



The Berdie birds, Quinn & Pepper, assume their positions in the boat.



Chris, Katie & Kathie Brown at their home near Wickford. We met Chris & Kathie at the Wickford Cove Marina & they had us over for dinner.



Kathie takes me grocery shopping & out for coffee the day before we left Wickford, June 20, 2012.



Running Free all set to cast off the lines in Wickford, RI.



We get a fly over by a huge Navy plane on our way to Potter's Cove, Narragansett Bay.



Carl tests out the new boarding ladder he built this winter in Potter's Cove.



Sunrise at Potter's Cove.



Bristol, RI, we tour the Herreshoff Museum.



Nathaniel Herreshoff built the **Clara** when he was a teenager and sailed it nonstop to NYC and back to Bristol.



A lovely Herreshoff sloop.



Inside the museum.



Herreshoff built this little row boat called **Gem** for his daughter.



Newport harbor is full of big boats, this one included.



A gorgeous boat **Tenacious** at the Newport Shipyard. The guy who repaired our hydraulic steering ram was repairing something hydraulic on this boat.



Sunset in Newport harbor. Just a few boats.



We go see the IRYS (Intl. Restoration Yacht School) rebuild of the 1885 **Coronet**, 133' on deck.



The **Coronet**. Largest private yacht in the world when it was built. Latter decades was owned by a missionary group who sailed it around the world many times.



This is the church where Jack & Jackie Kennedy got married, 9/12/53. On Memorial Drive in Newport.



America's Cup World Series 45' catamaran **Oracle**.



AC World Series June 26-July1, 2012, Newport, RI.



Italy's Prada.



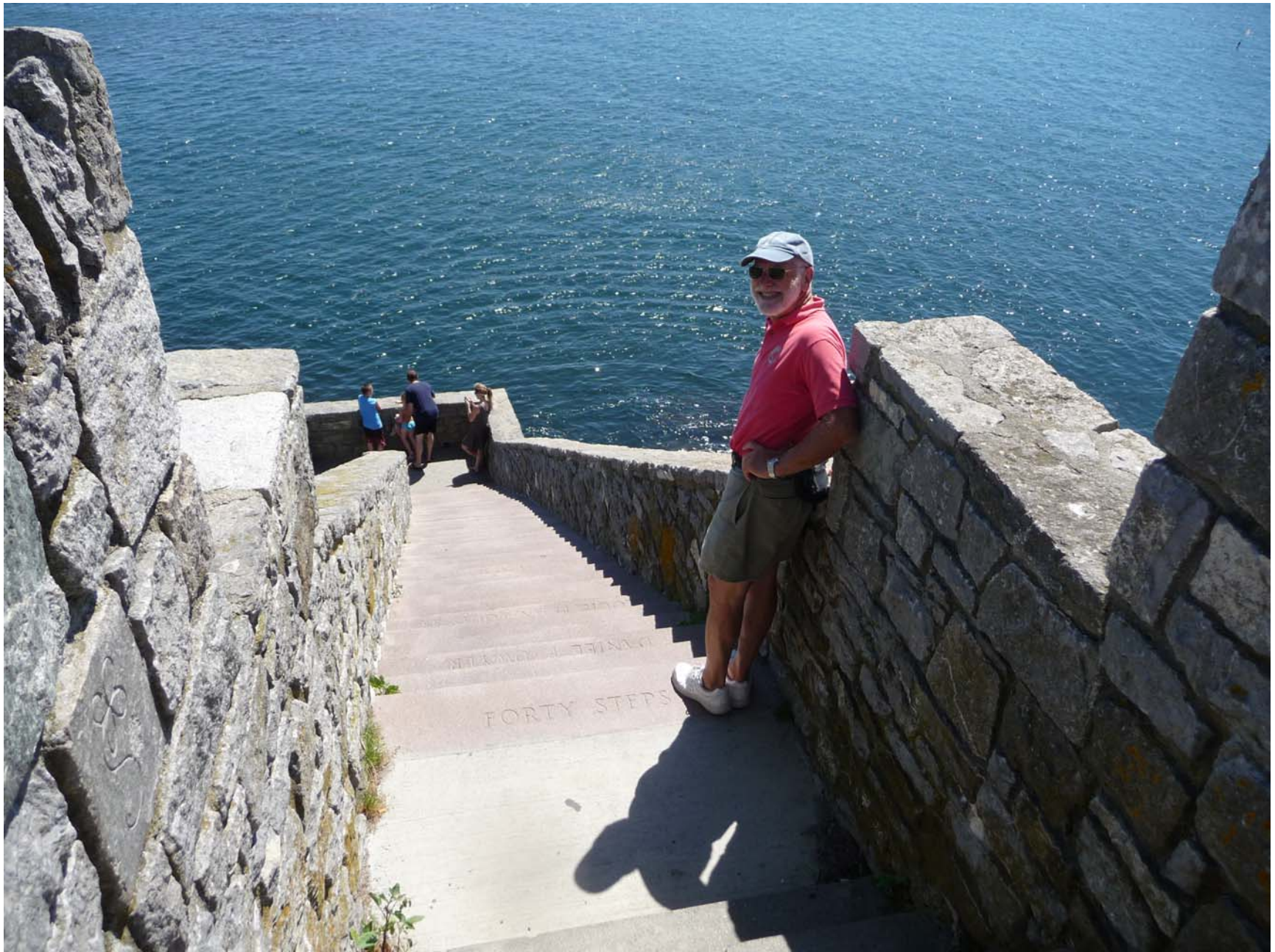
Carl tries out a “blo-cart” in the Exploration Zone of the AC Village at Ft. Adams.



A festive Bannister's Wharf in Newport.



We meet up with Zoe Steele & her little kids, Maru & Isla. We met the Steele family in the Caribbean in '99 on their Covey Island Boatwork's **Maggie T**, a Bristol Channel Pilot Cutter from the 1880's.



We go on the famous Newport Cliff Walk to see the mansions.



The Breakers is a surviving jewel of the New York Central Railroad fortune, a 70 room, 1895 summer estate of Cornelius Vanderbilt II.



Side view of The Breakers mansion. Its interiors feature rare marble, alabaster, and gilded woods throughout.



The Breakers totally French kitchen with a zinc work table.



Cornelius' bedroom. His wife's was on the other side of his bathroom.



Cornelius' bathroom. The tub was carved out of one block of marble.



We dine at The Port next to the Ann St. Pier where the dinghy dock is located. We toast the beginning of a year on Running Free. Good lobster dinner too!



View from The Port restaurant of a very busy harbor.



We anchor in Great Salt Pond on Block Island.



Just a few dinghies tied up in Block Island's Great Salt Pond.



Gorgeous hydrangeas on Block Island.



Blue hydrangeas near the Old Harbor of Block Island.



Southeast Lighthouse. In 1985 they had to move it back from falling off the cliff.



The cliff near the Southeast Lighthouse.



We walk back to town from the lighthouse and this was a pretty scene.



We walk from Great Salt Pond to Old Harbor to dine & see a movie.



Had the BEST Italian dinner at Aldo's. Yum. The bakery is attached.



Nifty old movie theater. Enjoyed Snow White & the Huntsman.



We take the dinghy to the entrance to Great Salt Pond. A parade of boats that weekend before the 4th.



Aldo's bakery boat. He calls out "Andiamo!" Whoever wants his goodies waves him down.



We get breakfast sandwiches & coffee from Aldo's. Aldo started it in early 70's. We saw him in '77 here. This is his son who does it now.