

News from the Rock

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Seasons Greetings

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Last Year's 2015 Christmas & 70th Birthday Celebration was FANTASTIC! THANKS Everyone for making it so SPECIAL!





Pat Crenshaw and his son Gavin, and I went fishin' abroad Sundance in January. FUN stuff! One of the last trips before say goodbye to SUNDANCE! A great boat for 18 years!

Sighting in New Rem 783 cal .308 ~ 3 inch groups @ 100 yards!



Key West, Ft. Zachary Taylor, Civil War re-enactment with Joe & Lise. One day a Confederate, the next day Yankee! ??



Jan. 31st, Our 34th Anniversary Date Night!



Mary's Birthday Feb. 5



February at EPOC with Cookie and Fred !



Joyce & Tom Gregorich visit to get away from the Pennsylvania's cold weather!! They enjoyed the peace and quite of the ROCK, while fishing, and boating occasionally



Valentine's Day at the Biltmore with Our 2015 Galapagos traveling companions; Pat & Rick Howard, and Connie & Mike Spiller!



Enjoying FT. Worth's Stock Yards with Cynthia & Jim ~ March 2016



The Rattle Snake Round up! Sweet-water, TX



Everything Rattle Snakes even stuffed ones!



Soon to be fried Rattle Snake!



Visiting Soraya in Plano, TX



The Chamber & Powell clan comes together for Brennan in Weatherford, TX



March 2016 ~ Our feral hog hunt turned in to a tragedy, when Brennan (above right) accidentally shot himself in the hunting blind resulting in his death. Brennan will be great missed by his family and friends.



It was JEEP Week, as we passed through MOAB, UT!! It was crowded with off road



Bountiful, UT ~ Shooting at 600 yard is not easy! I didn't even hit the Black after 12 shots! 200 yards was much easier. At least I hit the center of the 8 inch target.



After New Mexico, we stopped at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis, TN to see the DUCKS! The next morning we went to Graceland, home of Elvis Presley!!



On the way home from Utah, we stopped in Santa Fe, NM.



Last stop, on the way home from Utah, we helped Craig find out how the squirrels got in his attic! OMG! LMAO!

The 3 1/2 year search for a Lagoon 450 takes us to Nassua, Bahamas in early June 2016, but no deal!



In Charleston, SC in June, we dined on Oysters @ Peralz and stayed at the Vendue on the way to Annapolis, MD, were we found the boat of our dreams and signed a contract!!



MAY 2016
RALPH & CARYL
PURCHASE SUNDANCE

SeaQuest 2016 LAGOON 450 ~ 3 CABINS

SeaQuest has an AIS Transponder, follow us on MarineTraffic.com ~ Search for SeaQuest



Get togethers at Ilsa's ~ June 2016



Mary Ilsa & Meredith



Steven, Ilsa, Brooke & Mary



Glenn & sister Cookie

July 2016 ~ Chris & Alexis Wedding Celebration ~ Grand Rapids, MI



Arlene, Cookie, Mary & Ilsa



Marin, Justin & Kids



Alexis parents ~ Rom & Allison



Chris' Buddies!

JULY 2016 ~ SEAQUEST IN THE BOAT YARD GETTING FITTED FOR DELIVERY!!



My sister "Cookie" and I check out SeaQuest in the boat yard!



Carey & Barb visit SeaQuest



Derek with SeaQuest in the boat lift !

Aug. 1, 2016 ~ Delivery of SeaQuest in Annapolis, MD ~ Sea trials on the Chesapeake!



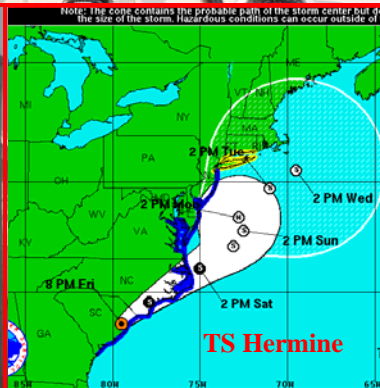
Annapolis Yacht Sales Crew; Chris, Denise, & Dan were a great help in delivering SeaQuest. While in Annapolis we learned the ropes, navigation, and other systems on the boat. We start living abroad Aug 1st, and got home Sept. 16th, so we were living abroad for 7 weeks. Mary wanted to keep going.



On our 1100 mile journey home from Annapolis, MD, we had good weather most of the way. The longest leg of the journey was around NC's Outer Banks 211 miles, 27 hours underway. Most of the way home we motored at 8+- knots on autopilot, as the wind was not favorable and in our face. We left Annapolis, MS Aug. 23 and arrived home Sept 16, 2016



Tropical Storm Hermine weather at the Southport Marina just off the Cape Fear River, NC. 40+ knot wind & lots of rain.



On our journey home, we had to seek safe harbor three times because of bad weather. TD #8, TS Hermine, and a Tropical Wave when



<< Joe & Lise visited us in Ft. Perce while we were anchored up during a Tropical Wave! We dined on Shrimp and Grits!

September ~ October ~ November Sailing crews!



We hosted Craig and Dave friend Chris and her son aboard SeaQuest.
We did some sailing, snorkeling and spearfishing.



Pat Crenshaw and his son Gavin are a fun crew on the boat because they get so excited about everything!



Pat & Rick Howard sailed on SeaQuest!



Bedtime Stories ~ The Myth Book says ; "The average person swallows four spiders in their sleep a year!"
TRUE OR FALSE?



A Great sail in Nov. with our neighbor Filip & his wife Michelle. Filip was a pro-sailing instructor and provided some tips on sailing SeaQuest.



MARY'S SISTER LINDA MADE THIS QUILT FOR MY 70TH BIRTHDAY AND IT WILL BE PERFECT FOR SEAQUEST!
THANKS

OCT 2016 POPPY'S BIRTHDAY ~ SERGIO & ISABEL'S !!



Visitors in October:
Debbie, Chrissy & Stephinel



Mary & Debbie
had a great time
being Hula girls!



On his birthday Poppy
roasted a pig!! WOW!



Sergio
Karaoke
Crooner!!



<<Happy Birthday
Poppy!
We have Great
neighbors!



NOVEMBER HUNT ~ TALL TAILS HUNT CLUB LUMPKIN, GA



Note to self >
I got to get warmer
boots & gloves!!

As Mike Gorman's guest, I shot a large feral boar hog. Club members pictured are Mike, Bryan, & Don. A great experience!



Glenn & Mike



Marsha & Jim

THANKS to Mike & Angie and all the members to the **Tall Tails Hunt Club** I was very impressed with how they manage their 2300 acre lease and the wildlife on the property. They set a very high standard on what Deer you can harvest which assures a great bounty for years to come! Good Job **TTHC!**



Angie & Mike

I shot 5 feral hogs during the week long hunt! 5 shots ~ 5 kills! I had several 8 point deer sighted, however they were not big enough to harvest according to **TTHC** standards.



Mike, Rich & Bryan
She thinks my tractor's Sexy!



Angie, Glenn & Mike

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year

2016 has been an exceptionally wonderful and eventful year. Searching for our dream boat was finally fulfilled. In 2016 we sold Sundance and purchased SeaQuest which is a 2016 ~ 45 foot Lagoon 450 Catamaran with 3 cabins with private bathrooms. We spent 3 weeks learning the ropes, navigation system and fixing any boat issues. We were amazed and pleased how easy SeaQuest is to Sail and how comfortable the boat is. Our 3 week, 1100 mile journey home from Annapolis started on Aug. 23 and it was awesome. We just took our time and picked our weather and things worked out nicely. We met some nice people along the way. The Sailing community is friendly and definitely helps each other.

2017 promises to be an adventure filled year. The reason we upgraded our boat was so we could take friends and family along on our cruising adventures. We plan to cruise the Bahamas in 2017. We will be e-mailing our itinerary to friends and family in case you want to make arrangements meet us in the Bahamas for a week or so. Make sure your passports are up to date!

Time flies when you are having FUN. WOW! This month I will be 71, so I hope I am still sailing, diving and fishing when I am 80. LOL! I scratched off several items on my bucket list in 2016. So I will working diligently on my bucket list in 2017. I am pleasantly gratified that Mary and I have such a grand life at our age and hope everyone should be so lucky.

Please don't be shy about making arrangements to visit us in the Keys or aboard SeaQuest We love company and love sharing our home and our boat!

With Our Love, Glenn & Mary

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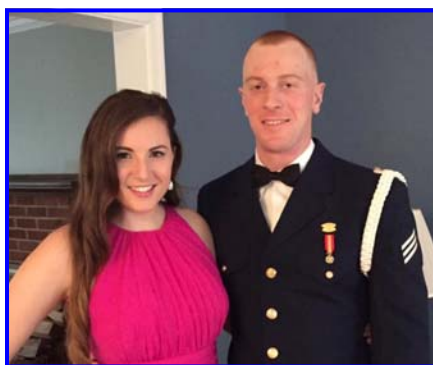


REFLECTIONS I have said this before but as I get older it is worth saying again. It is the time of year for all of us to appreciate all the blessings that have come our way! It is amazing how blessed we are. The grandest blessing of all is life itself. As I reflect, I realize that not all of life's up and downs come by accident or fate. It is impossible to measure how much control we have over our fate, but there is no doubt that our actions affect our lives. So, it behooves us to take control and exert a maximum effort to make things right for ourselves and the loved ones in our lives. Time is short, so make sure that you make the best of it. Creating "News from the Rock" for the last 20 years has been very introspective and cathartic. It has helped shape lives. We have come to realize that publishing and sharing our newsletter is one of our greatest pleasures. It is sharing a little part of us and our life. When we sit down to create this newsletter and we ask, "What did we do this year?". At the same moment, we can not help but ask, "What should we do in the coming year?". Well the answer is simple, it is to share as much of our life with family and friends as possible. Sharing our newsletter filled with love and affection, is what makes life wonderful! Love, Glenn & Mary

Family members on ACTIVE DUTY in the US Armed Forces. God Bless America and keep our family safe!



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Sarah visited us aboard SeaQuest in Annapolis, MD while she was taking classes in DC.



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The Wedding is planned for July 2017.



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Sloane and little sister Colbie Blanche!

We are sure that "Our Troops" would like to hear from you, so send them an e-mails or packages!!