Tenn-Tom Cruise with
Jon Fruth aboard his Sailboat Apogee**



The White Cliffs at Epes, Alabama



A Tug with Barges Emerges from the Fog



Picking up the Hook at Bashi Creek



Illusions Spent the Night Rafted with Roam, so Jess comes aboard to Wind the Stern-Tie Line



Dining at Bobby's Fish Camp



Bobby's Catfish with all the Fixin's



Back to Civilization Dodging Traffic in Mobile, Alabama



Oysters are Cheap along the Gulf Coast



Discarded Oyster Shells



Final Florida Anchorage



Back on the Trailers in a KOA

Roam is currently in storage at Rich's dad's house in Leesburg, Florida. We'll return to Florida again this winter for a cruise down to the Keys with a possible side trip to the Bahamas.

Our world-wide trip reports are at: <http://www.odendahls.com/>

The other adventures of Roam can be found at: <http://odendahls.com/roam/>

