

2022

## Merry Christmas!

I sold the boat early this year and moved to Florida! God brought the right buyers at the right time, and last December we entered into a contract, exactly 20 years after I bought the boat. I moved all my stuff off the boat and into storage. I promised the new owners I would help them move it to their new dock, after it was finished in the boat yard, so I stayed with friends until then. I then loaded up the car and went on a road trip across the country, stopping to visit people in Utah, Colorado, Illinois, and Alabama, on the way to FL.

God provided a great job right here in Vero Beach as an Electrical Engineer for an LED lighting company, which is just a 15-minute drive from home.

In April my parents celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary so we all went to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico for a week and stayed in a fabulous resort. I got to go scuba diving one morning and explored a little of the town afterwards.

We all got COVID-19 in August, starting with my mom and then dad. I woke up with it on my birthday. Unfortunately, that forced me to cancel a trip to CA to go out to Santa Cruz Island for a weekend adventure, and rescheduled my move.

In September my dad and I flew to California, picked up a rental truck, unloaded my storage unit, and drove all the way to Florida. We stopped at the Grand Canyon for a short visit. It was a long drive, but nice to have company and trade-off drivers, while completing my move.

I've been getting plugged in with the community and making friends. I found a good church, transferred my Power Squadron membership here, and I play underwater hockey with a group of guys once a week. I've been exploring the local waterways by kayak and paddleboard, and have done a little snorkeling too.

While one of the two hurricanes to hit Florida this year made landfall in Vero Beach, there was little damage except for beach erosion. We live 8 miles west of the beach and no damage here.

Wishing you a safe, happy, and healthy 2023!

Bill