

December 2001

Greetings from the sailing vessel ***Nine of Cups***: After 18 months of living aboard and sailing, we just want more! This year was fabulous...let us share some of the highlights.

- Spent the month of February in the Bahamas...loved it. March was spent in the Florida Keys. We helped David's brother, Paul, celebrate his 50th at the Hog's Breath Saloon.
- Spring was spent sailing up the East Coast with a trip (minus the boat) to Denver to attend Brad's college graduation and celebrate the wedding of our niece, Gentry to her love, Eric.
- The summer was glorious. We sailed to Downeast Maine and the Atlantic Maritime provinces of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. Indescribably beautiful and much too brief.
- Met up with David's Mom in Bristol, Rhode Island. She sailed with us to Baltimore and celebrated her 84th birthday en route. One unbelievable lady!
- Sailed through Hell Gate into New York Harbor past the Statue of Liberty. It was an emotional experience to note the absence of the World Trade Center Towers.
- Ports of call have included Marsh Harbour (Abacos), Key West, Miami, Dry Tortugas, St. Augustine, Baltimore, Newport, Halifax, St. Andrews-by-the-Sea, Rockland, Plymouth, Gloucester and the Bronx. We've sailed about 9000 nautical miles to date.
- Midst our travels we've met some very interesting people:
 - Captain Freddy – sailed from Newport to Key West with blue tarps for sails, no sailing experience and roadmaps for charts. And you think we're crazy?
 - Captain Mitchell – blind from cataracts now, he captained a fishing trawler for 40 years in Newfoundland and the Flemish Cap and loves to share his experiences.
 - Harry O'Connor meets every boat that enters Shelburne Harbor in Nova Scotia. He claims to have greeted more than 10,000 boats over the years.
 - Robert M. Lewis...we never met him, we just tied up at his memorial mooring in Sorrento Harbor, Maine. On the mooring a varnished plaque was attached with the words: "In memory of Robert M. Lewis. He cruised". What a fine tribute to a sailor.
- Midst all our travels, we have been overwhelmed by the generosity and kindness of land folk and cruisers alike.
- We try to stay in touch and maintain a website which we update monthly. If you'd like to be notified when we update, just drop us an e-mail; we'd love to hear from you. Also, please note our new forwarding address.
- What's up for 2002? We think the Caribbean. But like the winds, our plans are always subject to change!

We wish you safe passages and calm seas in 2002.

Marcie & David Lynn & Jelly, the Ship's Cat

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