



Entrance to Old Bahama Bay, West End, Grand Bahama Island. NW winds blew strong for several days stopping us from crossing over to Florida.



Fishing tournament at Old Bahama Bay brought in many fancy sport fishing boats from Florida. They caught lots of mahi mahi, tuna & wahoo.



Para sailors enjoy a windy day off the beach at Old Bahama Bay.



This guy, Greg, was on his honeymoon. He owns Hawkeye Electronics which sells his hand held depth sounder.



The pretty pool at the Old Bahama Bay Resort & Marina.



Joyce bought the starfish on the table from Ann who has this nice stall at the resort.



These guys were cleaning many conch that they caught that day.
Two conch cost \$5.



We made friends with Ron & Jane on the powerboat “Rachel”. We had “cracked conch” for supper and it was mighty good!



This is John Travolta's house next to the marina. They haven't been back since their son died there. The resort now rents it to guests.



With lighter winds, we left Grand Bahama Island on May 6 for Ft. Pierce, FL. Our 12 weeks in the Bahamas was quite wonderful.



Carl takes down our frayed Bahamian courtesy flag. Goodbye Bahamas!



This little red headed bird came and stayed for a rest. Wonder what kind of bird this was?



Sunset over Florida. Hope our overnight sail goes well. We are aiming for an inlet north of Ft. Pierce.



Our overnight was the trip from Hell! Strong NW winds came & we tried to beat into them. Finally at 3 a.m., we turned the boat SW and had a smoother sail into Ft. Pierce. This picture shows the sunrise on May 7.



At the Harbor Town Marina in Ft. Pierce, we met up again with our friends Ron & Jane on “Rachel” and with Kathy & Tom on “Tom Kat”.



We first met Nina & Adrian on "Dolphin" in the Exumas. We saw them again in the Abacos & finally at the marina in Ft. Pierce.



Carl getting the boat ready to be hauled out of the water at the Harbor Town Marina. The sails are off & the wooden booms are wrapped.



The crane has just lifted out our main mast.



The birds are off the boat and under our hard dodger.



Here the Boat Yard crew are working on getting our mizzen mast out.



Mizzen mast is out and Running Free is mast free. The masts will be stored under the boat as it is trucked back to Lake Superior after June 10.



The boat is then warped around into the haul out well.



The slings are put under the boat in the haul out well.



Time for Carl to get off the boat before it is lifted up and out.



Running Free is lifted out—all 10+ tons.



The hull gets a high power wash before they move it to to the storage yard. We will see it again at Barker's Island, in Superior, WI, mid-June. We pack up our rental car and start heading home on May 15th.