

## Peter's Lake Huron High Adventure Cruise Log

Day 1 July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The crew of the Griffin woke up at the Wilderness State Park near Mackinaw City around 0630 and packed up. We departed for Mackinaw City and met at Shepler's Ferry. We unloaded the vehicles and waited on the arrival of the *Griffin*. Around 1000 the *Griffin* arrived in Mackinaw City, fueled up, and pumped out. We then began to load our gear onboard and listened to a safety briefing. Around 1200 the *Griffin* departed Mackinaw City headed for Presque Isle. Because of an unfavorable wind direction we motored at 6 knots all day. We celebrated a crew member's birthday during dinner and continued toward Presque Isle. Many of the crew members worked on Sea Scout advancement throughout the evening. We pulled into Presque Isle after dark and proceeded to anchor next to the *Time Machine*. Peter and Lucas stood the first watch from 2300 to 0100, Mark and Chelsea stood the watch from 0100 to 0300, and Katie and Courtney stood watch from 0300 to 0600.

Day 2 July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012

The Crew of the Griffin awoke around 6:00 and motored into the Presque Isle Marina. We all disembarked and planned to tour the lighthouse with the scouts from *War Chant* and *Time Machine*. However, after listening to the weather reports Captains Wayne and Robert decided that it would be best to leave early to beat the weather. Around 0900 the crew donned foul weather gear and left the Presque Isle Marina. Immediately it became clear that it would be a rough day on the water. The crew headed to the foredeck to raise the Jib #3. Courtney and Peter pre-fed the jib while Lucas jumped the halyard. Waves crashed over the bow as the sail was raised. The wind was blowing 20 knots most of the day and waves were between 3 and 6 feet, topping out at 12 feet. Several crew members became sick while others slept below deck. Around 1300 the Genoa halyard snapped at the top of the mast and the jib fell. The crew worked fast to put the Jib back up. Around 1800 we arrived at Harrisville Harbor of Refuge. After arriving in port everyone began to feel better. We grilled chicken for dinner and put our soaked clothes in the dryer. At 2030 we met on board the *Time Machine* and listened to Captain Robert's rescue story and receiving the Hanson Medal. We all slept well during night 2.

Day 3, July 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

We set sail at 1000 for Port Sanilac and soon put up the Mainsail and Jib #3. The weather was much calmer and we began to plot our course every 30 minutes in a Navigation Log, all day crew members sailed and worked on advancement. We decided to fly our Gennaker because of favorable wind conditions and our speed picked up to 8 knots under sail alone. We passed *War Chant* who was flying a Spinnaker. Around 1500 we made radio contact with the *Time Machine* requesting that we take anchor at Harbor Beach. We contacted *War Chant* and decided that *Griffin* and *War Chant* would continue on to Port Sanilac. We sailed into the night and set up two short watches. The first watch was Lucas, Chelsea, Katie, Mark, Michelle, and watch captain Wayne. They sailed from 2000 to 2345 and woke up the second watch at 2345. The second watch was made up of Peter, Courtney, Bill, Michele, and watch captain John. Around 0145 we pulled into Port Sanilac and tied up to the fuel dock because the Harbor was full.

Day 4, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012

Because of our late night the day before, we slept in until 0900. Garth from *Boys Life Magazine* joined us aboard the *Griffin* for the rest of the trip. We sailed out of Port Sanilac just in time for *Time Machine* to catch up from Harbor Beach. *War Chant* followed us out of the harbor and we put up the #2 Genoa. We

were sailing at 7 knots with only 8 to 9 knots of wind because we had gotten good practice at trimming. Peter took the position of Boatswain until 1400 leading the crew in all operations. At 1400 Lucas took command. The crew kept a navigation log every 30 minutes for the entire day under the direction of Peter and Lucas. Around 1400 we caught view of the Blue Water Bridge and decided to put up the Spinnaker. We sailed with the Spinnaker for about an hour before putting it down. We then continued on to the Blue Water Bridge, around 1800 we anchored next to marker number 8 in 15 feet of water. We ate dinner, then practiced anchoring 3 more times under the directions of different Sea Scouts. We then passed under the Blue Water Bridge and turned into the Black River. After arriving in Port Huron we went out for ice cream to celebrate our finish.

Day 5, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2012

The crew got up and went out to breakfast at Cavis Diner. We then toured the Port Huron Yacht Club and plotted a course for the day. We headed back out to Lake Huron for an additional day of on the water training while the crew worked on Ordinary, Able, and Quartermaster requirements. We anchored one final time and went for a swim in the chilly water. After pulling anchor we once again passed under the Blue Water Bridge and into Port Huron Yacht Club. We went out to dinner at a family restaurant in Port Huron and then said goodbye to part of the crew who were headed to the Detroit Airport. We spent our final night aboard the *Griffin*.

Day 6, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012

We woke up early, unloaded the boat and headed south to begin our trip home.