
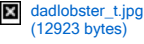





Tondelayo's Voyage

A visit from Dad and Chris, time in La Paz, new crew

Oct 12 - Nov 4, 2002

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Oct 12	 <p>Dad and Chris arrive on the bus from La Paz. Just hanging out showing off the latest boat projects and catching up on old / new times.</p>
Oct 13	Sailed and motored to Monserrat. Looked around the south corner but came back and found a place to anchor on the east side, on the south end. Not on any maps as an anchorage, but worked ok for us. Went spearfishing and Chris and I each got a nice hawkfish. Blackened hawkfish and broccoli with cheese whiz!
Oct 14	 <p>Got up early and went for another snorkel. I shot a nice grouper that became Chris' famous fish tacos, and a couple lobsters. Then we had a nice 10 mile sail over to Agua Verde, got a nap, and went snorkeling again. Dad shot a big lobster, and I collected some scallops. Went to bed fat and happy after a lobsterfest.</p> 
Oct 15	 <p>Went sailing south. Got to try out the new asymmetrical spinnaker that Dad brought down. Then used the drifter for a while. Eventually made it to Los Gatos, but decided to keep sailing into the night and see where we ended up. So, light winds of the day started to build and we ended up reefed in the main and mizzen after a while. Then sailed down the San Jose Channel with the setting moon under full sail. Tons of shooting stars were seen by all, meteor shower? Around sunup the wind quickly built to 20+ knots (up to 30ish) and seas were getting big so we sailed for the lee of Isla Partida about 25 miles north of La Paz. Sailed under headsails and reefed mizzen, with no main most of the way. Caught a nice dorado, about 8-10 lbs on the way over. Once we got into the lee, motored up the the east side of Caleta Partida and took anchorage in 20 feet, plenty of room, sand bottom. Still windy, but no fetch. Had beer and pancakes for lunch and then long siestas.</p>
Oct 16	Motored and sailed bown to Balandra, about 12 miles north of La Paz. Lots of light wind right on the nose. Chris went ashore to fine smokes. We had peel and eat shrimp with fresh baked cuban bread for dinner. We got the shrimp in Agua Verde from Manuel.
Oct 17	Civilization. We anchored in the "virtual marina" and went ashore for showers, and a look around. Nice to be in a city with 3 marine stores. Lots of things to do. We had a really good Bacon Cheesburger in Paradise Found for lunch, and then Thrifty's Ice Cream for dinner.
Oct 18	 <p>More walking around La Paz, and just hanging around. Went to Los Arcos for a pretty good steak dinner. Went to the grocery store, and then Chris made a really good greek salad.</p>
Oct 19	Sunday, Dad left for the USA, but Chris decided to hang around for a few days. They have Feta Cheese here. Andrew fixed the head, for the second time. If you have one of those new Jabsco heads, ask and I'll tell you how it is going to break and how to fix it.
Oct 20 - 23	Working on the boat, dropped off the sails at the sailmaker. Added a seperate starting battery, zinc to the fridge, and cleaned out a bunch of cabinets. Also watched the world series. Kinda exciting for baseball.
Oct 24-28	New crew, Jim Sokup arrives. He came down from Wisconsin, and brought some really good cheese. More world series, and getting the boat ready for a few days at the islands. Plan to meet up with Seahorse and drop a part off to them.
Oct 29-30	Leaving for a week up in the islands. Sailed up to Espiritu Santo, but not very fast, so ended up motoring into the anchorage after dark. Corumuels were blowing lightly, so we were pitching a bit during the night. Went snorkeling the next morning and found some fabulous coral, and tons of small reef fish. Not too much in the way of hunting, though. Motored up to Ensenada Grande on Isla Partida for some more snorkeling, and nasty late night wind. Not much sleep.
Oct 31	Sailing in light air up toward the north end of Partida and hailed Seahorse. Went snorkeling with the Sea Lions at Los Islotes, and they were pretty playful. Tons of reef fish. Met up with Seahorse on the other side of the island and sailed down to Caleta Partida-East anchorage, and went over to Seahorse for drinks and dinner.
Nov 1-3	Hanging around with Seahorse. Snorkeling. Watching Pat and Lisa fix the dripless packing seal. More snorkeling, but not very good hunting, lots of small fish, but not many big ones. Took Seahorse out for a test drive. Moved down the coast to another anchorage in hopes of better fishing, but no better there.
Nov 4	Nice wind, but on the nose. Sailed, and a bit of motoring to La Paz. More people around than a week ago. The anchorage is filling up also. A few things to do this week and then heading south soon.