

Greetings!

A number of you had earlier asked me to keep you informed of developments vis-a-vis the Boat. I'd intended to send out a mass e-mail before departing, but this somewhat later one will have to suffice.

I don't propose to send too many more e-mails to a broad list like this one. Please feel free to object and I will promptly remove you from my list of correspondents.

I'm happy to (and prefer to) respond individually, though I must admit I'm finding it more difficult to find space and time and adequate WiFi connection to frame intelligible responses. My usual lifestyle of coffee, then reading news and maybe doing a crossword, and then settling down to correspondence — simply doesn't translate.

Shorter version: We didn't quite make our planned December departure date; at the point we were (barely) ready to go, the weather turned nasty. We rescheduled the delivery for January. The weather then was still nasty. The boat (which left Annapolis without us) put into Bermuda for repairs; after some (happily concluded and minor) delays, the boat arrived in St Maarten a week ago, where Donnie and I and our sailing instructor (Neil, a professional sailor) took over.

We'd optimistically planned a voyage through the Bahamas, ending up in the Abacos; but happily we reconsidered in favor of floating around these islands for a while. Each of them deserves more time than we have.

Longer version: See the webpage at sydeliefde.com.

— Eric, aboard S/Y De Liefde
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