

Getting There Is All The Fun

by Kerri Glynn

The ultimate difference between motor boaters and sailors may be the difference between people who value their destination and those who value the journey. Never was that more clear than when my husband and I took off for a two-week cruise along the Northeast coast. Block Island, Newport, Martha's Vineyard, the Elizabeth Islands – each was on our wish list and each was doable as long as the wind, current and tide were on our side. Yes – on our side. If we were a motorboat with a 300 horsepower engine, none of those would have mattered. As it was, they did matter to us. Along with fog - not the "little cat feet" of Carl Sandburg's poem, but big, heavy ponderous fog like "elephant feet."

On our first day we crept toward Newport. Captain Tim actually used the foghorn for the first time. He spent most of the journey downstairs at the chart table and the radar while faithful "George" (our auto pilot) sailed the boat and I, the first mate, sat staring rigidly ahead, looking for signs of other lights or life. We made it there,

and we made it out the next day when the fog lifted enough for us to navigate safely a new route to Cuttyhunk, the largest of the Elizabeth Islands. We used charts and GPS and radar to make our way east, and we found ourselves in a lovely harbor with only two other boats on moorings. But the Fourth of July was three days away, so the harbor soon would be filled with boats. We'd explore this small island and then make our way farther east.

With a wedding to attend back on Long Island, we'd arranged to borrow a small plane and a pilot willing to fly us there and back. We would be able, with luck, to celebrate the Fourth at Edgartown, Massachusetts, which had stood in for Montauk in Stephen Spielberg's "Jaws." As fictional "Amity" waited for the holiday crowds, we would be among them. I won't sidetrack into how I managed to get the wedding date wrong. Regardless of my gaffe, the next day's weather wasn't allowing us to go anywhere. Fog, fog, and more fog, with the promise of even more



Island view

fog the next day. "Oh, it burns off by noon," said the old dock geezer. But his telling look, the upward glance, told us all we needed to know. We weren't leaving Cuttyhunk anytime soon.

We managed to get home for the wedding by taking a wet water-taxi ride to New Bedford and renting a car. Twenty-four hours later we were back on Cuttyhunk – and we were back to stay. Cuttyhunk is the most populated of the Elizabeth Islands, and the only one with a year-round community. Although the summer population can swell

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4th of July parade

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