

#378p Helianthus III
in
Nathanael G. Herreshoff's Diary

"[1921-01-13] Thu 13: ... Begin drawing of 61' cruising power boat on moulds of #300 [Shadow] for self, just for amusement. [This will be #378p Helianthus III.]

[1921-01-16] Sun 16: ... At home all day, interested in drawing of 62' cruising power boat. [This will be #378p Helianthus III.]

[1921-02-14] Mon 14: ... Decided to build a new cruising yacht for self --- 62-1/2 x 12-3/4. [#378p Helianthus III]

[1921-02-15] Tue 15: ... Began work on Power Cruiser for self --- No 378 [#378p Helianthus III].

[1921-02-20] Sun 20: ... Indoors all day drawing details for new cruiser #378 [Helianthus III]. ...

[1921-02-21] Mon 21: ... Set up moulds for #378 [Helianthus III] to run ribbons [sic]. Stem is partly hewed out. Deck beams cut and floor plank[s are] underway.

[1921-02-24] Thu 24: ... Began timbering #378 [Helianthus III]

[1921-02-27] Sun 27: ... Occupied on drawings of #378 [Helianthus III] ...

[1921-03-02] Wed 2: ... Stem & keel in place on #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-03-06] Sun 6: ... Working on drawings for #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-03-07] Mon 7: ... Began planking #378 [Helianthus III] in p.m. ...

[1921-03-08] Tue 8: ... Garboard strake on #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-03-09] Wed 9: ... About 2-1/2 streaks on #378 [Helianthus III]. ...

[1921-03-10] Thu 10: ... Nearly 5 strakes on #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-03-12] Sat 12: ... Eight strakes on #378 [Helianthus III]. ... Deck house for 378 nearly framed up. ...

[1921-03-13] Sun 13: ... Occupied on detail drawing of #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-03-14] Mon 14: [... 9-3/4 strakes on 378 [#378p Helianthus III].

[1921-03-15] Tue 15: ... Putting top on deck house [of #378p Helianthus III].

[1921-03-16] Wed 16: ... Hanging lower sheer strakes on #378 [Helianthus III]. About 12 strakes on.

[1921-03-17] Thu 17: ... Top on & canvassed of deck house. 3 more heavy strakes to go on 378 [#378p Helianthus III].

[1921-03-18] Fri 18: ... My 73rd birthday. Putting shutter plank on 378 [#378p Helianthus III].

[1921-03-21] Mon 21: ... Hang upper sheer strakes on 378 [#378p Helianthus III].

[1921-03-23] Wed 23: ... #378 [Helianthus III] planked & partly planed. ...

[1921-03-25] Fri 25: ... Turned over #378 [Helianthus III] in forenoon.

[1921-03-28] Mon 28: ... [Sheer] clamps in 378 [#378p Helianthus III].

[1921-03-31] Thu 31: ... Deck frame nearly in and water tanks in place in #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-04-05] Tue 5: ... Putting on waterways & laying floor in #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-04-11] Mon 11: ... Ceiling all in and part of belt frames in 368 [sic] [#378p Helianthus III]. ...

[1921-04-15] Fri 15: ... Began laying deck on #378 [Helianthus III]. Righthand engine ord[er]ed, to be shipped [on the] 20th in place of one sent. ...

[1921-04-16] Sat 16: ... Foundation logs in #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-04-19] Tue 19: ... Finished laying deck on #378 [Helianthus III]. Battening[?] in tanks[?].

[1921-04-20] Wed 20: ... Put icebox aboard #378 [Helianthus III] and began setting partitions. W[ei]ght of icebox when complete [is] 450 lbs.

[1921-04-22] Fri 22: ... Deck all on #378 [Helianthus III].

[1921-04-23] Sat 23: ... Canvas put on deck of 378 [#378p Helianthus III]. ...

[1921-05-07] Sat 7: ... Weighed #378 [Helianthus III]. 21,990 lbs.

[1921-05-10] Tue 10: ... Engaged Ole Gunderson for Helianthus' engineer & caretaker @ \$90 [per month] for middle of June. ... Getting ready to move #378 [Helianthus III] to lower shop.

[1921-05-11] Wed 11: ... Moved #378 Helianthus from East to lower shop. A much longer job than expected due to getting by #376 [Esloma]. There being just room. ...

[1921-05-12] Thu 12: ... Set #378 [Helianthus III] on cradle.

[1921-05-13] Fri 13: ... Put engine in #378 [Helianthus III] & ordered a 'Homelite' el[ectrical] generator. Made payment of J.V[an] B[lerck] Motor (\$1,000).

[1921-05-16] Mon 16: ... Put deck house on #378 [Helianthus III]. ...

[1921-05-31] Tue 31: ... 6 carpenters on 378 [#378p Helianthus III] today.

[1921-06-05] Sun 5: ... Still at work on metal fitting[s] for #378 [Helianthus III] (control & c).

[1921-06-23] Thu 23: ... Launched #378 Helianthus [III] at 11:30. Started engine in p.m. ...

[1921-06-25] Sat 25: ... Tried Helianthus [#378p] in p.m. and worked very well. Brought her to [her] home berth.

[1921-07-02] Sat 2: ... Took Helianthus [#378p] to wharf in a.m. Off for trial [in] p.m.

[1921-07-09] Sat 9: ... Started in Helianthus [#378p] for first cruise at 12:40. Fog & rain, so put into Newport. Have Ann, Agnes, Griswold & Henrietta. Boat [is] in unfinished state, but going to Glen Cove to meet Com[modore] Baker.

[1921-07-15] Fri 15: At home getting Helianthus [#378p] job wound up.

[1921-07-24] Sun 24: ... Did not go out in Helianthus [#378p], but kept at work in room on details & writing.

[1921-07-26] Tue 26: Fresh SSW [wind], with t[hunder] s[torm in] p.m. Started about 6 p.m. in Helianthus [#378p] to join NYYC cruise. Have Ann & Agnes. Anchor[ed] in Brenton's Cove.

[1921-08-05] Fri 5: Started on cruise in Helianthus [#378p] around Cape [Cod] in early evening. Have Ann, Agnes, Griswold & Henrietta. Anchor[ed] at Hogland[?] for night.

[1921-08-15] Mon 15: Hauled out Helianthus [#378p] in p.m. to change screws and put in 1,600 lbs outside lead [ballast and] paint bottom.

[1921-08-17] Wed 17: Launched Helianthus [#378p] in p.m.

[1921-08-18] Thu 18: [... Tried Helianthus [#378p] with finer pitch screw. More vibration & more speed.

[1921-09-26] Mon 26: ... Engaged Jos. German as cook in Helianthus [#378p] for trial. His home address is 65 Aleppo St., Olneyville. Off in Helianthus [#378p] in p.m. to Warren and took the Abbots off.

[1921-10-06] Thu 6: ... Hauled out Helianthus [#378p] to have bottom & topsides & varnish done. ...

[1921-10-09] Sun 9: ... Launched Helianthus [#378p] from [marine rail]ways. ...

[1921-10-10] Mon 10: ... Busy getting things aboard Helianthus [#378p] for start tomorrow. Carl Johnson began as cook @ [\$]90.00 [per week].

[1921-10-11] Tue 11: Fine. Light variable [wind]. Left home in Helianthus [#378p] for winter in Florida waters. The yacht finally equipped and 15-1/2' row & sailing boat [#192101es Lantana] in tow. Ann accompanies me and the crew is Ole Gunderson & Carl Johnson. Leave at 12 noon and anchor at Stonington [at] 5:40.

[1921-10-12] Wed 12: Underway early. Weather unsettled. Put into Saybrook [in #378p Helianthus III] in h[eav]y westerly blow and lay over. Very h[eav]y W to WNW [wind], clearing in p.m.

[1921-10-13] Thu 13: Fair with fresh W to NW [wind]. Make run [in #378p Helianthus III] from Saybrook to Greenwich. Much head tide & slow run.

[1921-10-14] Fri 14: Very fine & light winds. Run [in #378p Helianthus III] to New York in morning, tying up at N.Y.Y.C. 23rd [St.] station. George Cormack & George Nichols came aboard. ...

[1921-10-15] Sat 15: Leave NY [at] 8:20 [and] arrive [in #378p Helianthus III] [at] New Brunswick [NJ, at] 1-10 and go into [the Raritan] Canal. Stop at Lock # 9 for night [at] 5-20. A very fine & interesting day.

[1921-10-16] Sun 16: Very fine & warm. Nearly calm. Lay [in #378p Helianthus III] in canal all day, moving in p.m. to west end of lock, and stop at Kingston overnight.

[1921-10-17] Mon 17: Very fine & warm. Leave Kingston [in #378p Helianthus III] after breakfast and get out of canal at 12-30 and continue down Delaware [Bay] in nearly calm weather & head tide, anchoring at Essington at 5-44.

[1921-10-18] Tue 18: Fine with l[igh]t to mod[erate] SSW [wind]. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] [at] 7-15. Arrive[d] Delaware City [at] 10-30 and proceed thru [C&D] Canal. Arrive Chesapeake City [at] 1-25. In back[?] here[?] [at] 1-50. Go into Wortins [sic] Cr[ee]k [at] 5-20 & anchor. It is a fine harbor.

[1921-10-19] Wed 19: Fine & warm [with] l[igh]t wind. Leave Wortins [sic] Cr[ee]k [at] 8-37 [in #378p Helianthus III] and anchor at Annapolis at 12-10. Ashore in afternoon and find it a very interesting town.

[1921-10-20] Thu 20: Strong NW [wind] & cool. Go ashore in forenoon and visit the Naval Academy and again in afternoon and visit places of interest. Take on provisions for start in morning [in #378p Helianthus III].

[1921-10-21] Fri 21: Strong NW [wind] & cool. Go in to Charles[?] Boat Shop for water. Meet Mr. Wharton, owner of Vega there & have pleasant chat. Away [in #378p Helianthus III] [at] 9-30. [Wind is] strong & fair. Set staysails and run up Tread Avon R[iver] hoping to find Mr. Starr. Learned his place 'Hope' was in Wye R[iver]. Ran down to Oxford & anchored [at] 4-20. Ashore later.

[1921-10-22] Sat 22: Very fine with fresh SW wind. Leave Oxford [in #378p Helianthus III] [at] 7-20 and have strong head wind and considerable head tide. Anchor in Cockrills [sic, i.e. Cockrell] Cr[ee]k [at] 4-30. Found the creek lined with pogy fish [Menhaden] works and in going out counted 26 fishing steamers laying at the various works.

[1921-10-23] Sun 23: Very fine & clear with strong N [wind] in a.m. Leave [in #378p Helianthus III] Cockrill Cr[ee]k [at] 7-7 and anchor at Old P[oin]t Comfort [at] 1-30. Later run over to Norfolk and anchor at Smith's Cr[ee]k [at] 5-20.

[1921-10-24] Mon 24: Fine & warm. Go ashore in morning for provisions & mail. Leave at 10-42 [in #378p Helianthus III] and have a pleasant run down to Elizabeth R[iver] & c and anchor in North R[iver] near Buck Is[land] at 5-35.

[1921-10-25] Tue 25: Very fine & calm. Leave at 7 [in #378p Helianthus III] and have a fine smooth trip thru Albermarle S[oun]d & Pamlico S[oun]d. Anchor behind Royal Shoal at 6-10. The sky was threatening in p.m. and at 8-30 a violent northeaster set in and we had an uncomfortable night. Wind 50 to 60 miles [per hour].

[1921-10-26] Wed 26: Dropped 2nd anchor at 3 a.m. and found in morning dragged 1/4 mile. Got underway [in #378p Helianthus III] and went to windward 1-1/2 m[iles] and found smoother water and good holding ground. In lull, [we] foolishly left at noon. Had to make harbor in Cedar Is[land] Bay behind sand shoal and passed a 2nd uncomfortable night, rolling continuously.

[1921-10-27] Thu 27: Strong NE [wind]. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] [at] 8 a.m. Into Adams Cr[ee]k [at] 11-15 and anchored at Beaufort [at] 1-55. A heavy sea outside.

[1921-10-31] Mon 31: A h[eav]y SE rain storm set in. Not liking our anchorage we moved [in #378p Helianthus III] to a slough 3/4 m[ile] west of town. Very h[eav]y [wind] in p.m. We moved again to lee of Tinn[?] Marsh[?]. Very h[eav]y rain & filled tanks from deck. T[hunder] & l[ightning] from 7 to 8-30. Storm abated at 9.

[1921-11-02] Wed 2: Very fine. Fresh W to SW [wind] moderating in p.m. H[eav]y sea on bar [in] a.m. In p.m. we prepare to make early start [in #378p Helianthus III] in morning if weather [is] fit. Ran out to bar then to anchor[ed] in outer harbor.

[1921-11-03] Thu 3: Very fine [with] l[igh]t N [wind]. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] at 5 a.m. and have fine run to Cape Fear R[iver], anchoring at 4-42.

[1921-11-04] Fri 4: Perfect day with mod[erate] N [wind]. Leave at 6-42 [in #378p Helianthus III] and have very fine run to Winyah Bay, anchoring off L[igh]t H[ouse] at 4-0.

[1921-11-05] Sat 5: Fine with fresh WSW [wind in] a.m. and head sea. Leave [at] 6-40 [in #378p Helianthus III]. Pass jetty L[igh]t H[ouse] [at] 2-0 & anchor off [f] Carolina Y[acht] C[lub], Charleston at 3.

[1921-12-30] Fri 30: Ran up to Fogals Yard [in #378p Helianthus III] and was fooled again so engaged at H- yard below bridge. Took 169 gal[lons of] gasoline at T.G.Co. and returned to Yacht Club. Ashore to band concert in p.m.

[1921-12-31] Sat 31: [Thermometer] 58 - 31 [degrees]. H- ways not ready so continued [in #378p Helianthus III] up Miami R[iver] early to West End Boat Yard and made arrangements to haul out next Wednesday, then back to Yacht Club and in afternoon to Coco[nut] Grove after getting stores. Called at the Huntingtons.

[1922-01-01] Sun 1: [Thermometer] 65 - 76 - 60 [degrees]. Very fine, calm [in] a.m. Strong WNW [in] evening. Took Mrs. Munroe, Pattie & Mrs. Gardner for the day and went [in #378p Helianthus III] to Sands Key, following Melody with [a] party of men. Return[ed] before sunset & anchor[ed].

[1922-01-02] Mon 2: Cold morning. NW to NW [wind and] clear. Leave Coco[nut] Grove [in #378p Helianthus III] & go to Miami in morning.

[1922-01-03] Tue 3: Fair [with] NE [wind]. In p.m. run [in #378p Helianthus III] up Miami R[iver] to West End Boat Yard to haul out.

[1922-01-04] Wed 4: Fine. L[igh]t NE to SE [wind]. Haul out [in #378p Helianthus III] to clean and paint bottom at Allen's West End Boat Yard. Afloat about 3-45 and ran back to Miami off Yacht Club.

[1922-01-05] Thu 5: Fine. L[igh]t ESE [wind]. Run [in #378p Helianthus III] over to Alton Bay and anchor near Bill Is[land]. Row over to beach thru canal in Phantom. Return to Miami in p.m.

[1922-01-06] Fri 6: Fine. L[igh]t E to ESE [wind]. In p.m. take Com[modore] Stewart, Chas. E. Lee & Sidney Chub[b] for a little trip [in #378p Helianthus III]. Went to Cape Florida and around to Bay.

[1922-01-07] Sat 7: Fine. In p.m. run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Coconut Grove & anchor.

[1922-01-08] Sun 8: Fair with a few light showers. Sail in tender [#192101es Lantana] early. Hold Melody in light breeze. Take Mr & Mrs & Miss Huntington & Miss Greene for the day [in #378p Helianthus III] and go to Soldier's Key. Melody with party there. Have a pleasant day. After returning to C[oco]nut G[rove], run up to Miami.

[1922-01-10] Tue 10: Fresh SSE [wind in] p.m. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III]. Go to Movies with Ann in p.m.

[1922-01-11] Wed 11: Strong SW [wind] with rain [in] a.m. H[eav]y W [wind in] p.m. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III].

[1922-01-12] Thu 12: H[eav]y squall with rain [in] a.m. Strong NW [wind in] p.m. & cold. Run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Coconut Grove [in] a.m. Ashore to Munroe's [in] p.m.

[1922-01-13] Fri 13: Strong N [wind] & cold. Run [in #378p Helianthus III] up to Miami in a.m.

[1922-02-23] Thu 23: Start on cruise [in #378p Helianthus III] to Long Key in company of Com[modore] in Melody. Leave Miami [at] 10-50 and anchor for night in Tarpon Basin.

[1922-02-24] Fri 24: ESE [wind and] fresh. Leave about 9 [in #378p Helianthus III] and arrive [at] Long Key about 2-0 and go ashore. Later, move up bight off Jewfish Key.

[1922-02-25] Sat 25: Same fine weather. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III] all day while Mr. Hine, Britton & Wirth explore north end of Long Key which belongs to Mr. Hine. Com[modore Munroe] and I do some sailing in tenders [#192101es Lantana and ?].

[1922-02-26] Sun 26: Same fine weather. Leave about 9-30 [in #378p Helianthus III] and run up to Lignum Vitae Key and go ashore. Leave at 12 and run to Tavernier Cr[ee]k and anchor. Visit interesting Indian mounds with Com[modore] M[unroe] in p.m.

[1922-02-27] Mon 27: Same fine weather. Leave about 10 [in #378p Helianthus III] and run to Angel Fish Key. Fish in Pumpkin Cr[ee]k in afternoon and anchor outside at night.

[1922-02-28] Tue 28: Same fine weather. Move inside [in #378p Helianthus III] and visit Palo Alto Key. Find fine grapefruit & limes in abandoned orchard. Leave [at] 11-18 and arrive Miami [at] 3-24 after a very pleasant cruise.

[1922-03-02] Thu 2: Take Mr. Chubb [in #378p Helianthus III] to see power boat race in Alton Bay. Not so interesting as expected.

[1922-03-03] Fri 3: Take [in #378p Helianthus III] Com[modore] Munroe & family, Mr. Huntington & family & Mr. & Mrs. Benton to see power boat races in Alton Bay. Have a very pleasant day with our friends.

[1922-03-04] Sat 4: S[wind] shifting to SW & NW. Get all stores onboard and leave Miami [at] 11-10 [in #378p Helianthus III], homeward bound. Anchor for night in New River.

[1922-03-27] Mon 27: [No entry.] [From cash accounting in diary:] 27 [March]. Hauling out [#378p Helianthus III] to clean [\$]20.00.

[1922-04-05] Wed 5: [No entry.] [From cash accounting in diary:] 5 [April]. Repair of [#378p Helianthus III] engine clutch [\$]15.00.

[1922-04-29] Sat 29: Helianthus [#378p] arrived in New York on way home from Florida and went to 23rd St. Station [of NYYC].

[1922-04-30] Sun 30: Make trip up East R[iver] [in #378p Helianthus III] & return in a.m. Auto trip with Francis [in] p.m.

[1922-05-01] Mon 1: Pleasant visit to Mr. Sperry with Francis in a.m. Left [in #378p Helianthus III] for home at noon, running to Port Jefferson.

[1922-05-02] Tue 2: Fine day. Run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Newport arriving about sunset. Our boat Lantana [#192101es] broke away e[ast] of Pt. Judith, but picked [her] up.

[1922-05-03] Wed 3: Arrived home about 9:30 ending a very agreeable cruise of nearly seven months. Helianthus [#378p] out of commission.

[1923-03-02] Fri 2: ... Went aboard Helianthus [#378p Helianthus III] in p.m. and found her allright. ...

[1923-03-17] Sat 17: ... Went aboard Helianthus [#378p] in p.m. and found [her] O.K. Am thinking of lengthening [the] stern, chang[ing the] rig, and putting in [a] 6 cyl[inder] engine.

[1923-03-28] Wed 28: ... Mr. Norton here to talk about Sea Gull engine for Helianthus [#378p].

[1923-03-29] Thu 29: ... Clear. Ordered new engine for Helianthus [#378p], a Sterling in.Sea Gullin. 4-11/16 x 6, 6 cyl[inders,] thru [the] Martin Corp. of Boston.

[1923-04-16] Mon 16: ... John Armstrong began @ \$20 for home work & garden. Engaged Gustave [empty space] for engineer on Helianthus [#378p].

[1923-04-17] Tue 17: ... Helianthus [#378p] moved on to cradle ready for launching.

[1923-04-18] Wed 18: ... Launch[ed] Helianthus [#378p] at 8-30 from S[outh] ways and Bubble [#285p] towed her to home berth.

[1923-04-20] Fri 20: ... Helianthus [#378p] uncovered.

[1923-04-26] Thu 26: ... [I] sold Helianthus's [#378p] J.V.B. [J. van Blerck] engine to Harvey Flint to go in Wanderer [IX, a 64' LOA Mower-designed schooner].

[1923-04-28] Sat 28: ... Hauled Helianthus [#378p] into [the] S[outh] shop in a.m. for alterations. ...

[1923-05-01] Tue 1: ... Lifted the 'J.V.B.' engine out of Helianthus [#378p] to deliver [it] to Harvey Flint, who has bought it. ...

[1923-05-07] Mon 7: ... Started work of lengthening out [the] stern of Helianthus [#378p] in p.m. 2 men [at work on this].

[1923-05-08] Tue 8: ... Took out stern [i.e. transom] of Helianthus [#378p].

[1923-05-12] Sat 12: ... Set up stern on Helianthus [#378p] to give [the boat a] 64' 10-1/2in. overall [length].

[1923-05-16] Wed 16: ... Began planking under [the] stern of Helianthus [#378p] in p.m.

[1923-05-17] Thu 17: ... Gustaf Cronfist[? Cronqvist?] began work on Helianthus [#378p] at \$120.00 per mo[nth]. [He] is now boarding @ \$10 per week. ...

[1923-05-22] Tue 22: ... Received new engine 'Sea Gull' for Helianthus [#378p].

[1923-05-25] Fri 25: ... Helianthus [#378p] floated, with new stern, so [as] to launch Sheerness [#?] and [bring] Whippet [probably a 72' power cruiser, built in 1917 at Greenport, NY] into shop.

[1923-05-28] Mon 28: ... Put 'Sea Gull' motor in Helianthus [#378p] without difficulty.

[1923-06-03] Sun 3: ... At work on Helianthus [#378p] engine control.

[1923-06-06] Wed 6: ... Painting Helianthus [#378p] outside light shades of green. ...

[1923-06-11] Mon 11: ... Launch Helianthus [#378p] ...

[1923-06-16] Sat 16: ... Helianthus [#378p] still at shop dock with engine installation not finished. ...

[1923-06-18] Mon 18: ... Moved Helianthus [#378p] to home dock in p.m. and later had engine running [and had] a short trial trip with engine in charge of Mr. Elanso[?] of the Sterling Co[mpany]. No vibration, and good speed.

[1923-06-19] Tue 19: ... Getting Helianthus [#378p] [ready] to go to N[ew] London [to the Harvard-Yale Regatta on the Thames River].

[1923-06-22] Fri 22: [No entry.] [Apparently underway with #378p Helianthus in New London attending the Harvard-Yale Regatta on the Thames River. (Yale won.)]

[1923-06-30] Sat 30: Very fine & warm. Off in Helianthus [#378p] in p.m. with friends: Mr. & Mrs Costhill[?], Alice H[erreshoff?], Miss Anna Manchester & Mary Manchester, Ann, Agnes & others. Rocky[?] P[oin]t & E[ast] Greenwich.

[1923-07-01] Sun 1: Fine. Off in Helianthus [#378p] with friends. To Jamestown & Newport [in] p.m.

[1923-07-08] Sun 8: NE [wind]. Overcast[?] forenoon. L[igh]t var[iable] winds]. Clear [in] p.m. Made run to Toby Is[land] & return in Helianthus [#378p] to see Bob Emmons. Have guest Ae[milius] Jarvis [the owner of schooner Venture ex-Ventura #711s], Francis, Tom Brightman, Sidney, Agnes & Ann. A very nice run.

[1923-07-14] Sat 14: ... Off in Helianthus [#378p] to Warren &c. [in] p.m. Helianthus took 325 gal[lons of] gas, 20 g[allons of] kero[sene]. Have 50 gal[lons] kerosene.

[1923-07-15] Sun 15: Off in Helianthus [#378p] [in] a.m. for a while. In p.m. [went] up Prov[idence] River & to Spring Green for a call. Have supper on board at Hog Is[land]. Com[modore] & Miss Jarvis [the owner of schooner Venture ex-Ventura #711s], Julia & Ann.

[1923-07-22] Sun 22: Fair NE smokey[?]. Left early in Helianthus [#378p] for Larchmont Races. Stop at Newport and [went] out in Wildfire [#891s] to look at [her] sails. Left [at] 10 & went to Bridgeport. Fine run. Have Ann, Miss Bragg & Agnes.

[1923-10-05] Fri 5: Hauled out Helianthus [#378p] at Cove to paint for Florida trip. Found bottom moderately clean [after] 3 months [and] no barnicles [sic]. Painted with zinc 3 parts, enamel 1 part, in spar varnish & some terpes [i.e. turpentine]. Will repaint with same except zinc 2, enamel 1 part.

[1923-10-09] Tue 9: Launched Helianthus [#378p] from cove railway. Went [to] the shop and took in 376 gal[lons] [of] gaso[line]. Began fitting out and closing up house to leave on cruise to Florida.

[1923-10-17] Wed 17: Fine & clear with NE wind. We start in Helianthus [#378p] at 11-30. Bidding good bye to many on the wharf. Ran to New London, arriving about 4-50. Have Agnes with us on way to San Juan.

[1923-10-18] Thu 18: Strong NE [wind] all night. NE & rain. We get away [in #378p Helianthus III] after breakfast and go under N[orth] shore to Stratford, then to Oyster Bay, & anchor of S.Y.C. [Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club], arriving before dark. Our whole ships company is Self, Ann, Agnes, Gustav Kronqvist[?] & Carl Johnson[?].

[1923-10-19] Fri 19: N-easter has let up and [it] is [now] SSW & mild. George Nichols came aboard [#378p Helianthus III] at 8:30 and we immediately started for New York, arriving at 23rd [St.] Station, about 11.45. Rain[ed] most [of] the way. Ann & Agnes [went] ashore in p.m. and Francis called. [Also] Harold Vanderbilt, Geo. Cormack & Geo. Baker Jr. We lay alongside Club float all night.

[1923-10-20] Sat 20: Very fine & mild. Henrietta came in a.m. and accompanied Agnes to St[eamship] Ponce while Ann & I are ashore for provisions. Henrietta returns, and we get underway [in #378p Helianthus III] to see Ponce sail and wave good bye to Agnes. We then run up by Palisades oppos[ite] Yonkers and return to F[ort] Washington & anchor. Griswold takes us in auto to see brother James & family, then Gid [Griswold] & Hen[rietta], to supper with us. [Cont. in space for Oct 22:] While going thru N.Y. Harbor, Saturday, a launch ran into our boat 'Lantana' [#192101es] and broke 3 strakes, 1 timber and displaced [a] side seat. We patched [the damage] with canvas.

[1923-10-21] Sun 21: Very fine with light NE [wind]. Gid & Hen[rietta] come aboard [#378p Helianthus III] at 9 and we leave for the Raritan [Canal], having a very pleasant trip. Anchor near Canal lock about 3-30. About sunset [we] say good bye to Gid & H[enrietta] and they return to N.Y. by rail.

[1923-10-22] Mon 22: Very fine & cool. Fresh NE [wind]. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] about 6-20 and go into [the] canal, and have a good trip thru, anchored in Del[aware] R[iver] about 5-15.

[1923-10-23] Tue 23: Heavy NE rain storm. We left early [in #378p Helianthus III] and ran down to Essington & anchored off [the] Cor[inthian] Y[acht] C[lub]. It rained & blew very hard, and we did not go ashore.

[1923-10-24] Wed 24: Mod[erate] SSW [wind] & overcast. Getting word [that] Mr. Barklie Henry [owner of NY30 #642s Nautilus in 1917, NP29 #727s Dolphin in 1920, WH15 #886s Alert in 1923 and future instigator of the Fishers Island 31 class (he would order #1054s Cyrilla in 1926)] could not take us about [during] the day. We left after dinner [in #378p Helianthus III] and ran into the D & D Canal, anchoring at St. Georges for the night. Great dredgers are at work to make a tide-level ship canal.

[1923-10-25] Thu 25: Fair with mod[erate] SW to WNW [wind]. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] after breakfast, and are held up one hour at last lock. Anchor at Annapolis at 4 p.m. We looked for a boat builder to repair our boat [#192101es Lantana] but had no success.

[1923-10-26] Fri 26: Fair & cool. Staid [sic] over [in #378p Helianthus III] at Annapolis, provisioning and looking around. Got our mail, and posted letters.

[1923-10-27] Sat 27: Fair & cool. N to NE [wind in] a.m., calm [in] p.m. A fine day's run [in #378p Helianthus III] down the Chesapeake starting early, and anchored at Milford Harbor at sunset. 95 miles.

[1923-10-28] Sun 28: Very fine, l[igh]t SW to SE [wind] & warmer. A smooth run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Norfolk arriving about 3-30 and anchoring in our old place inside the Standard Oil float station.

[1923-10-29] Mon 29: Fair & warm. L[igh]t S to SW [wind]. Took 275 gal[lon]s [of] gasoline and [went] ashore for mail & provisions. Leave about 10-30 [in #378p Helianthus III], and have a nice afternoon run thru the Gov[ernment] canal, and anchored at mouth of North River at sunset.

[1923-10-30] Tue 30: Fair & warm. Light airs. Sunrise red. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] at 6 for a long day's run. Very smooth & calm, and all going well. Anchored at sunset. Dist[ance] 105.5 miles in 11h[ours] 20m[inutes] with 50 gal[lons consumed]. Rate 9.25 K[nots] .475 gal[lons] per mile.

[1923-10-31] Wed 31: Warm & fog early, [at] about 9[o'clock the] wind came from N & later NE strong, with rain & colder. We [got] under way [in #378p Helianthus III] about 9-30 & run to Beaufort. Grows much colder in p.m. Ashore for provisions &c.

[1923-11-01] Thu 1: Fair & cold. Strong NE [wind]. Little doing. We change anchor[age] at sunset to below town channel to be ready for an early start in [the] morning [in #378p Helianthus III].

[1923-11-02] Fri 2: Still blowing hard and cold, clear. [We] don't start but run [in #378p Helianthus III] over to Morehead City and look about. Then back to Beaufort.

[1923-11-03] Sat 3: Wind [now] being lighter and more to [the] N, we make an early start [in #378p Helianthus III] ([at] 5-55). Run along beach nearly 1/3 way to Cape Fear. The wind backed to NE and [it became] stormy, also [there was] quite a heavy sea running in from ESE, [so we] decided [it was] not fit to cross [the] Cape Fear Swash, so [we] turned back arriving [in Beaufort at] 12-30. Got some mail.

[1923-11-04] Sun 4: Still [a] NE strong [wind blowing]. At anchor all day [in #378p Helianthus III]. Ashore. Take a walk in p.m.

[1923-11-07] Wed 7: Very strong WSW [wind] last night, ch[anging] to W and moderate in forenoon. Strong WSW in afternoon. Ashore for walk & provisions. Take 300 lbs ice [aboard #378p Helianthus III].

[1923-11-08] Thu 8: Left Beaufort at 6 a.m. [in #378p Helianthus III] after 7-1/2 days [of] wait[ing] for favorable weather. Fine & clear, L[igh]t NNW. Find a 5ft sea outside, from SW, but going down. Yacht [is] very steady, [and we] are making 9-1/4 k[nots].

[1923-11-09] Fri 9: Strong N [wind] & clear & cold. Left about [blank] and ran along the coast [in #378p Helianthus III] for about 2/3 way then straight to Winyah Bay jetties. Had [a] good run and anchored off Lighthouse at [Georgetown, SC].

[1923-11-10] Sat 10: Very cold with fresh NNE [wind], clear. We started [in #378p Helianthus III] after early breakfast and found quite a sea running outside, so decided we would spend the day at Georgetown, and turned back. Arrived at G[eorge]t[own] about 9 and left [at] 4 p.m., anchoring at L[igh]tho[use].

[1923-11-11] Sun 11: Fine with light wind. Started after breakfast and had a smooth run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Charleston. Quite warm in p.m.

[1923-11-12] Mon 12: Lay at anchor [in #378p Helianthus III] off Carolina Yacht Club. Ashore for mail and stores. Wind becomes strong from N in [the] evening.

[1923-11-13] Tue 13: Strong N [wind] & cold. Yacht laying uneasily at anchor. Ann [went] ashore in p.m. and when she returns we run [in #378p Helianthus III] into Wappoo Cr[ee]k for quiet anchorage.

[1923-11-14] Wed 14: Fair and warmer. We start after breakfast [in #378p Helianthus III] and continue our cruise by [the] inland route, arriving at Beaufort S.C. at sunset. Fine & calm. Had a good run.

[1923-11-15] Thu 15: Fine & cool. L[igh]t winds. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] after breakfast into Savannah R[iver] about noon and continue our cruise inland, anchoring in N. Newport R. a little after sunset.

[1923-11-16] Fri 16: Fine & warmer. SW to W [wind]. A good days run [in #378p Helianthus III], arriving up to Brunswick, Ga. in early p.m. to see waterfront, then to Jekyll Is[land] and anchor of Club Wharf. Ashore to see grounds.

[1923-11-17] Sat 17: Clear. W [wind] becoming very strong WNW before noon. Underway [in #378p Helianthus III] after breakfast and run to Fernandina, and go to wharf for gas & kero[sene], ice & provisions. Injure upper rail in getting away to anchor, about 1 o'clock.

[1923-11-18] Sun 18: Fine & light winds, warm. Leave Fernandina [at] 9 a.m. Cross St. Johns R[iver] [at] 12 and enter canal. Low water in canal & dragged bottom, making slow run [in #378p Helianthus III]. Arrive [at] St. Augustine about sunset.

[1923-11-19] Mon 19: Very fine & clear. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III] at St. Augustine. Ashore &c.

[1923-11-20] Tue 20: Very fine. L[igh]t NE [wind], warm. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III].

[1923-11-21] Wed 21: Very fine. L[igh]t NE[?], warm. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III]. Rigged 'Lantana' [#192101es] in p.m. & took a sail to the opening.

[1923-11-22] Thu 22: Fine. Ashore for provisions in a.m. [in] p.m. ran [in #378p Helianthus III] to Matanzas Inlet and anchored for the night.

[1923-11-23] Fri 23: Fair. Start early & run to Daytona in a.m. Ashore for a while at Daytona, then continue [in #378p Helianthus III] to Ponce Park & anchor for the night.

[1924-01-01] Tue 1: [Thermometer] 74 - 79 [degrees]. Fine & warm & easterly [winds]. Ashore for provisions &c. then run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Coconut Grove. Ashore in p.m. to work on truing up propeller.

[1924-01-02] Wed 2: [Thermometer] 73 - 77 [degrees]. Fair & warm with strong easterly [winds]. Ran up to Miami [in #378p Helianthus III] in a.m. for mail & provisions and back to Coconut Grove in p.m. and ashore. Stiff breeze in going aboard, but Lantana [#192101es] went well with but little spray.

[1924-01-03] Thu 3: [Thermometer] 73 - 78 [degrees]. Fresh easterly [winds] with prospects of rain but none came. At anchor [in #378p Helianthus III] off Coco[nut] Grove and ashore a.m. & p.m. working on propeller.

[1924-01-04] Fri 4: [Thermometer] 74 - 78 [degrees]. Very fine, mod[erate] easterly [winds]. Ran up to Miami [in #378p Helianthus III] after breakfast. Ann to dentice [sic, i.e. dentist]. Ashore for provisions, & letters. [From list of 'Letters written' (in the back of this diary) for this date:] Griswold.

[1924-01-05] Sat 5: [Thermometer] 75 - 79 [degrees]. L[igh]t & variable [wind]. Ashore for provisions, then run [in #378p Helianthus III] out to open[ing] to look for Moby Dick ashore but could not see her, then to Coconut Grove. [The 120' LOA 3-mast schooner Moby Dick, designed by Henry J. Gielow and built in 1923 by Bethlehem Ship Building Corporation, Wilmington, Delaware, beached near Miami in January 1924. She was refloated and continued to sail under various names until 1975.] Ashore in p.m. Wind came strong NE about 9 p.m.

[1924-01-06] Sun 6: [Thermometer] 50 - 65 [degrees]. Cold norther. NW to NE. Go ashore at noon and dine with the Munroes. Ran up to Miami [in #378p Helianthus III] late in afternoon. Rain in evening and warmer.

[1924-01-20] Sun 20: Fine [weather]. Took off [in #378p Helianthus III] for the day. Com[modore] Munroe, Dr. Baekeland & Col. Martin. To Soldiers Key and had a very pleasant day with Dr. B[aekeland's] experiences[?]. To Miami at sunset.

[1924-03-15] Sat 15: Cool. H[eav]y W to NW [wind]. We went [in #378p Helianthus III] to C[oo]nut G[ro]ve and said good bye to our friends & took Chas. Nystrom. Then to Miami and took last stores. Then to East Side for the night for an early start outside. [From list of 'Letters written' (in the back of this diary) for this date:] R. W. Emmons.

[1924-04-24] Thu 24: Made a very good run [in #378p Helianthus III] thru D[elaware] & R[aritan] Canal, and continued at [?] Arthur Kill to Parrot[?] Cr[ee]k[?]. 12 hours running.

[1924-04-25] Fri 25: Cool. Strong N [wind]. Started early [in #378p Helianthus III] and arrived at 86 St. N. R. (Columbia Y[acht] C[lub]) about 10-30. To Mr. Vanderbilt's office in p.m. [to discuss #192301es Unbuilt Cruising Schooner]. ...

[1924-04-26] Sat 26: Henrietta took us to see brother James & family in a.m. Left for 26 St. E.R. after dinner, we having G[riswold] & H[enrietta]. They left at E.R., and we took Geo. Nichols & C. Nystrom to Glen Cove [in #378p Helianthus III].

[1924-04-27] Sun 27: Fair & cool. L[igh]t variable [wind]. Left Glen Cove about 6-15 and had a good run [in #378p Helianthus III] to Newport, in 12h 48m, 117 sea miles.

[1924-04-28] Mon 28: Arrived home from Winter Cruise [in #378p Helianthus III] at about 8-30. Calm & fine.

[1924-04-30] Wed 30: Helianthus [#378p] crew paid off and left.

[1924-05-07] Wed 7: ... Helianthus [#378p] hauled into S[outh] shop for gen[era]l overhauling & painting. ...

[1924-06-02] Mon 2: Sold Helianthus [#378p] to Mr. G. G. Peters.

[1924-06-05] Thu 5: Helianthus [#378p] launched from S[outh] shop after spring overhauling & painting. She is now white from keel to rail.

[1924-06-08] Sun 8: Nearly calm. Tried Helianthus [#378p] in harbor and she is running very nicely and to satisfaction of her master [blank] Webster.

[1924-06-09] Mon 9: Helianthus [#378p] left in afternoon for Scituate. Tom Brightman & Angeline going with Webster." (Source: Herreshoff, Nathanael G. Diary, 1921 to 1924. Manuscript (excerpts). Access courtesy of Halsey C. Herreshoff.)