

#907s Pleasure

in

Nathanael G. Herreshoff's Diary

"[1924-09-18] Thu 18: Mr. Haffenreffer proposed to build a new and improved sailboat of Alerion type to be sent to me at Miami. [This would become Pleasure.]

[1924-10-15] Wed 15: Begin work on 'Pleasure' boat #907 for me to use in Biscayne Bay. Making moulds & c.

[1924-10-27] Mon 27: Set up moulds for #907 [Pleasure] to bevel, and lead pattern is partly made [for ballast casting]. This is all that is done since [the] 15th. No stock for timbers or spars & Motor not re[ceive]d from Morton[?]. Lead is ordered. No flasks from foundry. ...

[1924-10-29] Wed 29: ... Received Evinrude Inboard motor #DD66723 for #907 [Pleasure].

[1924-10-31] Fri 31: [This entry originally in space for Jan 25, 1924.] Oct 31 1924. Things to be put aboard [my] boat [that is] building [#907 Pleasure], to be sent to us at Miami. 'Alerion's' 8ft 4in rowboat [#191305es] & gear [consisting of] 3 oars. 2 rowlocks, foot brace, bailer & shamy [chamois]. Boom rest. Fish float[?]. 1- 14 or 15 lb anchor (to be made). Box [of] spare rope &c from Alerion. Box [of] sail makers stuff from Alerion [#718s]. Box [of] tools. Box [of] spare fittings. Box [with] fish tackle. Flags, 2 packages. Drafting board in Box[?] 1. Alerion's old long boomrest. L[ar]g[e] canvas for Tarpolin [sic]. 2 Slickers & so'westers. Rubber boots. Old coat & hat. 'Alerion's' stove in box with ropes. Riviera's [#187406es] grub box. 2 Spray clothes & 2 pillows. Florida charts in Box # 1. Binnacle compass (?). Bird cage. 2 Buckets filled marlin. Bobbin[?] twins[?] and other stuff. Short piece of chain. Light flag staff. Varnish can.

[1924-11-04] Tue 4: Began setting up #907 [Pleasure]. ...

[1924-11-06] Thu 6: Very mild dry weather. Began planking #907 [Pleasure].

[1924-11-12] Wed 12: ... #907 [Pleasure] turned over. ...

[1924-11-14] Fri 14: ... Cast lead keel for #907 [Pleasure]. Putting in deck clamps & ceiling. ...

[1924-11-19] Wed 19: ... Set 907 [Pleasure] on to lead, which weighs 3140 lbs.

[1924-11-25] Tue 25: ... Coamings & deadwood [are] on 907 [Pleasure]. Cockpit floor [is] laid & engine [bed]logs in. Mast [is] glued & varn[ished?]. Say good bye at shops & leave [at] 5-55 for Fall River boat, [to travel] to Coconut Grove. ...

[1924-12-02] Tue 2: [Thermometer] 55 - 75 [degrees]. Very fine. To town [Miami] in morning with Com[modore] & Pattie. Bought a refrigerator & other things, and finding how to get the boat [Pleasure] into water when it comes. ...

[1924-12-20] Sat 20: [Thermometer] 60 - 75 [degrees]. L[igh]t NW early. [Then] N to NE light [wind] with [an] occasional light rain squall. Went to Miami in 9-45 buss [sic]. ... Shopping & trying to find shipping route for new boat [Pleasure]. ... Pleasure will be ready to load [on the] 23rd. ...

[1924-12-22] Mon 22: Fair & warm [with] L[igh]t SE [wind] with a few light showers. Went to Miami in a.m. to find about routing and probable time of 'Pleasure' coming by rail.

[1925-01-02] Fri 2: 'Pleasure' loaded on 42' car and left for Miami. F[rei]g[h]t not paid. --- Via N.Y., Washington, Richmond & Jacksonville. Due in about 2 weeks, at Miami.

[1925-01-04] Sun 4: [Thermometer] 68 - 76 [degrees]. Very fine. Calm early. ... Advised that 'Pleasure' will leave by rail on [the] 2nd [of January] instead of Dec. 31st.

[1925-01-22] Thu 22: Fine & warm SE-ly [wind]. Pleasure arrived, but not apprised [of it] till Friday p.m.

[1925-01-24] Sat 24: H[eav]y squall of wind (NE & E) in night. Showers with fresh E [wind]. Com[modore] Munroe & Wirth took me to Miami to see about getting Pleasure afloat. Frank's outfit took it in hand in p.m. Succeeded to get a hole thru her, and after bungling [the] work got her afloat about 5 p.m. Towed to Coco[nut] G[rove] by Mr. Davis in Evangeline.

[1925-01-25] Sun 25: [Thermometer] 64 - 73 [degrees]. Fine mod[erate] NE & E [wind]. At work [in] a.m. on Pleasure. ...

[1925-01-26] Mon 26: [Thermometer] 65 - 75 [degrees]. Very fine. Calm [in] a.m., mod[erate] S [wind] in p.m. Unloaded Pleasure & [began] cleaning up. Ordered following anchors: 15 lb S[traight] S[tock] for self. (Never [was] packed in Pleasure [as I requested].) ... Inquired police[?] of 8-1/2ft boat [#191305es] & propeller.

[1925-01-31] Sat 31: Hauled out Pleasure on Com. Munroe's R[ailwa]y.

[1925-02-02] Mon 2: Launched Pleasure in a.m. & stepped mast.

[1925-02-05] Thu 5: Tried motor in Pleasure by Orwell Austin with not good results. In p.m. tried under sail in fresh breeze. Proved a little light. ...

[1925-02-06] Fri 6: Borrowed from Com. Munroe 391 lbs [of] iron window weights and 199 lbs [of] lead in small blocks. Took 2nd sail in Pleasure, have Com. [Munroe], Francis & Mr. Hines [onboard]. Boat feels fairly stiff [now] with added wgt.

[1925-02-07] Sat 7: Overcast. Off in Pleasure in p.m., having Ann, Francis & C. Nystrom. Wind light SE.

[1925-02-08] Sun 8: Fine. SSE [wind]. Off for the day with Ann & Mrs. Childs. Anchor [off] Cape Florida for lunch.

[1925-02-13] Fri 13: 40deg. at sunrise. L[igh]t NW [wind and] clear. Took the Munroe Family for sail in a calm, in p.m. [Apparently in Pleasure.]

[1925-02-14] Sat 14: Sailing in p.m. [Apparently in Pleasure.]

[1925-02-15] Sun 15: Took sail [apparently in Pleasure in] a.m. [taking] Ann & Francis. In p.m. [sailed with] Ann & Mr. Hine. L[igh]t SSE [wind] to calm.

[1925-02-17] Tue 17: Took sail in p.m. [Apparently in Pleasure.]

[1925-02-18] Wed 18: Took sail in p.m. [Apparently in Pleasure.] Ann, Mr. & Mrs. Luddington. [Charles F. Ludington had contracted for the first Biscayne Bay 14 (#924s) on January 19, 1925.)] Com. M[unroe] out [sailing] in Sunset.

[1925-02-19] Thu 19: [Thermometer] 58 - 73 [degrees]. Fair. L[igh]t NW to E [wind in] a.m. L[igh]t SE [wind in] p.m. Took out [for a sail in Pleasure] Ann, Francis, Mrs. Nystrom, Mr. Winslow, Gardner & Meigs.

[1925-02-23] Mon 23: Fine. L[igh]t E to SSE [wind]. Attended B[iscayne] B[ay] Y[acht] C[lub] Annual Chowder in Pleasure, taking Ann, Mr. & Mrs Nystrom, Com. M[unroe], Francis, & Mr. Stuart. Had a very pleasant day. Sailed back in company of Melody. Used power successfully in a.m., going much faster than Melody.

[1925-02-28] Sat 28: Fine & mild. ... Fine sail with Nystrom in Pleasure in p.m.

[1925-03-01] Sun 1: Fine & warm. In trying to get Francis on board Pleasure [we] filled Com[modore] M[unroe's] tender and both got wet up to [our] middle. Gave up the sail.

[1925-03-04] Wed 4: Fair. L[igh]t NW [wind] ch[anging] to l[igh]t SE [wind]. Went to Miami in Pleasure taking Com. Munroe. A pleasant sail in l[igh]t wind. Anchors [that were] ord[ered] Jan[uary] 26 arrive. ... 1 S[traight] S[tock] 26 lb for Pleasure in exchange for 33 lb [anchor] given to Wirth M[unroe].

[1925-03-17] Tue 17: Very fine. L[igh]t ESE [wind]. ... Took sail alone in p.m. to Miami anchorage & return.

[1925-03-19] Thu 19: [Thermometer] 74 - 77 [degrees]. Fair. Overcast. SSE [wind]. Took sail to Cape Florida with Ann & Alice. Took lunch & return[ed] in p.m.

[1925-03-23] Mon 23: Rain early. ... Pleasure hauled out to free shaft, rudder & centreboard, and change to folding propeller.

[1925-03-26] Thu 26: Fine. L[igh]t E [wind]. Launched Pleasure in forenoon and took a sail.

[1925-03-28] Sat 28: Fresh NNE [wind]. Fine. Off for lunch & sail in Pleasure, taking Ann and Miss Beach. Anchored under Deering Key and later sailed to Cape Florida & back. 2 reefs.

[1925-03-29] Sun 29: [Thermometer] 68 - 75 [degrees]. Cold early. Fine. L[igh]t N & SE [wind]. Tried Pleasure under power between Matheson Channel stake and lighted beacon --- .95 sea mile. [In] a.m. L[igh]t NE [wind]. [Going] out [took] 12m[inutes]-25s[econds]. R[e]t[urn took] 12m[inutes]-45s[econds]. Mean [engine speed was] 1130 rpm. Throttle [was] nearly open & shaft [was] a little stiff. [In] p.m. L[igh]t SE [wind] shaft four[sic, i.e. free?] & throttle 2/3 open. [Going] out [took] 12 [minutes]-50 [seconds]. R[e]t[urn took] 12 [minutes]-10 [seconds] at 1,260 rpm. Mean [speed was] 4.55k[nots], slip ave[erage] 40%, p.m. 48%. [both percentages crossed out]. See note [Note:] June 8th carefully measured propeller [and] made [sic, altered or measured?] mean pitch 7.28in. and of trailing half of blades 8.96in. At 4.55 k[nots] p[er] h[our] = 448 f[ee]t p[er] m[inute]. At 1190 rpm = 4.60in. advance er[?] per[?] rev[olution: 4.60 / 7.28 = .63 = 37% slip. 4.60 / 8.55 = 5.38 = 45% slip. [Later entry, apparently added in July and August 1925 states:] New blades for folding propeller to be 11 in dia, [with] about [a] 8-2/3 [inch] mean pitch (edge to edge) with blades narrower than original. July 25. New pattern [made with an] 8.55 [inch] pitch mean. Aug. 8. New wheel [propeller] is [has an?] 8.7 [inch] pitch mean. [Note: Much of the preceding entry is difficult to decypher.]

[1925-04-01] Wed 1: [Thermometer] 57 - 76 [degrees]. NW l[igh]t [wind] each night. Easterly l[igh]t [wind] during midday. Took a sail in Pleasure in p.m. with Chas. Nystrom by Deering place.

[1925-04-04] Sat 4: Another fine race of 14' skiffs in p.m. in l[igh]t SSE wind. 11 boats [probably #924s, #925s, #926s, #927s, #928s, #929s, #935s, #936s, #937s, #938s and #946s] entered. Won by school boys. We took out [probably in Pleasure] Halsey Chase and daughter Reba [the future Mrs. Sidney Herreshoff]. Mr. Tarrolly[?] of Bristol Phoenix [newspaper], [NGH's wife] Ann & Margaret Nystrom. ...

[1925-04-06] Mon 6: Very fine [in] a.m. In p.m. sailed [apparently with Pleasure] to see Mr. Baker & Ventura [#867s] --- taking Commodore & Wirth Munroe, Ann & Margaret Nystrom. While at [the] Club landing a squall filled 'Pleasure' with sand, then a rain, making a mess.

[1925-04-19] Sun 19: A very pleasant sail with Ann to Soldiers Key and lunch on board. Returned via Cape Florida. Had a short rain returning.

[1925-04-21] Tue 21: [Thermometer] 78 - 76 [degrees]. Went to Miami to dentist. Then to big wh[ar]f to see Nassau st[eamer]r. In afternoon had a fine sail to outside of Cape Florida. Single reef & fast mileage.

[1925-04-23] Thu 23: Fine. ENE [wind]. Ann [went] to Miami with Mrs. Munroe. I took a sail alone. Up by Miami and then to Causway [sic] Channel & jetties, then back by way of Cape Florida channel. A fine sail taking 4h[ours] 50min[utes]. 2 reef[s in] mains[ail] & jib. Shook out 1 reef inside Cape Florida.

[1925-04-26] Sun 26: L[igh]t easterly [wind], fine. Took a sail with Ann as far as Cutler and had lunch on board, trying the stove.

[1925-04-27] Mon 27: Getting ready for projected cruise with 3 boats. Sunset, Melody & Pleasure. The Gardners left. Commodore [Munroe] has sold Biscayne Camp on[a] 99 year lease to Messrs. Swetland.

[1925-04-29] Wed 29: At work getting Pleasure ready for cruise.

[1925-04-30] Thu 30: [Thermometer] 69 - 80 [degrees]. Very fine & warm. L[igh]t W [wind] early, SE [later]- Starting on cruise. --- Sunset about 10, Melody 10-30 & Pleasure about 10-45. Nearly calm. Laid to off Feather[?] Bed[?] Pond[?] about 1h[our] for boats to come up. Anchored off Sands Key about 3-30. All on board Alerion [sic, i.e. Pleasure] for dinner.

[1925-05-01] Fri 1: Very warm. Showers after sunrise. Unsettled look. Started to go outside by Ragged Key. Sunset & Pleasure grounded & hauled off by Melody. Com. [Munroe] decided to make harbor at Ragged Key. SW Wind freshened to strong breeze, with rain squalls and ch[anged] to NW in later p.m. We [were] very comfortable. Had late dinner in Melody.

[1925-05-02] Sat 2: Very fine & cool. Fresh N [wind] early. All started about 10-15 with dying wind. Melody went outside to fish on way, Sunset & Pleasure inside. Anchored [in] Beavor[?] Creek, [at] 1-15, Melody at 3-15. Pleasure with 2 reefs ran even with Sunset [which carried] all sail. Had nice fish dinner on Melody.

[1925-05-03] Sun 3: Very fine. L[ight] NE [wind] early, ch[anging] to E [wind] by 8. Rowed in with Ann, Com[modore] & Mrs. Munroe, and called on Israel Laffayette [sic] Jones, colored, who owns [this] Key & others. Very interesting. Underway about 10 and ran outside to Angelfish Cr[ee]k in company of Sunset. Melody out fishing. Later moved into Card Sound. Have chowder dinner on Melody. [Note: The Joneses were a fascinating African American family that had grown wealthy as owners of several Keys where they grew pineapples and key limes. Com. Munroe had been instrumental in starting his Florida venture in 1892/1893.]

[1925-05-04] Mon 4: Very fine. L[ight] NW [wind] early. Fresh E to SE [wind later]. After breakfast went in Sunset under power along Key Largo & (?) (?) Key shore. Left at 9-50, Melody outside & Sunset about 15 min ahead going inside. Caught Sunset at Sands K[ey] and as Ann had [a] bad sore throat, we continued home, making 25.3 k[nautical miles] in 3h[ours] 53m[minutes]. The others came home about 3 hours later.

[1925-05-09] Sat 9: ... [In] a.m. went to Miami with Wirth and [I] bought 742 lbs. [of] scrap lead for Pleasure @ 29.33. ...

[1925-05-10] Sun 10: A sail [apparently with Pleasure] in a.m. to SW Pariat[?] with Com. Munroe to see Matheson's new canal. [In] p.m. hard shower.

[1925-05-11] Mon 11: Very fine E [wind] & dra. Had last sail. Went up by Miami alone. In p.m. took off sails.

[1925-05-12] Tue 12: At work all day trying to cast lead ballast [for Pleasure]. Old battery plates are not easy or profitable.

[1925-05-13] Wed 13: Unrigged Pleasure. Took out mast and hauled out [Pleasure] for examination. Found paint in very good condition and not foul.

[1925-05-14] Thu 14: Munroe Austin employed to revarnish.

[1925-05-16] Sat 16: [Thermometer] 80 - 83 [degrees]. Austin finished varnishing Pleasure & [was] paid 8.95. ...

[1925-05-18] Mon 18: [Thermometer] 80 - 83 [degrees]. Covered over Pleasure with canvas that came on her [and was] recut, and launched [her at] 7 p.m. & hauled [her] into Basin.

[1925-05-19] Tue 19: Moored Pleasure in Basin. ...

[1925-05-20] Wed 20: ... Lead for inside ballast [for] Pleasure. [Dimensioned sketch.] 14 lb. 7 3/4 lb. [Unreadable calc.] = 224. [Unreadable calc.] = 28. [It appears as if NGH had cast about 20 rectangular pieces and about 40 triangular ones for a total of around 600 lbs of inside ballast.]

[1925-10-17] Sat 17: [This entry possibly dated Oct. 29, 1925, but in the space for Oct. 17, 1925:] Pleasure's Mizzen mast [is to be located] 2in[ches] aft # 37 deck beam. Move traveller forward 1 frame. Also lead block & boom crotch. [New mizzen mast [is] 3-7/16 dia[meter and] 17' long. Yard & sprits about 9' [long]. Sail [measures 18 [feet on] luff, 8ft 9in [on] f[oot], 17ft [on] leach.

[1925-10-29] Thu 29: [This entry in the space for Oct. 13, 1925:] Oct. 29. Box for C[oonut] G[rove] with Mainsail & Mizzen [for Pleasure]. Resolute winch & wire ropes. Standing rigging for mizzen [of] phos[phor] b[ron]z[e]. Sifamct[?]. Pattern vise. Mast step & partner. Sprit saddle. Flag spindle. Chain plates. Box with: Mainsheet & 2 spare pieces. Lazy lines - 5 pieces. Mast collar - 4 hoops. Package [of] twist drills. Shears. Box with 2 flanges & fastenings. 2 spoke shaves, wax. Model block. Tool holder. Combination monkey wrench. Box with old propeller. Double 1/2in. block. 2 single 3/8 block & bolt. 1 scotchman Bale. 2 quarter plates. 1 short boom track. Small plane. Box cleats & bolts. 2 black crayons & rouge. Box of centre bitts. Hone. And a few other things. [From space for Oct. 16, 1925:] Continued. Crate with: Mast. Main boom. Lug yard. 2 sprits. 2 boxes with lead ballast [weighing] 482 lbs [in] 31 pieces. All sent off Nov. 3 [1925].

[1925-11-03] Tue 3: Sent of 4 packages by freight of ballast, 481 lbs lead, spares --- sails & rigging for changing Pleasure to yawl. Went by Clyde Line via Boston [and] Jax [sic, i.e. Jacksonville].

[1925-11-16] Mon 16: Warm night 76 [degrees] min[imum] [A] norther struck in about 7-30 a.m. Get house in order and have dinner there. Pleasure in good condition and bulge [sic] dry.

[1925-11-18] Wed 18: H[eav]y NE wind. Uncover Pleasure. Mr. Wm. Burrows helping. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Nov. 18 Uncover 2h.

[1925-11-19] Thu 19: [Thermometer] 52 - 75 [degrees]. Mod[erate] to light NE [wind]. Fine. Hauled out Pleasure in forenoon and engaged Wm. Burrows to help fit out. ... [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner cover of diary:] Nov 19 Haul out & sandpaper 7 1/2 [hours].

[1925-11-20] Fri 20: Overcast and muggy in forenoon. Calm. In p.m. NNW & cooler with l[igh]t r[ain] in evening. At work all day sandpapering Pleasure. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Nov 20 Smoothing & sandpapering 8 [hours].

[1925-11-21] Sat 21: [Thermometer] 60 - 72 [degrees]. Very fine. Mod[erate] N to NE [wind]. Painted topsides [of Pleasure] in p.m. ... [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Nov 21 Smoothing & paint topsides 7 1/2? [hours].

[1925-11-23] Mon 23: [Thermometer] 57 - 71 [degrees]. Very fine. Strong NW [wind and] clear. At work on Pleasure. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Nov 23 Paint bottom 8 [hours].

[1925-11-24] Tue 24: [Image out of focus. Unreadable] [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Nov 24 Mast & [?] varnish 7 [hours].

[1925-11-25] Wed 25: [Image out of focus. Unreadable] [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Nov 25 Step mast & c. 3 [hours].

[1925-11-30] Mon 30: [Thermometer] 69 - 66 [degrees]. Very h[eav]y rain began last night and continued till nearly noon. T[hunder]&L[ightning] at intervals. Ng[?] & Commodore's dory was level full at 9-30. I got aboard Pleasure to pump. Was full up to cabin seats. Reported 14.1in. rainfall & \$1000000 damage in Miami.

[1925-12-05] Sat 5: Very warm. S [wind]. Went to Miami by buss [sic] in a.m. [Was] fitted to new glasses by Beckwith and went to Clyde Pier to inquire about freight due for yawl rig [for Pleasure].

[1925-12-06] Sun 6: Cool day. Max 69 [degrees]. NW to N [wind], overcast. Sailed up by Miami [in Pleasure] to see congestion in harbor. Got foul of [a] dolphin and [was] a little bruised. Have Ann [on board]. In p.m. off to the race of 4 [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers & started them. L[igh]t N to NNE. Have Mr. Hine & Burton & Ann [on board]. ...

[1925-12-08] Tue 8: Took a sail alone [in Pleasure] in p.m. L[igh]t SE [wind]. Started motor without trouble, but afterward would not start.

[1925-12-10] Thu 10: A fine sail [in Pleasure] in p.m., to Cape Florida in l[igh]t NE by E wind. Rate 5-1/4 kn[ots], across bay going & nearly 5 returning. Ann caught a Spanish mackerel. Not getting freight, wrote to Freight Agent to send tracer after it.

[1925-12-12] Sat 12: [Thermometer] 57 - 72 [degrees]. Mod[erate] NW to N [wind], overcast. Tried to start motor in Pleasure but without success. Finish tool box up to painting.

[1925-12-13] Sun 13: Fair. Took sail with Com. [Munroe] in Sunset in a.m. [In] p.m. took out Mr & Mrs Gardner & Ann in Pleasure to start [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers --- 7 out [sailing].

[1925-12-17] Thu 17: A pleasant sail in Pleasure with Com. Munroe --- single reef [in] S breeze.

[1925-12-18] Fri 18: N [wind] & overcast [in] a.m. Rain [in] p.m. Took motor out of Pleasure to see why it won't run.

[1925-12-19] Sat 19: SE l[igh]t [wind], fair. Found water in magneto [of Pleasure], dried it out over stove and replaced. Worked ok.

[1925-12-20] Sun 20: Fine & calm [in] a.m. Put motor on board & connected up & started without difficulty. Went out with Ann in Pleasure to start [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers racing. Seven boats sailed in light air. Wirth returned from 2 week cruise in Melody to Dry Tortugas.

[1925-12-21] Mon 21: Strong SSW [wind] & warm. Went to Miami with Mr. Hine and located box of freight [with sails and spars for Pleasure] at Clyde Pier. Had a call from Harold Vanderbilt in p.m. and [we] talked of a new rig I am working on for his proposed 3 master [#192301es Unbuilt Cruising Schooner].

[1925-12-22] Tue 22: Received ballast & spars for Pleasure and put ballast aboard. [It] changed to cold in p.m.

[1925-12-24] Thu 24: [Thermometer] 52 - 70 [degrees]. Stowing ballast in Pleasure in forenoon. In p.m. Mr Barrows began on fitting mizzen mast &c. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Dec 24 Began mizzen changes 2 [hours].

[1925-12-25] Fri 25: [Thermometer] 57 - 73 [degrees]. Christmas. Very fine & calm. Ann and I went to Cape Florida in Pleasure and had lunch aboard. Light air going, and calm returning --- using motor most [of] the way.

[1925-12-26] Sat 26: [Thermometer] 56 - 69 [degrees]. Fine with fresh W to NW [wind], growing cold at sunset. At work with Mr. Burrows changing Pleasure to yawl. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Dec 26 Mast hole & chainplates 6 1/2 [hours].

[1925-12-27] Sun 27: Fine & light N [wind]. At [work] drawing of new rig for Mr. V[anderbilt]'s cruiser in a.m., and in p.m. started [Biscayne Bay] 14' race, taking out Com. Munroe & Mr. Barrows [in Pleasure]. Ann sailed with Pattie in # 9 [#937s].

[1925-12-28] Mon 28: Began changing rig of Pleasure to yawl, having Mr. Barrows to help. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Dec 28 Set m[izzen] mast & sandpaper 7 [hours].

[1925-12-29] Tue 29: [No entry.] [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Dec 29 P.M. on deck paint 3 1/2 [hours].

[1925-12-30] Wed 30: [No entry.] [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Dec 30 A.M. on deck paint 3 [hours].

[1925-12-31] Thu 31: Fair. Finished painting & varnishing Pleasure and bent mizzen in p.m. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of diary:] Dec 31 Varnishing 5 1/2 [hours].

[1926-01-01] Fri 1: Cold NNE [wind]. Bent mainsail & mizzen [of Pleasure] but to[o] cold to try her.

[1926-01-02] Sat 2: Fair, light air [from] E. Tried Pleasure under yawl rig.

[1926-01-03] Sun 3: Fine & warm. L[igh]t SE to S [wind]. Off in Pleasure for lunch in company of Sunset part of time. In p.m. started & timed 9 14 footers [Biscayne Bay 14s] in 2 heats.

[1926-01-05] Tue 5: Very fine & mild [with] SE light [wind]. Sailed up [in Pleasure] by the waterfront to see the congestion of vessels. Have Mr & Mrs Gardner & Ann. [From list titled 'Wm. Burrows time' (spent on Pleasure) on inner back cover of 1925 diary:] Mr Barrows time 67h. Paid \$47 cash. Jan 5, 1926.

[1926-01-11] Mon 11: [Thermometer] 48 - 65 [degrees]. Clear & cold. Strong NW [wind] moderating at sunset. Tried Pleasure a little way under jib and jigger.

[1926-01-12] Tue 12: [Thermometer] 45 - 65 [degrees]. Fair & cold. L[igh]t air from NW to N. Took short sail in Pleasure in p.m.

[1926-01-14] Thu 14: [Thermometer] 40 - 62 [degrees]. Clear & cold. Fresh NW [wind]. ... There was frost on Pleasure's sail covers and deck as late as 8 o'clock.

[1926-01-15] Fri 15: [Thermometer] 38 - 64 [degrees]. Clear & calm [in] a.m. L[igh]t SE [wind in] p.m. ... Took a sail [apparently in Pleasure] in p.m. with Mr. Benton.

[1926-01-17] Sun 17: [Thermometer] 70 - 75 [degrees]. Fair with strong to light E to SE wind. Ann & I went for day in Pleasure & had lunch off Cape Florida. Had stiff breeze in beating over in which Pleasure did well. The first strong breeze with all sail.

[1926-01-20] Wed 20: [Thermometer] 62 - 72 [degrees]. Fine l[igh]t offshore [wind] early. Later light [wind from] E to SE. ... In p.m. off in Pleasure taking Ann, Mrs Gardner & Pattie M[unroe].

[1926-01-21] Thu 21: [Thermometer] 62 - 73 [degrees]. Very fine, l[igh]t S to SE [wind]. ... In p.m. took a sail alone up by Miami waterfront.

[1926-01-22] Fri 22: [Thermometer] 64 - 75 [degrees]. Very fine, SE [wind] early, later SSE to S. Fresh in p.m. In p.m. took sail to Miami waterfront, having Mr. Hine. ...

[1926-01-23] Sat 23: [Thermometer] 67 - 74 [degrees]. Mostly overcast. L[igh]t N [wind] early, changing to NE & E. ... Off [apparently in Pleasure] to [Biscayne Bay] 14 ft race in p.m., having Mr & Mrs Gardner, Mr Somers & Ann. Interesting race in light wind.

[1926-01-24] Sun 24: Fine & calm [in] a.m. L[igh]t E [wind in] p.m. Took off Pleasure's [sail cover] and put it in pickle. In p.m. took sail up toward Miami, having Mrs. Munroe & Ann.

[1926-01-25] Mon 25: [Thermometer] 73 - 80 [degrees]. Fine & warm. Fresh S to SSW & W [wind] by night. Put sail cover [of Pleasure] in pickle (sugar of lead 1/4 lb., alum 1/2 lb.) and got them dry & on by night. ...

[1926-01-27] Wed 27: [Thermometer] 57 - 80 [degrees]. Fine, NW [wind] early, NE to E, l[igh]t, later. Bent mizzen on Pleasure and took sail in p.m. by Cape Florida, having Mrs Gardner & Ann. Mr. Howard's 'Alice' arrived.

[1926-01-28] Thu 28: [Thermometer] 54 - 73 [degrees]. Cool morning. L[igh]t NE [wind] ch[anging] to NE in forenoon. Took sail alone in p.m. going 1-1/4 mile beyond Bug light, 16 1/2 miles in 3h[ours]. 1-30 each way in light to moderate ENE [wind] = 5k[nots].

[1926-01-30] Sat 30: [Thermometer] 70 - 72 [degrees]. Storm continued till early morn[ing] with T[hunder] & L[ightning] and a h[eav]y squall from S about 2 a.m. Must have been between 4in. & 5in. of rain. 9 [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers raced in p.m. --- 2 races, conducted by Mr. Somers [headmaster of the Adirondack-Florida school] & self in Pleasure. The best racing yet.

[1926-01-31] Sun 31: [Thermometer] 68 - 80 [degrees]. L[igh]t to mod[erate] SW [wind]. Fine. Had a day in Pleasure with Ann, going to Soldier's Key. ...

[1926-02-01] Mon 1: [Thermometer] 60 - 80 [degrees]. Very fine & clear. Fresh breeze [from] WSW. Little doing except odds & ends in Pleasure.

[1926-02-02] Tue 2: [Thermometer] 55 - 72 [degrees]. Calm [in] a.m., E to SE [wind] in p.m. Clear & fine. Took engine out of Pleasure to discover why it will not start, found nothing the matter, but when back together started promptly. ...

[1926-02-03] Wed 3: [Thermometer] 73 [degrees] falling. Very warm night, SSE to SSW [wind], overcast with some rain early. Later clear & fine, W [wind]. Put motor back in Pleasure after overhauling and [it] started up.

[1926-02-04] Thu 4: [Thermometer] 58 - 65 [degrees]. Very fine & bright & cool, westerly wind. Went to Miami in Pleasure for shopping, having lunch on way up. A pleasant sail. ...

[1926-02-07] Sun 7: [Thermometer] 53 - 70 [degrees]. Clear & nearly calm, very light airs from W to NE. A short sail in p.m. alone. Pleasure's screw [i.e. propeller has an] 8.65in pitch, counter rule[?], 1 to 3.45.

[1926-02-08] Mon 8: [Thermometer] 53 - 72 [degrees]. L[igh]t NW [wind] early. L[igh]t SE [in] p.m, clear. Trial of Pleasure under power. Wind SE & E. 8 miles. Course; Dist, Time; Throttle; Speed; Rpm; slip.

SE&E; .8k, 11-3; 2/3; 3.98k, 1225, 54%; N&W, .8k, 10-30, 3/4; 4.57; 1320; 51%; S&E, .8; 11_30; 3/4; 4.24; 1290; 54%; NW&W; .8; 9-55; full; 4.83; 1320; 49 1/2%. In calm, speed [was] probably 4.5k & [with] 50% slip. Gasoline rate about 3/4 gal[lon] per h[our].

[1926-02-13] Sat 13: [Thermometer] 52 - 70 [degrees]. Fine & calm [in] a.m. L[igh]t SE [wind] later. Got Pleasure underway and went to Brickell Apartments Landing for Anne to do shopping. Returning have Gordon Raymond [on board]. Help start [Biscayne Bay] 14' race, with Mr Somers [headmaster of the Adirondack-Florida school]. 9 boats. Very light SSE, only 1 race.

[1926-02-14] Sun 14: [Thermometer] 65 - 73 [degrees]. Very fine, l[igh]t S [wind]. Off for the day about 10-45, with Ann. Go by Cape Florida, into Hawk Channel, then up by Biscayne Key inside to Bear Cut & return, in nice breeze. Grounded going in, and got Pleasure to moorings after supper.

[1926-02-18] Thu 18: [Thermometer] 73 [degrees]. Fine, fresh S [wind] & warm. Sailed up to Brickell Apartments for Ann to go shopping. Took Mr. Meigs along. Fresh breeze up the bay & tied in reef for first time. L[igh]t S [wind] in p.m. Took [another] short sail.

[1926-02-20] Sat 20: [Thermometer] 54 - 68 [degrees]. Fair & cool, NW to NNE [wind]. ... Race of [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers in p.m. in which Mr. Somers [headmaster of the Adirondack-Florida school] & I officiate [probably in Pleasure]. Ann & Mrs. Gardner [came with us]. ...

[1926-02-21] Sun 21: [Thermometer] 55 - 72 [degrees]. Fair, overcast [in] a.m. L[igh]t NW [wind] ch[anging] to ENE & E in p.m., clear. Took sail out by Cape Florida. Had Com M[unroe] & Pattie. A fine sail.

[1926-02-22] Mon 22: [Thermometer] 72 - 75 [degrees]. Very fine & clear, l[igh]t E [wind]. The Annual Chowder [on Washington's Birthday] of B[iscayne] B[ay] Y[acht] C[lub] at Hicands[?] Biscayne Key. We take Mrs Munroe & Mrs Austin[?] [apparently in Pleasure]. Com. M[unroe] laid up with cold. Very successful gathering of about 500 [guests] and 45 craft. Home [at] 5-30 [in] nearly calm. ...

[1926-02-25] Thu 25: [Thermometer] 73 - 77 [degrees]. Very fine, fresh S [wind], true & steady all day. Took a sail alone in a.m. out into Cape Florida channel & return, about 14 sea miles. ...

[1926-03-01] Mon 1: [Thermometer] 68 - 75 [degrees]. Fine. L[igh]t E [wind] & calm. Sailed to Brickell Apartments for Ann to get provisions. Calm returning.

[1926-03-03] Wed 3: [Thermometer] 49 - 70 [degrees]. Very cold early, NW [wind], ch[anging] to NE. Very fine & dry. ... Painted inside of Alerion's [#718s] tender [#191305es] [which is being used for Pleasure] in p.m. ...

[1926-03-04] Thu 4: [Thermometer] 53 - 71 [degrees]. Very fine & dry. L[igh]t N to E [wind]. Took sail in a.m. with Ann & Mrs Rodgers & [in] p.m. with Ann, Mr Hine & Mr & Mrs Rodgers. Varnished inside of tender [#191305es Dinghy for #718s Alerion III]. ...

[1926-03-05] Fri 5: [Thermometer] 56 - 72 [degrees]. Very fine & dry. L[igh]t N [wind] early. Nice NNE [wind in] p.m. & took sail out by Cape Florida [with] Ann, Mrs & Mr. Gardiner. ...

[1926-03-06] Sat 6: [Thermometer] 70 - 74 [degrees]. Very fine. Fresh E [wind]. Clear. ... Very nice race of [Biscayne Bay] 14'[-footers] in p.m., 10 boats [in a] fresh ESE [breeze]. We took out Mr & Mrs Liggett, Mrs Gardner, Ann & Mr Somers.

[1926-03-07] Sun 7: Fine & warm [with a] mod[erate] E [wind]. ... [In] p.m. took a pleasant sail to Cape Florida. Took Ann & Pattie Munroe.

[1926-03-10] Wed 10: [Thermometer] 50 - 70 [degrees]. Fair, NW [wind] early, ch[anging] to E in forenoon. [Blank] in p.m. Sailed to Brickell Apartments taking Ann, Mr. & Mrs Rogers for shopping, ashore by 6.

[1926-03-13] Sat 13: [Thermometer] 48 - 69 [degrees]. Cold. Strong breeze [from] W, clear. ... [At] 12 [o'clock] underway under jib and mizzen and ran down W[est] shore for lunch, returning at 2-45 to start the [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers. They carried all sail in stiff breeze and had a fine race.

[1926-03-14] Sun 14: [Thermometer] 47 - 67 [degrees]. Very fine & cold, clear & dry, NNW [wind] early, ch[anging] to ENE in p.m. Took sail in p.m., with Ann, out to within 1-1/2m[iles] of Frowey [sic, i.e. Fowey] L[igh]t 3h outside of C[oonut] G[rove] Beacon, 1h[our]-18m[inutes] going in fair tide. Single reef & moderate breeze. 8.8 miles = 6-3/4 k[nots]. Crossing Bay, no tide, 3m[iles in] 29m[inutes] = 6-1/4 k[nots]. ...

[1926-03-16] Tue 16: [Thermometer] 48 [degrees]. Began helping Com. M[unroe] build up new cradle I have presented him. [For Com. Munroe's marine railway, to be used for hauling out Pleasure among other boats.] Planing out bearer pieces of yellow pine &c.

[1926-03-19] Fri 19: [Thermometer] 69 - 73 [degrees]. Very fine. L[igh]t E [wind]. Sailed up to Brickell Apartments in a.m. for Ann to do shopping.

[1926-03-20] Sat 20: [Thermometer] 68 - 75 [degrees]. Fine. L[igh]t to mod[erate] SE [wind]. Started about 12 [o'clock in Pleasure] alone and sailed up by Miami waterfront, then down the bay and had lunch. Off C[oonut] G[rove] at 3 to be ready to start [Biscayne Bay] 14' races. Have Mr Somers [headmaster of the Adirondack-Florida school] & Mr Burton [on board]. Good races in light breeze [from] SE.

[1926-03-21] Sun 21: [Thermometer] 71 - 76 [degrees]. Very fine. L[igh]t SE to SSE [wind]. Start at noon with Ann and have lunch while sailing over to Cape Florida. Pleasant sail in light breeze.

[1926-03-24] Wed 24: [Thermometer] 69 - 76 [degrees]. Very fine. L[igh]t NW [wind in] a.m., [changing to] SE p.m. Helping Com M[unroe] about new marine railway, [in] a.m. Take short sail [in Pleasure in] p.m. and started motor to see that it is all right. Had not been used since Feb. 22.

[1926-03-25] Thu 25: [Thermometer] 65 - 77 [degrees]. Fine & warm. Low barom[eter]. Calm early, fresh SSE [wind] from 11 a.m. Took sail alone, out by Cape Florida, down Hawk channel and in Soldier Key Channel, across to Snapper Cr[ee]k & home.

[1926-03-27] Sat 27: [Thermometer] 62 - 74 [degrees]. NNW overcast early. Made preliminary test of Pleasure's motor for standing pull. Results: [With] throttle 2/3 open (usual position) [the pull was] 88 lbs. Wide open [it was] 100 lbs. Engine not firing steadily. In p.m. 3 races of [Biscayne Bay] 14s for my cup, wind fluky. Wirth M[unroe] had [the] most points. We have Mr Somers [headmaster of the Adirondack-Florida school], Ann, Mrs Gardner, Mr & Mrs Draper, Mrs Raymond & Mr Wolf. Pleasure's mooring cut.

[1926-03-28] Sun 28: [Thermometer] 62 - 74 [degrees]. Strong NE to ENE [wind] & overcast. Ann & I take sail out by Cape Florida [in] p.m. Go across bay with jib & mizzen, then hoist single reef[ed] maisail]. Cross bay returning at rate of 6.8 k[nots], but not at maximum as going outside Cape Fl[orida].

[1926-04-02] Fri 2: [Thermometer] 75 - 80 [degrees]. Fine. Mod[erate] E to SE [wind]. Ann & I sail over to Miami Beach and lunch on Flying Cloud [#703s] with the Drapers. Back at 5 p.m. ...

[1926-04-10] Sat 10: Fair SE breeze and 2 good races of [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers in p.m. Ann & I timing [probably in Pleasure].

[1926-04-13] Tue 13: [Thermometer] 76 - 90 [degrees]. L[igh]t SSE [wind in] a.m., SW [in] p.m. Very warm. Took sail alone up to Miami at noon. Squally returning.

[1926-04-14] Wed 14: A short sail with Ann in p.m.

[1926-04-17] Sat 17: [Thermometer] 55 - 74 [degrees]. Very fine. Cool early, NW [wind], ch[anging] to E. 3 races of [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers in p.m. L[igh]t ESE. I act as [race] committee in Pleasure. Take out Com M[unroe], Mr [Vincent] Gilpin, & Ann.

[1926-04-18] Sun 18: [Thermometer] 58 - 77 [degrees]. L[igh]t NW [wind] early. L[igh]t S [wind] from 9 a.m. [on]. Took sail with Ann, out by Cape Florida, by the outer Light & return, between 10-45 & 4-45. Very light [wind] most [of] the time.

[1926-04-21] Wed 21: [Thermometer] 70 - 74 [degrees]. NE [wind]. Fresh breeze, fine & cool. Took sail alone in forenoon, and in afternoon, having Ann & Mr. Burton. Single reef. Went out by Cape Florida & back by ship channel. Timed 'Pleasure' in 3.5 k[nots] reading 30 m[inutes] and not up to top speed.

[1926-04-25] Sun 25: Part[ly] overcast, fair, l[igh]t S[outh]E[aster]ly [wind], warm. A large squadron of sea planes passed, going N. Underway about 11-30 with Ann and sailed up to Miami. Saw the large fleet of U.S.N. sea planes at anchor S of causeway. --- Then to Coco Plum Beach to se [sic] race between [Biscayne Bay?] 14 footer & Coral Gables 16 [foot] W.L. Were badly beaten.

[1926-04-27] Tue 27: [Thermometer] 58 - 72 [degrees]. Strong NE [wind]. Fair & cool. Took sail in p.m. To Cape F[lorida] with jib & mizzen. Covered 2.65 m[iles] in 31 m[inutes] = 5.1 k[nots]. Half [was] close hauled & half [was] 10 points off [i.e. a broad reach]. Returning with reefed mainsail, jib & mizzen. 2.6 m[iles] in 21-1/2 m[inutes] = 7.25 k[nots]. Very strong [wind at] 8 points off. About her top speed, with beam wind.

[1926-04-28] Wed 28: Very fine & dry. NE [wind], fresh. Take sail with Ann in p.m. to outside Cape F[lorida]. Have reef in m[ain]s[ail], jib & mizzen. Covered 3.0 m[iles] in 27-1/2 m[inutes] = 6.5 k[nots], 6 to 7 points off wind. [i.e. a close reach] Returning, covered 2.6 m[iles] in 22-1/2 m[inutes] = 6.95 k[nots]. Should have carried all sail.

[1926-05-01] Sat 1: [Thermometer] 72 - 78 [degrees]. Fair & warm. E [wind]. Off [probably in Pleasure] for race of 14 footers in p.m. with Ann & Mrs. Gilpin. Wind fresh to mod[erate], ENE to E. --- 6 boats.

[1926-05-02] Sun 2: L[igh]t S[outh]E[aster]ly [wind], overcast & warm. Took a sail up by Miami water front. Having Mrs. Gilpin, Mr. Vincent Gilpin, Pattie M[unroe] & Ann [on board]. A pleasant quiet sail.

[1926-05-03] Mon 3: Getting ready for cruise tomorrow.

[1926-05-04] Tue 4: Very fine. L[igh]t NW [wind in] a.m., l[igh]t to moderate S [wind in] p.m. Sunset, with Com. M[unroe] & Vincent Gilpin started about 8-15, and Pleasure with Ann & I started at 9-15. Nearly calm at 10 and Sunset under power disappeared from sight. Had a pleasant beat down Bis[cayne] Bay and found Sunset at Punkin [sic] Key. We arrived at 4 p.m. Very fine, no mosquitoes.

[1926-05-05] Wed 5: Very fine. L[igh]t [wind in] a.m. [from] NW & calm. Sunset under power, to Key Largo. We start [in Pleasure at] 8-15 and [sat] a long time becalmed. Pass RR Bridge at 1 p.m. and found Sunset at Key Largo City. Both left about 2-15. H[eav]y squall as we enter creek and very h[eav]y rain in Harpin[?] Basin. After squall both proceeded and anchored inside Pigeon Key. Fresh NE [wind] in night.

[1926-05-06] Thu 6: Up early and ran into lea [sic] of P[igeon]-Key for breakfast. Sunset followed. Left P-Key, Sunset [at] 8 and Pleasure [at] 8-20. Ran to Islamorada[?], arriving about 10. We decided to start back and left [at] 10-20. Strong ENE [wind], 2 reefs. Boat very dry & easy. Were detained [from] 12-15 to [12-]40 by strong current. Engine would not run. Anchored [at] Pigeon Key [at] 5-20.

[1926-05-07] Fri 7: Fresh E to E by N [wind]. Underway [in Pleasure at] 7-50, 1 reef, but all sail thru [the] creeks. Fair & overcast. Had fine sail to Sands Key, arriving at 4 p.m. Sunset arrived at 7 p.m., having

left Islamodora [sic, i.e. Islamorada?] about 6-30 and had a fine long sail. Our time $2 + 1\frac{1}{4} + 8 = 11\frac{1}{4}$ [hours], Sunset's [time was] $12\frac{1}{2}$ hours.

[1926-05-08] Sat 8: Warm & damp, SE [wind]. We left [in Pleasure at] 7-40. Squall to north, so we had a shift of wind to NE, but no rain. Arrived [at] C[coconut]-G[rove] [at] 10-20, in rain of 2nd squall. Both Ann & I enjoyed the cruise.

[1926-05-09] Sun 9: [Thermometer] 69 - 88 [degrees]. L[igh]t W [wind in] a.m. & hot. [In] p.m. shift to SSE & 3 [o'clock] and back to W with squall @ 4-30. 7 [Biscayne Bay 14] boats out racing, and Ann & I time them for last time. Began to unbend [Pleasure's] sails after race.

[1926-05-10] Mon 10: [Thermometer] 70 - 85 [degrees]. L[igh]t W [wind] early, fresh SSE most of day. Finished unbending [Pleasure's] sails and in p.m. went to Miami to get our tickets. ... [The following text from 'Memoranda' section in diary:] May 10, 1926. Began laying up Pleasure. Mast & spars taken out. Mast stored in Mr. Gardiner's Boat Ho[use] over his boat. Boom & mizzen mast in Com. M[unroe]'s smith shop. The original boom [for sloop rig] in Com. M[unroe]'s work shop. Have decided not to insure while laid up. Required for next year: Light cable [of] $1\frac{1}{2}$ [inch] m[anila] & 12 fath[oms] long. Marline & lobster twine. A double $\frac{3}{8}$ block for mizzen sheet. $2\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{5}{8}$ [inch] bolts to set mast in.

[1926-05-11] Tue 11: [Thermometer] 71 - 85 [degrees]. Very fine. Calm early, later fresh S [wind]. Rigged up Sunset's old mast for derrick pole & set on end of pier and took out Pleasure's mast without trouble.

[1926-05-12] Wed 12: [Thermometer] 71 - 83 [degrees]. Calm early, mod[erate] S [wind], very fine. Hauled out Pleasure on Com. M[unroe]'s new [marine rail]way without difficulty and the cradle came up easy by the old crabwinch rigged up.

[1926-05-13] Thu 13: [Thermometer] 78 - 84 [degrees]. Fresh S [wind] & overcast, strong SSE [wind] in evening. Occupied in taking equipment out of Pleasure. The Gilpins left in [the] evening. A little rainfall.

[1926-05-15] Sat 15: [Thermometer] 72 - 84 [degrees]. Fair, mod[erate] westerly [wind]. Rowed to Fair Ways Basin to see possible place to leave Pleasure & wired Com. [Arthur Curtiss] James. ...

[1926-05-17] Mon 17: [Thermometer] 61 - 78 [degrees]. Very fine. L[igh]t NW [wind] & cool early, shifting to NE & E moderate. At work on Pleasure, painting & varnishing [with] Monroe Austin helping.

[1926-05-18] Tue 18: [Thermometer] - 78 [degrees]. Very fine. Mod[erate] E [wind]. Part[ly] overcast. At work on Pleasure, cutting down top of c[enter]b[oard]. ...

[1926-05-19] Wed 19: [Thermometer] 73 - 75 [degrees]. Warm & clear [in] a.m., [with] gathering rain clouds. Got canvass [sic] [winter cover] over Pleasure just before rain, at 12, but not fastened.

[1926-05-20] Thu 20: T[hunder] & L[ightning] squalls last night. Rain. S [wind]. Finished covering Pleasure.

[1926-05-21] Fri 21: Part[ly] overcast, l[igh]t variable [wind]. Rain in p.m. Up early & launched Pleasure. ... Strong SE [wind] & rain in evening. [The following text from 'Memoranda' section in diary:] Hauled out May 12 & launched May 21 with cover on & c[enter] b[oard] slot covered, [propeller] shaft out. All furnishings taken out, and stored in 'Fair Haven'. Inside ballast & small spars [left] aboard, also bilge pump.

[1926-05-22] Sat 22: Fair in forenoon, T[hunder] & L[ightning] rain storms in p.m. Munroe Austin towed Pleasure to Com. James's Basin and helped me moor her there. For which he charged \$5.00. ... [The following text from 'Memoranda' section in diary:] Towed to Com. James' basin and moored, using 32' of $\frac{5}{16}$ chain and long wire rope belonging to Com. Munroe, except 5 [feet of] $\frac{3}{8}$ chain to piece out [the] $\frac{5}{14}$ [5/16?] chain which belongs to Pleasure. The 2 [inch] rope (75') belongs to Pleasure.

[1926-05-23] Sun 23: Calm early, l[ight] E [wind], fair & warm. I went to finish [Pleasure's] mooring before breakfast. Went to her again in p.m. with Com. M[unroe].

[1926-05-26] Wed 26: [Thermometer] 80 - [degrees]. Fine morning. T[hunder] & L[ightning] [in] p.m. Went to Pleasure before breakfast. ...

[1926-05-29] Sat 29: Calm early, coming NE later. Went aboard Pleasure and found her nearly tight.

[1926-06-01] Tue 1: Continued fine [weather]. L[igh] NE [wind]. Visited Pleasure early. ...

[1926-09-22] Wed 22: Calm early. Strong SSW [wind in] p.m. Have a telegram from Mrs. Munroe saying 'Waterfront completely destroyed. Pleasure all right, Cottage gone, We are safe.' Is bad news indeed ! --- But might be worse. ...

[1926-11-25] Thu 25: Thanksgiving day. Very fine. Light NE to E [wind]. After breakfast rowed down to Com. [Arthur Curtiss] James to inspect Pleasure and found her in very good condition. The port bow lines had pulled off starb[oard], and that allowed her to lay stern to in [the] hurricane. Have dinner at the Munroes and [had] a very pleasant time.

[1926-11-30] Tue 30: Fine & nearly calm. Brought Pleasure up from Com. James['s] basin, M. Austen towing. ...

[1926-12-01] Wed 1: Very fine & l[igh]t N & E [wind]. Doing little jobs about cottage and ordered various things to complete Pleasure's outfit of H.M.Co.

[1926-12-03] Fri 3: Fresh NE [wind] & fine. Melody was launched, and Pleasure hauled out about 9 a.m. [Pleasure] is [found to have been] scarred by [hurricane] wreckage near [her] w[ater]l[ine] on port side, otherwise in good condition. [Topside paint] is blackened by gases. Wm. Ray worked 7 h[ours] & Wirth & Edi[?]. Inspected mainsail and is fit to use.

[1926-12-06] Mon 6: Fine. Cool early with offshore [wind], later NE mod[erate] & warm. In p.m. went again to Clyde Line [office] and found the box of spares, which has laid bottom up, [with]in sight for 2 weeks. Wm. Ray has worked 5 h[ours] on cleaning topsides of Pleasure, one side.

[1926-12-07] Tue 7: Very fine & clear, NE [wind] mod[erate]. Received box containing masts [from] HMCo, the old ones having apparently been damaged or lost in the previous hurricane]. Wm. Ray worked 1 day (8 h) [on Pleasure].

[1926-12-08] Wed 8: Rain [from] 4 to 9 a.m. Fresh NE [wind], later fair. Fresh NE [sic]. ... Wm. Ray 4- 1/2 h[ours of work on Pleasure].

[1926-12-09] Thu 9: Very fine. L[igh]t E to NE. L[igh]t [sic]. Painted port side of 'Pleasure' which is drying up fast. 2 [men] at work on star[board] side getting black off. Ray [worked] 8h[ours]. His friend [worked] 8 h[ours]. ...

[1926-12-10] Fri 10: Continued beautiful weather. Have two [men], Wm. M. Ray and his friend, working on Pleasure. I have painted topsides & bottom.

[1926-12-11] Sat 11: Fine & warm. Painted bottom 2nd coat [on Pleasure]. Paid up helpers at noon (\$43.40).

[1926-12-14] Tue 14: Continued very fine & warm. At work on Pleasure, painting & c.

[1926-12-15] Wed 15: Finished painting & varnishing hull of Pleasure --- except deck.

[1926-12-16] Thu 16: Very fine & warm. E & NE [wind]. Went to Miami with the Munroes in a.m. and got track of freight (lathe &c.). Cooler in evening. Re[ceive]d package of jib & mizzen &c. [for Pleasure] by parcel post.

[1926-12-17] Fri 17: Fair. Calm [in] a.m. & hot sun. Launched Pleasure about 8 a.m. ...

[1926-12-21] Tue 21: Glued up the two sections of mast for Pleasure and apparently made a good job of it. [The mast was apparently shipped in two sections from Bristol for NGH to glue together after its arrival.]

[1926-12-22] Wed 22: Fitted up mizzen mast and painted all small spars. Put cushions & some gear aboard Pleasure and cut out mizzen mast hole.

[1926-12-23] Thu 23: Fine, light NW [wind] early, later mod[erate] N. Rounded up [my new] splice in mast [of Pleasure] & primed. ...

[1926-12-24] Fri 24: Very fine with fresh NE to E [wind]. At work at mast [of Pleasure], painting, straightening bent turnbuckles & putting on track.

[1926-12-25] Sat 25: Christmas. Fine morning with fresh SSE wind & mild. A perfect day. Temp[erature] 76 [degrees] - 78 [degrees]. Wind light in p.m. Worked some on mast fittings [for Pleasure]. ...

[1926-12-28] Tue 28: Fresh SE to S [wind], threatening [weather]. Had a little rain in p.m. Finished up work on [Pleasure's] masts & their rigging.

[1926-12-29] Wed 29: Fine & very warm, max[imum temperature was] 82deg. WSW [wind], strong in p.m. Shifted to NW & much colder in evening. Com. M[unroe] rigged a derrick pole at his pier and we stepped Pleasure's masts. Found shackles[?] for rigging 1 ft too high up. Took out mast to change.

[1926-12-30] Thu 30: Very strong NW [wind]. Clear & cold. 50 [degrees] early. Mr Croft at work on Pleasure's mast, fitting new shoulders. I take over Mr. Hines['] skiff for use, pending his approval. [#191305es Dinghy for #718s Alerion III that had been used as Pleasure's dinghy was apparently lost in the hurricane of September 1926.]

[1927-01-01] Sat 1: [Thermometer] 56 - [degrees]. Cold W [wind], backing to SW then W & NW, very strong. Clear. ... At work on shifting mast collars that were placed wrong on Pleasure's mast.

[1927-01-02] Sun 2: [Thermometer] 42 - [degrees]. Very cold, early. Clear & fine, NW W [wind]. Finished up [Pleasure's] collars on mast and painted.

[1927-01-03] Mon 3: Very fine & cold at night, warmer in day, wind WSW. 2nd coat of paint on [Pleasure's] mast in a.m. and stepped it in p.m., all [now is] ok.

[1927-01-04] Tue 4: Fine & cool. Wind fresh [from] W. Bent [on Pleasure's] mainsail & mizzen.

[1927-01-05] Wed 5: Same fair cool weather. Cold night & quite warm in sun at midday. Fresh NW [wind]. Nearly completed rigging Pleasure. Mr. Hine has assented to my using his skiff [in exchange] for [my] putting her in order.

[1927-01-06] Thu 6: Very fine. L[igh]t W & variable [wind], but cool night. Calm [in] p.m. At work rigging Pleasure. Also started to fix up Mr. Hine's skiff.

[1927-01-07] Fri 7: Very fine after cool night, quite warm in p.m. 78 [degrees], Mod[erate] NW [wind]. Took first sail in 'Pleasure' in fore noon, taking Mr. Burton. ... Work some on Hine skiff.

[1927-01-14] Fri 14: [Thermometer] 70 - 78 [degrees]. L[igh]t SSE to S [wind], nearly calm & fine. Put Hine skiff in the water to soak. Brushed Pleasure's mainsail to get the mud & dust [that had been left by the Hurricane] off and it looks much better. Took a short sail in p.m. in light air.

[1927-01-15] Sat 15: [Thermometer] 52 & falling, [degrees] in evening. Very strong NW [wind] & overcast [in] a.m. Clear & wind moderate in p.m. Made boom crotch for Pleasure [the old one probably got lost in the hurricane] and working on lathe.

[1927-01-17] Mon 17: [Thermometer] 62 - 68 [degrees]. Fine. Light E [wind]. Took a sail alone in Pleasure in a.m. and [while] in Cape Florida, Shore Channel, struck [the] c[enter]b[oard] when way down. C[enter]b[oard] rope jambed [sic] [and prevented the] c[enter]board from coming up, and [I] was stuck [aground] for 1 h[our] in light breeze, before [being] hauled clear by [a] power boat. Got back for late dinner. ...

[1927-01-18] Tue 18: [Thermometer] 68 - 70 [degrees]. Very fine SSE breeze. Took fine sail in p.m. having Com. M[unroe], Mrs Gardner & Ann. To outside of Cape Florida.

[1927-01-19] Wed 19: Fine. E to SE [wind] At work fitting chucks for lathe in a.m. and little jobs on Pleasure in p.m.

[1927-01-20] Thu 20: [Thermometer] 69 - 75 [degrees]. Very fine, fresh ESE to SE [wind]. Had fine sail in p.m. taking Mrs. & Miss. Murray, Pattie M[unroe] & Ann. Single reef in m[ain]s[ail]. Beat over to Matheson Castle, with wind nearly ahead, in 60 min[utes], and returning from C[ape] Florida in 55 m[inutes]. Ebb tide. Jib winged out.

[1927-01-22] Sat 22: Part[ly] overcast. Fresh E & NE [wind]. In p.m. sailed out to see [Biscayne Bay] 14 footers & sneakboxes racing --- taking Mrs Gardiner & Ann. L[igh]t rain showers in evening.

[1927-01-24] Mon 24: Took a sail up toward Miami alone in afternoon.

[1927-01-27] Thu 27: Took a sail in p.m. to Hialeah[?] [then to?] Biscayne Key [later renamed Key Biscayne], having Ann & Mr. Benton.

[1927-01-28] Fri 28: Rain last night and this a.m. At work staining lounging chair & painting Pleasure. The first painting since laying up last spring except a little after being hauled out in Dec.

[1927-01-29] Sat 29: In p.m. went out [apparently in Pleasure] to see small craft racing [apparently including Biscayne Bay 14s] taking Ann, Com. M[unroe] & Mrs Gardiner.

[1927-01-30] Sun 30: A very pleasant sail with Ann to Soldiers Key, anchoring for [going] ashore & lunch. Back via Cape Florida. Mod[erate] easterly breeze.

[1927-01-31] Mon 31: [Thermometer] 71 - 76 [degrees]. Very fine ENE [wind]. At work on running l[igh]t screen board, and cockpit table for Pleasure. ...

[1927-02-01] Tue 1: [Thermometer] 71 - 76 [degrees]. Very fine fresh ENE [wind], decreasing. Com M[unroe] launched Sunset this morning. I took a sail alone starting at 10-37 and turned W of C[ape] Florida shoal L[igh]t at 12-19. Back at 1-58. Wind mod[erate] E by S. Going over I tried reefing. Total time 13 m[inutes]. Time taking out reef [was] 3-1/2 m[inutes].

[1927-02-02] Wed 2: [Thermometer] 69 - 75 [degrees]. Very fine. ENE [wind], mod[erate]. Worked on cockpit tables & also varnished part of bright work on Pleasure. ...

[1927-02-04] Fri 4: [Thermometer] 70 - [degrees]. Very fine mod[erate] ESE [wind]. Took a sail alone out by C[ape]-Fl[orida] & return by main channel in forenoon. ...

[1927-02-06] Sun 6: Very fine with mod[erate] SE [wind]. Took a sail for the day with Ann. Going to Soldiers Key and back via Cape Florida. Left [at] 10-35, [arrived at] Soldiers Key [at] 1-40. Left [at] 2-40. Home [at] 5-35. The boat is foul and moved very slow.

[1927-02-07] Mon 7: Fine, mod[erate] ESE [wind]. ... In p.m. hauled out Pleasure to clean and found quite a growth of barnacles.

[1927-02-10] Thu 10: Fair with westerly wind most [of] the day. [Brother] Francis & Irma here to lunch with us. In p.m. I took Francis for a sort sail. He is very stiff and awkward in getting about.

[1927-02-12] Sat 12: In p.m. out [apparently in Pleasure] to see racing [apparently including Biscayne Bay 14s] taking Ann & Mrs Gardiner.

[1927-02-13] Sun 13: [Thermometer] 72 - 77 [degrees]. Fresh SE [wind and] fine. Off for the day to Soldiers Key, taking Ann, Pattie M[unroe], Wirth [Munroe] & Bill Catlow. Single reef. Going [took] 2[hours]-25[minutes], [with] wind dead ahead. Returning via Cape Fl[orida] [took only] 1[hour]-25[minutes]. A fine sail which all enjoyed.

[1927-02-16] Wed 16: Sail alone up by Miami in forenoon.

[1927-02-17] Thu 17: Very fine --- Calm [in] a.m. [with] a l[igh]t S [wind]. Had Munroe Austin paint deck of Pleasure. He charged \$1.00 per h. Washed her awning.

[1927-02-21] Mon 21: [Thermometer] 54 - 77 [degrees]. Very fine, S & W [wind]. Took a sail with Dr. Baekeland in forenoon.

[1927-02-22] Tue 22: [Thermometer] 49 - 76 [degrees]. Nearly calm [in] a.m., l[igh]t SE [wind] in p.m. Took party to the B[iscayne Bay] Y[acht] C[lub] Annual Chowder at Hicanda Biscayne Key and have a pleasant day, meeting many people. We had Ann, Pattie M[unroe], Dr. Baekeland, Com. M[unroe], Mr. Benton, Wirth M[unroe] & William Catlow. Also for lunch Mrs Austin, Olswold[?] A. & Mrs. Spencer. 11 in all [apparently in Pleasure].

[1927-02-23] Wed 23: Very fine & warm. Fresh SSE [wind]. In afternoon took sail up by Miami waterfront. Taking Ann, Mrs. Gardiner, Mrs. Gardiner, Jr. & son & Dr. Baekeland.

[1927-02-25] Fri 25: [Thermometer] 60 - 78 [degrees]. Very fine. L[igh]t NW [wind] early, calm then SE l[igh]t. At work on income tax [in] a.m. Had a fine sail alone in p.m. --- [In] SSE fresh [wind] to 3/4 m[iles] beyond Cape Fl[orida] --- long & short tacks, 1h[our] - 20m[inutes]. Returning ran into rain squall and lowered sail[s].

[1927-02-27] Sun 27: Very fine. N [wind] early --- later NE to ENE. Ann & I took our lunch and sailed to Cape Florida, starting a little before 12. Had a talk with Mr. Geo. Fox of Chicago who owns Buzzard Bay 30 [#571s] Larikin. Home about 4-30.

[1927-02-28] Mon 28: [Thermometer] 67 - 73 [degrees]. Very fine. Mod[erate] ENE [wind]. Ann went to Hollywood with Mrs. Spars[?] and I took a sail alone. Left about 11-20 and out by Cape Fl[orida] & Hawk Channel to Frowly[?] L[igh]t, arriving about 1-25, tacked out into Gulf Stream about 2 m[iles] & started back [at] 1-55. Home [at] 3-55, [after] a very fine sail.

[1927-03-06] Sun 6: [Thermometer] 60 - 70 [degrees]. Very fine and a little cool. Mod[erate] ESE [wind] -- - very clear. Ann & I took our lunch and sailed over to Cape Florida.

[1927-03-08] Tue 8: Very fine SSE [wind]. At work on screen doors for Pleasure & writing.

[1927-03-09] Wed 9: [Thermometer] 70 - 76 [degrees]. Fair & damper air. S [wind] fresh & warm. At work on screen doors [for Pleasure] & other little jobs.

[1927-03-13] Sun 13: ESE [wind] overcast early --- later very fine. Ann, Pattie & I go to Cape Florida in Pleasure, taking lunch.

[1927-03-17] Thu 17: Very fine, mod[erate] E [wind]. Took Ann, Mr & Mrs Gardiner, Richard Gardiner & wife & [their] 2 boys for a sail, going over to Cape Fl[orida] Shore channels & return. ...

[1927-03-23] Wed 23: [Thermometer] 68 - [degrees]. Rain most [of] forenoon & overcast in afternoon. Mod[erate] NW to W [wind]. I stay in bed all day with the bad cold and Ann [is] taking the best of care of me. Wirth M[unroe] & Bill Catlow haul out 'Pleasure' for me in p.m. She has many barnacles. I [am] informed [that the] railway [is] working fine.

[1927-03-24] Thu 24: [Thermometer] 55 - 75 [degrees]. Fine & clear. Strong WNW [wind]. Fire is comfortable in morning but very hot in sun later. My cold [is] better but [I] feel very tired after little sleep. Munroe Austin sandpapering & varnishing topsides [of Pleasure] which I do same in cockpit.

[1927-03-25] Fri 25: [Thermometer] 49 - 68 [degrees]. Very fine & cold. Clear NW to NE [wind], backing to N. Munroe Austin finished painting Pleasure (\$12.00). I finish screen doors started 2 or 3 weeks ago. ...

[1927-03-26] Sat 26: [Thermometer] 55 - 73 [degrees]. Fine, NW [wind] early, ch[anging] to l[igh]t E in forenoon. Launched Pleasure alone about 2-15 & warped [her] out. Mr. J. I. Cavanagh came along and as I had asked him to sail we got underway [at] about 3 and had a pleasant sail and chat.

[1927-03-27] Sun 27: [Thermometer] 58 - 74 [degrees]. Very fine. L[igh]t NW [wind] early, then nearly calm. Ann & I started in Pleasure at 11-55. Wind very light SE. Beat over to C[ape] Florida & anchored for lunch about 2-10. Fine sail returning, in mod[erate] SSE, home [at] 4-50.

[1927-03-31] Thu 31: Very fine ESE to SSE [wind]. Ann is feeling poorly with her cold. In forenoon I took a sail alone going up by Miami waterfront via of shore passage & back by dredged channel. Gone about 2h[ours] 15m[inutes].

[1927-04-01] Fri 1: [Thermometer] 72 - 78 [degrees]. Very fine & warm, fresh SSE [wind]. Ann's cold congested on [her] chest, with [a] slight fever. ... Had fine sail alone this p.m.

[1927-04-02] Sat 2: [Thermometer] 74 - 77 [degrees]. Very fine. Fresh S [wind]. Busy writing in a.m. [In] p.m. took Com. M[unroe] & Vincent Gilpin to sail --- out by Cape Florida. Fresh breeze with single reef.

[1927-04-04] Mon 4: [Thermometer] 68 - 78 [degrees]. Fine as usual, calm early. Tinkered on boat part of a.m. Took a sail alone in p.m., up to Miami S[outh] channel. Mo[derate] SE-ly [wind] with single reef.

[1927-04-06] Wed 6: [Thermometer] 73 - 78 [degrees]. Very fine & warm. Mod[erate] E to SE [wind]. Took sail down west shore in afternoon, having Ann and Mr. Benton. ...

[1927-04-07] Thu 7: Very fine, mod[erate] SE [wind]. Ann [went] to Miami with the Gardiners in forenoon, Mr. Halsey Chase and Becky [the future Mrs. Sidney Herreshoff] arrived about 11 and had lunch with us. Then a very pleasant sail to Cape Florida and return, which they enjoyed.

[1927-04-09] Sat 9: [Thermometer] 74 - 79 [degrees]. Very fine & mod[erate] SE to S [wind]. Ann went with the Bentons in auto to Paradise Key and I took [a] sail alone, starting [at] 10-37. Turned [around] S[outh] Featherbank Beacon I-55 and back 4-25. A very nice easy sail to windward.

[1927-04-10] Sun 10: [Thermometer] 69 - 80 [degrees]. Cool W [wind] early, later fresh S. After lunch took a sail with Ann in whole sail breeze. Close hauled to Cape F[lorida] in 63m[inutes to go] 5.6[sea] m[iles] = 5.35k[nots]. Returning [via] Cape F. to Matheson's beach [in] 15 m[inutes =] 1.65[sea] m[iles] = 6.6k[nots]. Beacon to bush mark [in] 36 minutes to cover] 4.0[sea] m[iles] = 6.7k[nots]. Total [time was] 51m[inutes] for 5.65[sea] m[iles] = 6.65k[nots]. Tide [was at] last [of the] flood.

[1927-04-14] Thu 14: Very fine, fresh SE to E [wind]. I take a sail alone, starting at 10 o'clock, [with] single reef, [and] met Sunset off Block Log beacon [at] 11-25. Ran up to Miami Channel [arriving at] 12-50 & laid-to 1h[our] for lunch. Then [sailed] up by Miami & out 1/3 way in Causeway channel, then home at 4-50.

[1927-04-17] Sun 17: Very fine with mod[erate] E [wind] & clear. Sunday a.m. went out in Melody with Com [Munroe], Wirth [Munroe] & Bill [Catlow], to look at [her] sails that set badly. Ann & I started in Pleasure about 11, went up by Miami and beat thru channel to E side. Anchored for lunch. [Got] away about 2-40, [going] in by Miami & to Cape Florida [then] returning by intermediate channel. [Get] back about 5.40 after a very pleasant sail.

[1927-04-22] Fri 22: Finally decided to sell back Pleasure to HMCo. for settling her account, and I will deliver her [to them when she's] in N[ew] York.

[1927-04-23] Sat 23: Some showers. Make drawing for cradle for shipping Pleasure to N.Y. via H[enry] R. Mallory from Key West. In p.m. go to Fogals' loft and get Melody's sails. Also ordered a tarpaulin for Pleasure's cockpit.

[1927-04-24] Sun 24: Fair with NW wind. ... Have advises [that] Pleasure can be shipped to N.Y. May 9, so [am] writing letters for arrangements. Did not go for sail in Pleasure.

[1927-04-25] Mon 25: Fine & cool NW [wind] early, later calm & l[igh]t E. Hauled Pleasure out in p.m. to fit a cradle under her, and later [went] to Fogals' yard, with Wirth and get hardware for cradle. ...

[1927-04-26] Tue 26: [Thermometer] 62 - 80 [degrees]. NW early, then easterly [wind]. Fine. Have Mr. Croft helping to fit cradle under Pleasure. ...

[1927-04-27] Wed 27: [Thermometer] 60 - 78 [degrees]. Very fine. NW [wind] early, then NE by [blank]. Mr. Croft at work on cradle [for Pleasure]. I send ch[eck] for \$226.25 to Mallory Line, ag[en]t for freight &c. on Pleasure. ...

[1927-04-28] Thu 28: [Thermometer] 61 - 82 [degrees]. Fair. Croft finished cradle [for Pleasure] early afternoon, then finished [the] day by varnishing [her] sheerstrakes. We are having fine dry weather with cool offshore wind nights and S or SE-ly or E [wind] days.

[1927-04-29] Fri 29: [Thermometer] 60 - 80 [degrees]. Fair, some[what] squally. Launched Pleasure early and put to moorings. Shipped away cradle to Key West.

[1927-04-30] Sat 30: [Thermometer] 60 - 82 [degrees]. Fresh S [wind in] a.m. and strong S [in] p.m. Took a sail [apparently in Pleasure], having Com. Munroe [on board]. [Went] over along Biscayne Key shore, returning around[?] dist.[?] from Hyaleah[?] channel to Matheson channel stake in 32m[inutes], or [at] almost 7 knots. Probably 7.15 knots while in deep water.

[1927-05-01] Sun 1: [Thermometer] 62 - 80 [degrees]. L[igh]t W [wind in] early, then mod[erate] S.E. Started for sail & lunch in 'Pleasure' with Ann, at 11-45. Soon became squally and lower[ed] [the] mainsail. Continued to work to windward in stiff breeze for over half [an] hour, --- then ran back to mooring for lunch. _([This was our] last sail in Pleasure.)_

[1927-05-02] Mon 2: [Thermometer] 65 - 82 [degrees]. Fine, NW [wind] early, S.E. to S later. Getting Pleasure ready to leave tomorrow for Key West.

[1927-05-03] Tue 3: [Thermometer] 65 - 82 [degrees]. Fine early [and] calm. L[igh]t SE [wind] till [it became] squally in p.m. Pleasure left about 9 in charge of Wirth Munroe, and will be much missed by me.

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[1927-05-06] Fri 6: [Thermometer] 74 - 83 [degrees]. Fine & warm. Have telegram [saying that] Wirth arrived at Key West with Pleasure yesterday p.m. ...

[1927-05-10] Tue 10: [Thermometer] 77 - 82 [degrees]. Very fine. Mod[erate] SE [wind]. ... Wirth Munroe returned from Key West [in] p.m. and reported mast was taken out of Pleasure before loading on H[enry] R. Mallory.

[1927-05-16] Mon 16: [Thermometer] 62 - 86 [degrees]. Cold early. Fine with fresh NW [wind] till 3 p.m., then E. Have information [that] Wirth arrived at Fernandina this a.m., and [that] 'Pleasure' [arrived] at Larchmont and in good order. ...

[1927-06-17] Fri 17: Very fine & cool. High barometer. L[igh]t variable winds. Busy unpacking looking about. Informed [that] Pleasure has been sold to Burgess & Rigg.

[1927-06-20] Mon 20: [Thermometer] 58 - 61 [degrees]. Cold n.e. light rain at spells. Put on winter clothes to keep warm. ... Starling Burgess called & had interesting talks. He is coming in Pleasure in 3 weeks. ...

[1927-06-24] Fri 24: [Thermometer] 62 - [degrees]. Very fine. Fresh N [wind in] a.m, mod[erate] S [wind in] p.m. Moved Alerion [#718s] on to cradle to paint & launch. Assisting in arranging for launching of [#1058s] 'Prestige'. 'Pleasure' arrived before sunset with Starling Burgess & wife [Elsie (Foss) Burgess] on board.

[1927-07-02] Sat 2: Mod[erate] NE [wind], a few showers. Harold V[anderbilt] got away in [#1058s] 'Prestige' at noon, taking Starling Burgess, and Pleasure is left in my care. ...

[1927-07-03] Sun 3: Rain [in] a.m. with l[igh]t NE [wind]. Clearing at noon. Fresh SW at 4-30 p.m. Took sail in Pleasure with Ann in p.m. ...

[1927-07-06] Wed 6: [Thermometer] 56 - 71 [degrees]. Fine [in] a.m., calm. SW [wind] fresh and[?] cool [in] p.m. Fix up Pleasure and took a short sail.

[1927-07-09] Sat 9: Fair. Nearly calm [in] a.m., l[igh]t SSW [wind in] a.m. Finished rigging 'Alerion' [#718s], then, at 10 o'clock went for the Milburn El[ectric] car, being varnished by E. Torrey[?]. Then for a short sail in Pleasure. After dinner, Ann, Agnes & I went up Prov[idence] R[iver] in Pleasure to see R.I.Y.C. race, in which [#497s] Gadfly won easily, sailed by Sidney. ...

[1927-07-16] Sat 16: Moderate SSW [wind in] a.m. Strong [wind] in p.m. Warm & damp. Took sail in Pleasure in p.m., with Agnes, to see race of Barrington Y.C., single reef. Interesting brush with [#497s] Gadfly on wind in which Pleasure was a little the best. Gadfly won race & sailed by Sidney. We [arrived] home about 5-30 just before rain. ...

[1927-07-17] Sun 17: Starling Burgess & wife arrived at noon. They took Pleasure away about 2-30 and I went in Alerion [#718s] to have trial. Strong SSW. Pleasure single [was] reef[ed]. Alerion [had] all [sail], but should have been reefed. Pleasure a little the best, till we struck [the] head sea when Pleasure easily sailed away. I got knocked down & took in a barrel of water, so gave up.

[1927-08-12] Fri 12: Have bought from shop (or taken over in part payment of 'Pleasure') the boat Limited, #982, at \$1,250, and is to be taken into shop, and sternsheets enlarged, side seats put in, spray guard put in & rig cut down, with short mast & lug yard.

[1927-08-13] Sat 13: Starling Burgess & wife arrived in p.m. and went aboard Pleasure which has been hauled in shop for repairs & painting. Is to tow up Sound early tomorrow behind [Harold Vanderbilt's motor yacht] Maintenon & [#1058s] Prestige.

[1927-10-25] Tue 25: ... [From cash accounting in diary:] Re[ceive]d [from] H.M.Co. in exchange of
Pleasure for Water Lily [#982s] \$3600.00 [cost of Pleasure, less] 1647.55 [cost of Water Lily, equals]
1952.45 [net]."

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