



Yearly News Aboard Kalunamoo

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*There is an old Dang called
Kalunamoo,
Who sadly enough is headed south too
soon.*

*But on her decks is first mate Maureen,
With the voice so quiet and serene.
But up from Brooklyn she took over the net,
With that New York accent we won't ever forget.
So we bid farewell to our friends,
And wish you fair winds,
But I really can't wait until I hear your broadcast
again.*

So broadcast Ron of *S/V Tovarisch* after Maureen conducted the morning VHF net in North Sound, BVI's in November. He was taken to say this because he was fascinated with her New York accent. For some reason the cruisers we meet always know we are from New York, especially after Maureen speaks with them. Since the cruisers are from all over the world, from the U.S. west coast, mid-west, south and east, from Europe to Australia, we find it amazing how they all recognize a New York accent. Who knew?

This is our fourth year living and cruising full time on our sailboat. Two winters in the Bahamas, and two in the Virgins. Has the novelty of that worn off? Are we ready to settle down in one location? I believe the novelty has worn off because it evolved into a life style. It seems stranger to live on land than to live on a boat.

We wake just after sunrise surveying the sea and sky and anticipating the weather for the day. Is it laundry day and a dinghy ride in to do wash, a morning of minor boat work, or a day to pull the hook and find another harbor? For cooling off when the sun is strong, a swim around the boat is much more effective than a blasting air conditioner in a hermitically sealed container. Is that boat across the anchorage familiar? Haven't we seen them before? Let's go meet them. A good day for a walk, hike or bike ride? The reef looks inviting, a good day to snorkel? How about provisions? What's today's dinner? Want to try that beach bar for dinner? With the friends on the boat that just arrived? Maybe a game of Mexican Train? Or a DVD movie? We have an inter-



Above: Dave, Corey, Melanie, Shane.
Below: Timothy, Michael, Ryan.
Right: Caleigh, Santa, James



net connection! Let's see what's new on Facebook, a Skype call to the kids! The sun travels it's arc, rainbow in the distance, and as it dips below the western horizon the conch horn sounds. All is still as the night winds calm. Anchor lights complement the stars overhead. Another day ends and our heads rest upon the pillow again, drifting into dreams, sailing into another day. The boat rocks in a slow rhythm, synchronized with the swells from distance seas or from the wake of fisherman heading out to the reefs for their nightly work.

Ashore, our family flourishes. Corey our oldest grandchild is a senior in high school and is applying to colleges. Both Corey and his brother Shane are growing up to be young men as the roots of their future lives start to form. Dave and Melanie have done a fine job of raising a family while succeeding in their careers.

Laura, Drew, Michael, Timothy and



Ryan keep themselves busy with schooling and sports – baseball and ice hockey. Seeing their achievements on Facebook is not the same as being there but we hope that they understand that we always have them in our hearts and would love to see them more.

Liz, Sean, Caleigh and James also have busy schedules. Caleigh is now in kindergarten and so the school years start. James is really doing well talking and seems to have no issues with his foot. We would love to have them visit us on the boat this summer and maybe that can happen.

Most of our daily routines and ports of call were posted in our blog during the year so we will not repeat them here. After spending the first four months of 2014 in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico we enjoyed flying to Italy for a two week cruise in the Eastern Med in the summer. In October we sailed south and eventually landed in the BVI's, a much better voyage than last year. We are back in NYC for Christmas and when we fly back to St. Thomas on January 1, we will start heading down island to Trinidad. The year 2015, may entail more air travel as we intend to live-aboard the boat in Trinidad over the summer to do major boat work. It will be another interesting year afloat.

**Have a Joyous Christmas
and a Healthy New Year.
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