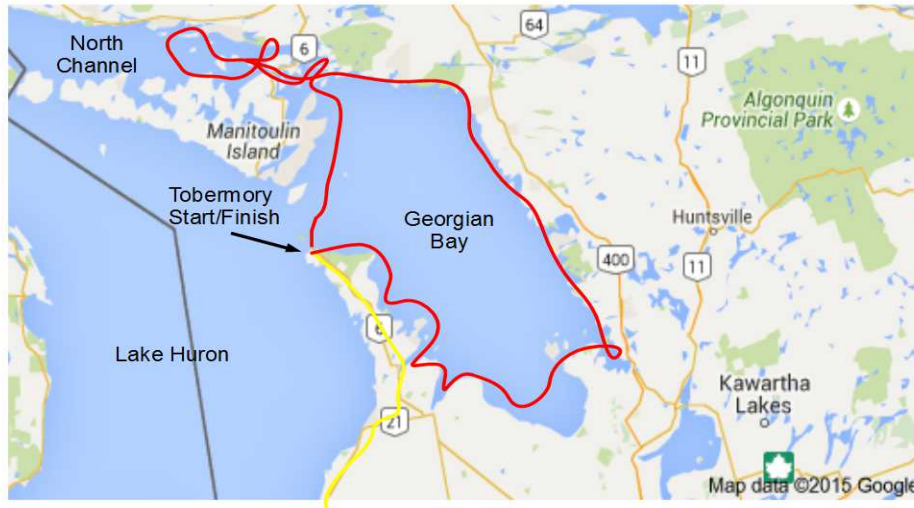


Cruising Aboard ROAM to Georgian Bay and The North Channel Rich and Cheryll Odendahl – 2015

Here is our route.



We trailered from our condominium in Harrison Twp., Michigan to Tobermory, Ontario, Canada. Cheryll had to shoo large numbers of oblivious Japanese tourists away from the downtown launch ramp while Rich backed the boat into the water. It was the biggest audience we've ever had. We stored the truck and trailer and prepped the boat for our four-week cruise.



The first part of the cruise was a counter-clockwise lap of Georgian Bay. The Pearl Mist cruise ship pictured below stopped in Parry Sound during our visit. It's the largest cruise ship on the Great Lakes and we have seen it from our balcony on Lake St. Clair. The weather was generally quite good, but we were stuck in port for a couple of days due to thunderstorms and high winds.



Passing the Pointe au Baril Lighthouse



We took the dinghy for a cruise in the maze of channels in the Bustard Islands.



It had been a dry summer, so it took half an hour to pick enough miniature blueberries for one bowl of cereal.



An unusual group of three lighthouses mark the western end of the Bustards.



Cruising through Collins Inlet was a definite highlight.



We climbed these rocks from Thomas Bay.



ROAM rides peacefully on an anchor and stern tie with Georgian Bay in the background.



World-famous Fish and Chips at Herbert's in Killarney



The Little Current Swing Bridge marks the point where Georgian Bay connects to the North Channel. ROAM can fit under without waiting for the hourly opening. The current can be strong from either direction depending on how the wind is blowing.



16 Ranger Tugs Rendezvoused at the Little Current Downtown Docks.



Navigation requires careful attention in places. Here the channel is between the buoy and the rock on the left.



Sunset Anchored in Bear Drop Harbor



Overlooking the Spanish, Ontario Municipal Marina



ROAM Tucked into a Corner at South Benjamin Island



It was a strenuous climb to this overlook at Baie Fine.



We hiked from The Pool at Baie Fine here to Topaz Lake.



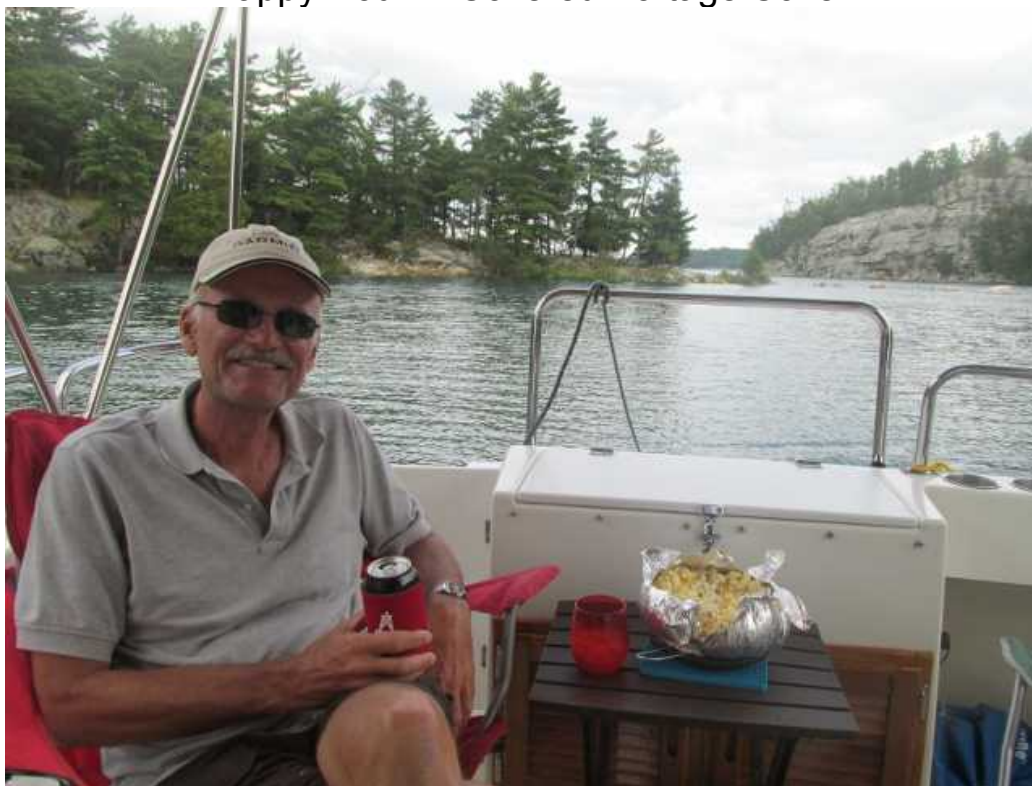
We don't quite understand the appeal of living on a rock.



The Indian Chief watches over the entrance to Covered Portage Cove.



Happy Hour in Covered Portage Cove



After arriving back in Tobermory, we returned ROAM to her trailer and headed home. Our last night was spent in a campground in Goderich, Ontario.



It was a great cruise! We covered 587 nautical miles (675 statute miles) in this beautiful, pristine wilderness. ROAM loved the fresh water and burned 110 gallons of diesel during 93 hours of running. Our average speed was 6.3 knots. We spent 12 nights anchored; the rest in marinas. We met many nice people, especially at the Ranger Tug Rendezvous. We hope to return very soon.

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