

CRUISE

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HIGH WATER AFFECTS CRUISE PLAN

Hello friends. This is our rough cruising plan for 2006. The high water event in New York has closed the canals.

The trip has not started yet. The main reason, well the waterway is closed because of high water. The reports are mixed. The information from the Canal Corporation is not current. Anecdotes say maybe a week more. We are hoping for the end of the July 4th week.

So far we have been getting the boat ready, and just floating around on Seneca Lake. The other day, I bought a 'folding bike' for transportation. It looks like a clown bike because the wheels are so little. I have had only one crash so far. Yeah. I was trying to lift the bike over the curb without getting off of it. Then I fell down. It wasn't pretty.

We still have a few issues we are dealing with. The dinghy license, was obtained Monday. We have the air conditioner to install which John is working on.

Now, about not having a car. We can sure understand how it feels to be without a car. When someone goes anywhere, you automatically say, "Can I go along". You get as excited as the dog going for a ride. We do have clown bikes but it is a lot of work to go long distances. When the boat is located in town, it's very easy. you can usually get where you need to go. The moral to the story is be patient about the weather and park the boat where you can ride for transportation.



Docked in Geneva

This is what we looked like in Geneva, NY waiting for the canals to open. This is the Town Dock near the Ramada Inn. John walks to town for the Weight Watchers Meetings and we are able to bike and walk along the lake front. The dock sees limited use from traveling boats but it is just fantastic. Thanks Geneva!

CRUISE ITINERARY



Burlington, VT

These are photos from Lake Champlain in 2003. We're planning on going back there in August. This time we will spend about 2 weeks there.

Our Strategy for 2006

Our plan is to begin here in the Erie Canal. It will take about 3 days to get the boat through the Erie Canal, north on the Oswego Canal to Oswego, NY. That is the lower part of Lake Ontario.

The crossing of Ontario is about 50 miles. We arrive in Kingston, Ontario. This is a very neat town. We like to get groceries at the farmers market and then we go up the Rideau Canal.

It takes about a week or so to get to Ottawa, the capital of Canada. We usually anchor out a few evenings on the way and the other nights we stay at locks.

From Ottawa, we'll cruise down the Ottawa River till we reach the St Lawrence. We go east out the Seaway to Montreal. This is an interesting part of the trip

because we have to go through a few of the large shipping locks.

We'll keep going east to Quebec City and if time permits, we'll go out to the Saguenay Fjords to see the whales.

There is a turnaround and we come back to Sorel. That's where we go through

the Chamblay Canal and get back to Lake Champlain. The trip down Lake Champlain is 120 miles. At the bottom, you exit through the Champlain Canal. Then down the Hudson River to New York City. We zip around the tip of New Jersey and

follow the coast to Atlantic City. Then south to Cape May and up the Delaware River. We cross the Delaware and Chesapeake Canal into the Chesapeake Bay. This will take the whole summer. See the schedule below.



SCHEDULE FOR SUMMER 2006

Kingston to Ottawa, Ontario	July 6 - July 16	Intracoastal to Virginia	TBD
Ottawa to Quebec	July 16 - August 3	Virginia to the Carolinas	TBD
Quebec to Lake Champlain	August 3 - August 23	Carolinas to Florida	TBD
Champlain to New York	August 23 - Sept 3	Florida - Okechobee Lake	TBD
New York to Delaware River	Sept 3 - Sept 10	Ft Myers Florida	November
Delaware to Chesapeake Bay	Sept 10 - Sept 20		
Chesapeake Bay to Intercoastal	TBD		