

Chapter 13: Two years since the
story began: A clear title and a
new set of problems

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5/10/19

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a rush to store everything
away before leaving here.

May 10th 7:00 am clam at
pickles. While I was working
up at Max's yesterday I
got a call from the
South Carolina DPER
The woman told me that
everything was in order
that she was sending
the ^{new} title for Tradewinds
out in the mail today
I am going to have to
look back to see when
this process began. I
remember in my ^{first} ^{great}
conversation with John
Cooper. He said if you
have me do this it will
cost you a substantial
amount of money. You can
do this yourself. I
explained to him that I
did not live in the area
and I believed it was
more complicated than would

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meet the eye.

Sat ^{5:11} morning clam at Pickles

Ever since I got news of
the clear title I have been
thinking I should be so
happy. Instead my mind
is telling me I'm on the
road. A new road, an
uphill road, and I'm
the news is great a
milestone for Tradewinds
but a whole set of new
realities appear on the
radar screen. The boat
is still sitting at mooring
on the Broad Creek. It
is still leaking. Hopefully
she will be out of the
water safe & sound in
Steven Miller's yard sooner
than latter.

Weds May 15th

I am sitting on the ferry

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boat in Cruz Bay just pulling away from the dock heading across to Red Hook, tomorrow I will be back on the Vineyard

Yesterday I got a text from Michele Jones she told me the title from S.C. DP&R was in the mail also she said it was all correct in my name with 113 Greenwood ave address. We got the title free & clear it took a lot of help from people. It would not have happened without the work Michele did her research - and of course John Townsend Cooper who did most everything else.

Thurs May 16th

8:30 am I am sitting at my niece Tabors kitchen table Her Husband was Chris

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gone before I woke up. Olivia their little girl & Camron their little boy are having breakfast. I told Tabors about the title coming through last week. I showed her a picture of the boat - and we talked about the future. I had Emailed my sister Patty telling her that ~~the~~ the Lawyer was successful and sent along ~~pics~~ pictures of the title for Tradewinds.

Yesterday I got an Email back that said ^{this is} exciting - and a little scary to be Honest,

I called Peter Maddock and left a voice Mail

Peter is not returning my calls. I left three messages.

Tradewinds has been heavy on my mind.

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I texted Clay he said
the Boat was OK and
that he was going to
Ashland NC for a week.

I felt hopeless this
week. With Clay gone I
have no way of knowing
if the Boat is OK.

I called my sister
Michelle. She has lived
in Hatter Head then Bluffton
for 20 some years.

I asked her if she knew
of anyone who could look
out from the pier and tell
me if the boat was still
there. Michelle said yea
no problem, she texted
A friend who lived in the
Condos next to the dock.
He said He would go down
and look.

Week turned into Saturday
I never got an answer.

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Sat May 25th

5:00 pm I got the dreaded
call from Clay. He was
Blunt "your boat is going
down. I am not dealing
with it its your problem
I done with that boat?
Clay gave it to me hard
and then he hung up.

I am on the Vineyard
I can't see the tradewinds
its 1000 miles to the South.
I began to get really anxious
I had visions of the boat
swamped headed to the
bottom with nothing I
can do. My stomach
began to turn. I began to
run different scenarios through
my Brain. None of them
were good.

I waited until I couldn't
stand it anymore. I texted
Clay asking I I could

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call him. I got no response
 I waited a while longer
 then I called Clay. He
 answered. He told me that
 He had a pump going on my
 boat but that he was done
 "I can't deal with your boat
 anymore" "I don't want to have
 anything to do with that boat."

SAM

I texted
 who got back to me. He
 said I could call early
 in the morning.

Sunday May 26th

1:30 - I called

SAM We talked I told
 him about the situation
 I asked him if he had any
 vehicles. He said no he
 only has the Van he drives

I was thinking about flying
 but the truth is I would
 not be able to get anything

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done. The inflatable is at
 the storage unit on a trailer
 I will need to pick it up,
 set it up at the boat ramp
 to get out to the boat.

My goals are to first get
 another Solar panel set
 up with Charge Controller
 & Batterys a float & Bidge
 pump that is a whole
 separate system so if
 the primary system fails
 the secondary will come
 on.

My Plan now is to get
 on the road in the old
 Land Cruiser drive down
 to Hilton Head its a long
 drive. But I don't have
 any other options. I need
 parts & tools to get the
 work done. I have been
 feeling overwhelmed ever
 since I got the phone
 call about the Boat being

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in trouble.

May 25th

OH my God what a roller coaster this has been. It's Tuesday night. My plan was to get on the road to South Carolina sooner than latter. I had to jobs to put back together I was running and got most of it done. I havent gotten any sleep for three days. I would dose off then wake up stark with visions of a sunken boat a disaster that made my stomach turn. I tried hard to keep it together even if I got to S.C. before the boat sank I am powerless to really make any real impact the best I could hope for was to put a Bandaid on a Bandaid

I thought of shooting the holes with foam

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I thought about pouring juicy cement into the bottom of the boat. The idea of beaching seemed to risky because if the centerboard was jammed to one side or the other it might just break wide open. I was feeling more & more hopeless. Last night was unmeaning

This Morning around 7:30 I called ~~Peter~~ Peter Maddock. Peter answered right away He said he he hadnt forgotten me. But he just had two weeks from Hell a Filly ton Shrimp Boat Broke loose on the marine Railway took off. He said they had to jack it up to get it straight. I told him that Tradewinds was leaking worse and that I was heading

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down to do whatever I
could. "Don't come" He said
I'll handle it, I'll go
check on the boat. The
trailer is ready and
I'll get you hauled out
soon.

Weds 5/29 6:30 am

Peter called last night
and said the bilge water
was under control - that
he would regularly check
the boat and get it
hauled out as soon as
possible.

I went to bed and slept
straight through.

9:30 pm oh I want
that boat out of the
water - I texted Clay
that Peter told me not
to come down He said
He was on it and would

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get tradewinds out as
soon as possible. Clay
+ texted back that yes
He had talked with Peter
the night before when
Peter came out to tradewinds
Clay texted that he would
keep an eye on Er. I
wrote out a check to Clay
and put it in the mail
to pay him back for the
new pump & float switch
plus some extra for his
time.

5/30/19 10:30 pm

I have shifted my
prayers from Fox Hole to
full flege Support Prayers
for Peter Maddock &
Clayton Mills -

6/1 5:30 pm I got a text
today during the afternoon
from ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

SAM

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He said he was down launching a boat and that he could see my boat sitting out there.

I texted back thanking him I added that I will feel a whole lot better when its sitting on his lot!

Bring it on his reply

6/12 Its been hard on the brain trying not to go into full flage worry mode! I texted Peter Maddock on Monday morning he texted back that he would call as soon as he got his head above water.

Around 7:30pm tonight I got a text from Clay Clay said the boat batteries were holding at 12.3. He went on to say that its

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been raining heavy for two days and the solar panels need sun. I texted Peter. Clay also said He was leaving Hilton Head for good on Friday so there was not going to be any one around to look after the boat. I relayed this information out to Peter. Time to pray!!!

6/13 Last night I planned out my driving down to Hilton Head in my head what tools to bring. My plan was to try & slow the boat and install a sepreater system Solar panels charge controller Batterys & pumps

Around 9am I called Peter Maddock. Peter answered. He told me He was getting caught up and was going to go see

the boys at Palmatto Bay Marina, I should have you out next week. He told me, if Clay is leaving, I will check your boat everyday. That was great to hear. I am back to praying and working here to do all I can.

6/16 Sunday 9:45 pm

This waiting game is killing me. Now that Clay is gone, the Boat being a thousand miles away on a mooning leaking. I am praying for the Phone call that she is hauled out, times like this make one feel quite Powerless. On the other hand I am so happy to know that Peter is on it. Thank God I am really busy right now it help to keep my mind off of adewinds.

I texted Peter!!!

Weds June 19th

need to update - on Monday morning Peter called he told me things were lined up to pull the boat out hopefully by the end of the week. He said He didn't call because he had no news. I told him I get nervous, I used to be able to help Clay but now He is on his way to the Keys. Peter said he checked the lot of Steve ^{Miller}

Dont worry Peter told me with Clay gone I will keep a eye on the boat, the hardest part is lining up the guy who drives the Crane. We need the crane to pull that 50' mast out,

After the call I felt so much better. I can feel its happening

Its never really over till its over but I feel more confident now.

Chapter 14: Out of the water and settled- Relief

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6/28/19

<End of Ships LOG Vol 1.Vol 2. up next >

this morning I got a call from Jido. He told me the boat was floating fine. I caught him up on all that's transpired over the last few months. Jido asked me if I was able to get a clear title for the Tradewinds I told him that John Cooper had gotten it done.

Jido said he would keep an eye on the boat that he was on the river working on his own boat,

Double relief

Fri 6/28 6am I'm sitting at the Black dog there is an old train car outside the window - last night around 7:30pm I got a text from Peter Maddock He said "Your boat is out of the water it's not on the trailer yet But its been hauled out".

Sat 6/29 West Chop Overlook

I worked all day on the little dipper. Little dipper is an 18' Cat boat. I've been packing away at cleaning oiling the ~~teak~~ and getting her in order. She is ready to go into the water any time.

I talked to my sister Patty on the phone. She said you must be so relieved that you got your boat out of the water I told her when I got the text from Peter that the boat had been hauled I was over joyed. Peter Maddock made it happen without him I don't even want to think of the jam I would be in. I need to do something to recognize how grateful I am for his help. I remember talking to him quite some time ago. Saying I just can't

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seem to get a break with Tradewinds. Because its leaking & held together with bandaids out on the mooring I cant take it any distance. Because the starter is all messed up and the fuel in the tank is bad I have no way to move the boat. Peter said I'm going to help you I gonna get you going in the right direction - true to his word. He got it done.

I got a text from [REDACTED]. Steven said He stopped by Palmetto Bay Marina and talked to Peter. Peter said it would be a week or so before the boat was ready for transport to his place.

Sunday June 30, 19

I have gone from sittin my

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fingers nails off to excitement. I know I should be prepared for a shock when I get a professional survey done. I'm in over my head and I know it. Now that Tradewinds is out of the water its time to plan the future.

I am suprized at the fact that I have no History on Tradewinds. During the quest for a clear title. I found every set of numbers I found the #'s carved into the Hull or behind the steps must have been put there by the original Builder. I am curious. I want to know who had it Built and where. Who the previous owners were. Really suprized the boat has no History.

For now we wait for the Boat to be safely transported to [REDACTED] Lot

next slm going to drive the dump truck down to South Carolina. Get all my stuff out of Storage remove everything off of Tradewinds that will be in the way. Demo all the rot around the center board trunk. I want to leave the boat clean & ready for survey to be done - - -

Monday June 1st

I talked to Peter Maddock this morning. He said How are you doing? I said great I think I got an extra 4 hours of sleep knowing that Tradewinds is on dry land. Peter said since we have use of the travel lift do we want to take out the centerboard once its on the trailer and ready to transport you won't be able to get it out. I said that would really

be a smart move. OK he said slm on it. I mailed out a check to Peter for \$2000.00 7/2

I texted Tracy to let him know the Boat was out of the river - I also texted Trent.

7/11 7:30 am I got a call from Jido. Jido told me the masts had been pulled and the boat was on the trailer. He told me that the Hull looks great - looks like it just needs new paint

at 9 am I got a text from Peter Maddock and a picture tires can't handle the weight getting 4 tires & rims

I called Peter - Peter told me that the tires & rims were just automotive Radials no way could they take the weight of Tradewinds

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Don't want to lose her half way across the island. He said I told him that I was glad he was going to do it proper & safely. "No one including the boat is going to get hurt" Also he said I'm going to the Sheriff dept. the boat is over 14' wide I want a police escort. Last week they stopped a boat turned them around and made them return to the boatyard.

7/13 7:30 am at Greenwood ave. beginning the work day. I texted Peter Maddock that I felt bad about the Congrats. He called me a little while later, I said I feel bad about the tires. He said that the tires & rims were on the way. He also told me that he was applying for a wide load permit from the S.C. D.O.T. etc. just

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another hurdle we will get through it. ~~I mailed out a check for \$2000.00 to Peter~~ at 6pm ~~Sam~~ **SAM** texted me a picture tradewinds on the trailer. He said "I'm standing next to your boat the masts are out".

7/15 Yesterday I got a text from Tracy - He said now that the Boat is out of the water can we finish our deal. That set me back. I texted Him back that Tradewinds is still not moved also I asked him to send me his address where I could send him a letter. He texted his E-mail address.

Fri 7/26/19 around six pm I looked at my phone. There was a text from Steven Miller. He said your boat is now at my lot Congrats

I texted back Holly Shit!

[redacted] texted back that this weekend He was going to jack the trailer up, Put B blocks under and get the weight off the wheels.

He asked me what my Plans were. I told him that I was going to come down clean the boat out. Cut out all the rot out and try and leave it in a situation where the repairs to the centerboard trunk could begin

[redacted] told me that the boat was sitting in a place where it had easy access to electricity & running water

Again I looked at my phone. I had three messages from Peter Maddock. The Boat is delivered you on [redacted] clock now

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I texted Peter back. Thanking him. You did it I said Peter I said I told you I would. I didn't think it would be so difficult!

Peter said he would put together a bill

On Sat morning I called SAM [redacted] I asked him how things were going. He told how things went when Peter arrived with the boat [redacted] told me that frame of the trailer had bent when they were disconnecting from Peters truck. I said well thank God it happened there at the end of the move and not out on the road somewhere. I think that Boat is heavier than we think.

Dehumidify Eva dry 2200

Electrical
ATC Fuses

(OCPDs) OVER CURRENT
PROTECTION devices

Blue sea 5026 Fuse block
12 Fuses in a block.

Small Led lights
illuminate the switches