

Le Havre



with just the crane driver and one man from the marina. Groves & Guttridge's trestles seem just fine. New water pump has not arrived yet. Have asked marina to forward to Paris. Phone # is (35) 21-23-95. (P.S. Barbara fell in the water as we were docking after taking down the mast—only up to the knees.)

10/8—Too windy to go today, so we all took the bus to Harfleur instead. Lovely Norman church & some medieval buildings, but not much else. Blew hard in the night & much excitement at the marina including a boat who tied up next to us & then left. Damaged mount for wind instruments during the night. Very worried about mast & will check on possibility of shipping it in Rouen.

10/9—Still blowing hard. Dreary day on boat with all tempers short. Improved by evening (tempers, not weather). Lionheart & Spirit of Pipit arrived in morning after a rough channel crossing in the night. They have spent the day rafted up on one of the big mooring buoys in the harbor.



Spoke to them on the radio late in the afternoon. Ham, corn, & boiled potatoes for dinner & a beautiful chocolate cake baked by Amanda. Customs agent finally showed up this morning to ask if we had cleared customs. Good thing we didn't wait for him! A number of boats are in the harbour with their masts down, having come out of the canals.

10/10—Helped Lionheart into dock in a.m. Barbara & kids went to do laundry & shopping. I was to meet them at 11:00, but they didn't show up because of problems at the Lavomatic. Later Grahams came for a drink & Marjorie stayed for dinner. Wind was SW for a few hours in a.m., then veered & picked up again. Now W to NW & sky has cleared. Hope to go via sea tomorrow. If not, may have to tackle the Tancarville Canal. Lock at end of the canal opens 3+ hours before HW Le Havre & must go out by Thursday in order to get to Rouen in daylight.

10/11—Location of mast parts: turnbuckles in tool locker, mast wedges under V-berths, masthead light middle drawer under pilot berth, tricolor in head locker. Very windy again.

10/12—Snuck out of Le Havre when wind backed before another blow. Wet, rough passage in Seine estuary with moderate visibility. The trip up the Seine was fun. Lots of interesting things



to see & beautiful countryside. Rouen is very nice. Pontoon is new & clean & has water & electricity (although water is a new style different from Le Havre).

10/13—Spent the day in Rouen. Visited cathedral, St. Maclou, and the Ecole des Beaux-Arts, which used to be a charnel house. Also saw the clock tower. Very nice city & a complete contrast with Le Havre. Rebuilt after War to really good design.

10/14—Rented car & drove to Honfleur, where we did laundry & had lunch. Then went to Arromanches & Chateau d'Aubin for the night. Dinner at restaurant in Bayeux.

10/15—Visited Bayeux & Mont-St-Michel. Tapestry was very well explained & presented & was one of the highlights of the trip to date. MSM was also interesting & very windy! The cloisters were particularly beautiful. We all agreed we would like to come back when we could see the tide come in! Lights went out in the hotel & we ate by candlelight!

10/16—Went to Omaha beach & American war cemetery. Very impressive and scary. Rows & rows of white crosses.

10/17—Found that the stores were closed on Monday so we had corned beef hash for breakfast and left around 8:50. Cold,



Rouen : Mericourt : Les Moreaux



partly sunny & partly rainy day. Had a pleasant trip up to the first lock at Amfreville. Stopped at Elbeuf & tied up to wall to get some food. Found stores there were closed too, but one baker & charcuterie were open so we managed to get food o.k. After lock we were so excited that we decided to go on even though we had originally planned to stop there—this was a mistake. By the time we got to Les Andelys we were all exhausted & there was no good spot to tie up. We ended up anchoring on the left-hand bank opposite the town. The anchor is none too well set, as the bottom is stony, but it should do unless a storm comes up. (Log 4086.5.)

10/18—Set off at about 8:00 on a grey, cool day. Intended to go to Vernon, but found that we were aground several feet off the dock. Went on to Mericourt. The two locks were both difficult because we did not come up to the ladder properly. Apart from that they are rather straightforward. Walked into town for groceries & hope to get fuel in the morning. (Log 4123.3)

10/19—At last a reasonable day. Had school in the a.m., then moved on to Les Moreaux, arriving about 12:30. Tied up to a dock in front of the Yacht Club Isle de la Cite. Seems to be occupied mainly by a commercial restaurant during the week. Went shopping and found a super vegetable garage. Bought lots of vegetables and some chestnuts. Expect to roast them after





Paris



supper. (Log 4140.9)

10/20—School in a.m. Was foggy, so we didn't leave until about 11:30 when the fog lifted. Went as far as Bougival to shop & cash travelers checks. Then left about 11:30. Trip into Paris was spectacular. Right past the Statue of Liberty, Eiffel Tower, Louvre & Notre Dame. The new marina in the Basin d'Arsenal is terrific & the Capitaine is very nice & was super helpful. Still no refrigerator pump. Called Hinckley's & asked for another to be sent. Will tackle Le Havre Marina tomorrow to see if it arrived there. (Log 4203)

10/22—Shopping for warm clothes at Galerie Lafayette in a.m. Took Metro to get there, which was very quick & easy. Took taxi back because of immense number of bundles. The p.m. we rummaged the boat, which was much overdue. Have moved Tim to the pilot berth & turned the quarter berth into storage. This gives us a much better cabin layout during the day. Also did a little varnish touch-up. Called Le Havre & our pump has not arrived there three weeks after it was mailed. Will try the Douane at Le Havre on Monday.

10/23—Eiffel Tower in a.m. Meg & Dad went to the top. Then McDonald's at the Pompidou Center. Neat water fountain at the Center. Then Notre Dame & back to Felicity. Donkey in



front of Notre Dame.

10/24—Changed oil in engine & Meg & Amanda cleaned up outside of boat. Timmy sick & very fussy. Hinckley's has sent another pump via Air France—it should be here tomorrow. (Engine has 148 hours at oil change.)

10/25—Laundry in a.m. Eight loads! In p.m. Dad went to airport to get pump for fridge & rest of party went to W.H.Smith. Airport was a real odyssey. Refrigeration now works.

10/26—To Louvre in a.m. Amazing collection, rather unimaginatively displayed. Saw Venus de Milo, Mona Lisa, Winged Victory of Samothrace. My personal favorite was the Venus de Milo. Then to Fouchon, which was absolutely magnificent—the best food I've ever seen. We got a terrine de lapin and smoked salmon, etc. Later looked for shoes & bicycles. Visit by M. Bouchy's children. Meg, Amanda & Dad to Retour de Jedi in p.m.

10/27—To Jeu de Pomme in a.m. Great collection of impressionist paintings. Particularly liked the Renoirs & Monets. It's like walking into an art history book. Then to W.H.Smith & Brentanos & home for lunch. After lunch Lionheart arrived. Everyone glad to see each other. Henry, Nirvesh & I went to



nautical bookstore on left bank to find the Guide Fluvial which we were missing.

10/28—Barbara & Meg shopping & going to dentist. Amanda & Marjorie playing. Dad had cameras repaired & took kids' film to be developed. Then cleaned boat. Paris is very dirty. Lots of coal soot. In p.m. went back for film & then to Turner exhibit with Henry Graham. Very interesting. He painted for 50 years, & only in the last 4-5 did he achieve the style for which he is famous.

10/29—To Versailles with the Grahams.

10/30—Left Paris & went as far as St. Fargeau-Ponthierry. Moored to port of a disused lock, somewhat precariously, as it looks rather like a bomb hit it. Kids made chocolate chip cookies, which were delicious. (Log 4232)

10/31—(Log 4267) Went to Montereau a gray, cloudy day. Were going to stop above 3rd lock, but it was so dismal that we decided to keep going. Much nicer here, tied up to quay near town with shops, rubbish, etc. at hand. There is even a lavomatique, although it may be a ways.

11/1—Spent day in Montereau. (Locks closed as it is All



Saints Day.) Bicycled up to first lock on the Yonne to have a look. Sloping sides, & doesn't look any too easy. Weather continues grey, but not actually raining. Lavomatique turned out to be a lavarie, which is not at all the same thing & was closed anyway.

11/2—(Log 4291) Went to Sens. Halfway, a Canadian boat told us that the Bourgogne was closed. We confirmed this at the locks and at the Ponts & Chaussé in Sens. Now plan to go back to St. Mammès and take the Bourbonnais route. This is rather discouraging, as we have had a long hard day getting to Sens & now we will have to repeat it on the way back. Yonne was lovely, and we managed the locks with sloping sides o.k. The trick is getting someone ashore. There is no uniform method for doing this. Going down should be easier, except for fending off on the sloping sides. Weather continues to be beautiful (hence the closure) although barometer is now falling fairly sharply.

11/3—Day in Sens shopping & errands. Cathedral is beautiful & has stained glass window depicting flight of St. Thomas Becket to Sens. Also large oil painting of his murder at Canterbury. Called FNB to arrange for money to be sent to Briare. Also spoke to Mom & Dad. Garney is not well & have written her a long letter describing our trip on the river. Calls from Post Office are much

Montereau : St. Mammès : Nemours



easier to make. You can dial yourself & pay later.

11/4—Meg's birthday. Opened presents in the a.m. Back to Montereau during rest of day. Met Tristan part way back. They did not know that the Bourgogne was closed. They are now tied up behind us. Five kids on board, including twin babies. Party for Meg in evening—roast beef & cake. Got Amanda a bike & she is beginning to learn to ride it. Barbara is quite sick.

11/5—Fog in a. m. After it lifted, went back to St. Mammès, where we managed to get fuel & water. Fuel had to be carried to boat because it had to come out of the heavily-taxed roadside pump. After St. Mammès, went three locks into the Canal Lateral de la Loing and tied up to the bank. Need a gangplank desperately. Am using one on loan from Tristan, but they will need it too. I was sick today. We think that it was food poisoning from paté at Sens since only Mom & Dad got it & symptoms feel like it.

11/6—Fog in a.m. Left about 2 p.m. and went as far as Nemours. Tied up to pleasant quay there. Tristram left about 1/2 hour after us to avoid going through the locks together, but the lockkeeper knew they were coming & made us wait for them! Amanda learned to ride her bicycle today.



Montargis : Rogny : Briare : Nevers



11/7—Tristram left first, they in a.m. & we took off about an hour later. We found that they were stuck waiting at the first lock. They had not been able to find the lockkeeper. Man in Boivette called the lockkeeper for us & he showed up in about 3 minutes. Went as far as Montargis. Last lock of the day was a beauty. It must have a rise of 20 feet.

11/8—Short day today. Stopped after Montbouy. Lockkeeper here was a real sourpuss—a real contrast with the one at La Sablonniere who was super nice & gave us a bottle of freshly made cider. Also got a boarding plank from the next lockkeeper after La Sablonniere. Will have to have a long day tomorrow if we are to get to Briare in time for the bank on Thursday. Hope the weather holds out. Had a super day today, but it looks as though it may break.

11/9—Went to the end of the summit level today. Stopped for lunch at Rogny, where a circus was being set up and where we got water. Meg & Amanda washed their hair! Rogny has a disused staircase with 7 locks. They were part of the original canal and were in use for 245 years. Propane ran out today—switched to other tank.

11/10—Down 8 locks to Briare today. Arrived by 11:00 a.m.



& went to bank. They had just received telex & had no money to cover it. They will have it Saturday at 9:30, which is o.k. as tomorrow is a holiday anyway. Briare is a nice town, & Pont Canal is super. We are tied up in the basin right next to it. Kids all went off for a picnic on bikes.

11/11—Mom & Dad took Tim to the playground and saw the parade for the Fête de la Victoire. It consisted of a band, some marching gymnasts & a few war veterans. Weather continues to be beautiful. Did some polishing, cleaning & drying today. Have decided that one lock = 2 kilometers & that we do 10 k.p.h.

11/12—Got money from bank o.k. in a.m. Left about 10 a.m. & went 40 km to Menetreol-sous-Sancerre. It is a beautiful old town, & the mooring is very pleasant. Weather has broken, and it is cold and grey, although not actually raining. Had a nice tea with apple turnovers after we got in.

11/13—Another gray, cold day. Went as far as Nevers, which made for a very long day—8 hours. The lock before the Pont-Canal at Guétin was a flight of two and rather spectacular, as the lockkeeper was more than necessarily enthusiastic about letting the water in. Are tied up at an old wharf near a petroleum storage dump. No town, but an attractive farm/chateau across the canal.

Canal Lateral à la Loire



Paray-le-Monial : Monceau-les-Mines

Everyone in good spirits in spite of the long day. Had a note from Lionheart saying they were about two days ahead of us. They must have been getting information from the lockkeepers, as they know we are with Tristram.

11/14—Grey & cold again. Made it as far as La Motte (just past Decize). Lionheart is about 1 1/2 days ahead. Got water at the junction with the branch to Décize, which is the start of the Nivernais. Have had two very long days now & are rather tired.

11/15—Very cold & clear this morning. Had solid frost on decks & they were very slippery. Went as far as Diou, where we are tied up to the banks a couple of hundred yards from the road. Went to PTT and called WGL to get Art & Collins' addresses. Also spoke to Dad, who says that Garney is to be operated on. Got off & bicycled between two locks in a.m. in order to get some pictures of Felicity from the shore. Went aground fairly hard this evening as we came in & hope it didn't do any real damage. If this were Amaranth I would be pretty sure it was o.k., but Felicity is heavier and it is hard to tell. Had roast chestnuts with Tristram in evening.

11/16—Heavy frost & fog in a.m. Looked like winter until about noon, when the sun managed to struggle through. Finished the Canal Lateral à la Loire & started on the Canal du Centre. It has older locks & is a good deal narrower & twistier. We are moored in Paray-le-Monial, which is a very attractive town. The Basilica is very beautiful. It was built all of a piece in 1090 to 1110. It is all totally Romanesque.

11/17—Tristram had trouble starting engine this a.m. & we had to connect her up to shore power at the Usine on the quay. Later she discovered that problem with water was due to being in the front of the locks as they flooded. They stopped about 1 hour before Monceau-les-Mines & we carried on. Tied up to parking lot in front of three peniches. Town is quite nice, although the mines are as big & ugly as anything I've ever seen.

11/18—Ice on the canal this a.m. Better hurry! 17 locks today to St. Julien-sur-Dheune. Started out by waiting for a peniche and then, when he stopped, going ahead. His wife was furious, even though we apologized at next lock & let him go ahead.



Fragnes : Chalon



She was a real sourpuss. Followed the peniche for most of the day, which made it very slow since we moved faster both in & between the locks. Tristram caught up with us, and we are now in company again. The locks are all automatic & rather fun. I haven't been able to figure out how they decide which way the traffic is coming from, but it all seems to work beautifully. We also



had a few flakes of snow today.

11/19—Long day, as far as Fragnes, on a cold, misty gray day. Did 25 locks between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Passed two peniches who waved us by in a long 11-km section. Are now about 1 1/2 hours from Chalon. Had birthday party for Paul Merrit. No shops here, so we are short of stores & may not be able to get any for a couple of days, as today is Sunday.

11/20—Into Chalon, in a.m. Last lock was 10 m in a single chamber and was pretty impressive. Lionheart was still in Chalon, and had a happy reunion. Cleaned boat of 3 weeks of grime in p.m. (Had done it several times on canals, but it didn't seem to help much.) No electricity at the moment, but expect to rectify that in a.m. Chalon is very nice & managed to get food so we are all set.

11/21—Laundry for most of day! Got shore power going, so we have good heat. Timmy has a tractor with a wagon behind. Still very cold & was gray for most of day. Tristram left early in a.m., and we did not get to see them. Grahams were over after dinner.

11/22—Marketing & post office. Mailed package of books back to U. S. Visited cathedral. Bought propane & fittings to fill

tanks. Fuel truck didn't show up.

11/23—Fuel truck came in morning, but didn't stay as nozzle was too small. Did manage to get fuel in Lionheart's tanks. In p.m. filled fuel tanks with jerry cans from garage across street & flushed Lionheart's tanks. In a.m. filled our propane tanks from Totalgaz cylinder. Rat on board in evening.

11/24—Went to Le Tournus in p.m., after fog lifted. Had super Thanksgiving dinner with turkey & all the trimmings. Also super Côte du Rhône wine & a sauterne with the pumpkin pie.

11/25—Spent a.m. in Tournus. The abbey church was very interesting. It was earlier & less of a piece than Paray-le-Monial. Was less beautiful as a whole, but had many interesting features, including massive round pillars in the earliest part of the church & a super chapel up on an upper level which looked into the nave of the main part of the church. In p.m. went to Mâcon. Not terribly impressed with Mâcon, but no doubt it would be improved by some sunlight. Weather is a little warmer & have rain on & off. (Log 4607)

11/26—To Lyons on a wet, gray, rainy day. Lyons would be pretty in the sunlight. Right now we are cold, wet & tired, and it looks rather drab. Shops are very elegant. It's almost like being back in Paris. Cruising Association notes are right: the quay is in a highly disagreeable state. France badly needs a leash law.

11/27—Visited cathedral, old section of town & Gallo-Roman Museum. Barbara's birthday—went out to a Chinese restaurant in the gastronomic capital of France!

11/28—Walked across island to see Rhône in a.m. This part of city is even more like Paris. The buildings are bigger & further apart, & the shops are very fashionable. Rhône is flowing about 4 knots, so we will make good time from here on. Left about 10:30 for Vienne. Vienne had a cathedral built over rather a long time which I found rather disappointing. Also temple to Augustus & Livia and Roman baths & amphitheater.

11/29—Long day to Valence. The Rhône locks are enormous. They are also very smooth & easy to use. Port de Plaisance is large but unattended. We are tied on the end of the dock, and there is a

squabble over electric outlets. North wind has started to blow —maybe the Mistral. (Log 4691)

11/30—Spent day grocery shopping & cleaning up. Taxi driver confirmed that the wind is the Mistral. Cold & clear, but still very light wind. Rear cockpit drain was plugged & clearing it involved a good deal of time on my head in the lazaret. Grahams had a number of repairs to do, including saltwater intake & transmission. Seem to have them under control now.



12/1—Left early in am, with Mistral still blowing. Made the exit from the Port de Plaisance in Valence rather exciting. Had bad luck & rather a slow time with the locks, so didn't reach Viviers until 2:30. Found the public quay to be a perfectly acceptable mooring, & the town is super. It was the seat of the Bishops of Viviers, who controlled Vivais, a considerable stretch of the Rhône, for 800 years.

12/2—Reached Avignon today. Are tied up to "Peniche Only" section of public quay because the rest of it is filled up with semi-permanent local boats. Met Tristram on our way out of the last lock. They have been to Sete, and are on their way back to Chalon for Christmas. Went through the Balene which is impressively large but doesn't give the same feeling of depth as the smaller lock into the Saone at Chalon. Avignon is spectacular. The Papal Palace is immense and the town is very fashionable. It is very well maintained & clean, and it is very hard to determine the age of many of the buildings. No mail for us at Poste Restante, so either it went back to us from Dijon or else it isn't here yet.

12/3—Did nothing.

12/4—All went to visit Papal Palace in a.m. Also went through

Avignon : Port-St.-Louis

the gardens on the Rocher des Doms. Palace was in rather bad condition, as it had been an army barracks for almost 100 years & all the frescoes had been cut off by the soldiers to sell. Lunch at Quick. Mom & Dad went to Petit Palais in p.m. Very nice museum with good collection of medieval & renaissance Italian painting. Pictures of Popes in Palace are 19th century & all used the same model! Wrote Christmas cards.

12/5—Left at 8:30 a.m. and made it to Port-St.-Louis by 3:00. Current is much less in the lower stretches of the river. Also suspect that less water is coming down, as it hasn't rained for a while. Bayel's is about as expected: a workshop on the public quay. Should be o.k. for getting the mast up. Started in on preparation. Seems a little warmer here.

12/6—Started to prepare for raising the mast at 8:00 & got it up about 2:30. Lots of trouble getting the mast wedges in. Crane got hung up in starboard upper spreader & I had to go up the mast to free it. At end of day Mistral was coming, & water level was falling, so we moved through the lock & are tied up in the harbour on the sea side. Lionheart came about 4:30 but wasn't allowed through lock & are tied up in the Rhône with a sea to keep them awake.

12/7—Got mast wiring hooked up & everything seems to work o.k. (haven't checked masthead light & tricolor). Amazed that wind instruments o.k. Filled port tank with water, but did not fill starboard as the water didn't taste very good. Had to run 200' of hose across the road to get it. Put 10 gallons of diesel fuel in from the jerry cans. Mistral is blowing full force; we had gusts in the 40's and probably higher. Lionheart has moved into the port. They had M. Bayel come over & talk sense to the lockkeeper.

12/8—Moved boats in a.m. at harbormaster's directions. Spent day putting boat in order. Barbara rented car and went off with Pujá to look for a laundromat without success. Moved boats again just after dark. Boat almost fully rigged. Jib & boom are on, and all the halyards are sorted out & in place. Timothy has started to be toilet trained & has a new set of big boy underpants!

12/9—Beautiful day with no wind. Big argument over whether we should go to Marseille or not. Ended up not going. Lionheart



got mast up.

12/10—Mistral blowing—waiting for it to quit.

12/11—Encore le Mistral.

12/12—Good forecast this a.m., so motored to Marseille.

Lots of ships in the Golfe de Fos & lots of industry. View of viaduct as we turned the corner into Golfe du Lion. Marina at Point Rouge was full, so we took on water & fuel & went to Frioul, which is on the islands about 2 miles from the mainland. There is a ferry 5 times a day to get back & forth. Have H₂O & electricity, and it seems like a safe place to leave the boat.

12/13—I went into Marseille in the a.m. & spent the bulk of the day failing to run errands. Turns out that several of the trains we have to take are second-class only & you cannot get reservations; the travel agents do not take credit cards; I cannot buy pesetas with my French Francs, etc., etc. I did manage to mail the Christmas cards & to buy some tapes of French chanteurs.



Also got drawing of Glen Road from Bob Epstein at Poste Restante. Meanwhile, Mom & kids spent the day on the island exploring and getting cleaned up. Tomorrow the laundry!

12/14—Laundry day. We did close to 15 loads. More hassle with trains & reservations. Kids had lunch at McDonalds. Moved boat to other pier.

12/15—Another day of hassle with the travel arrangements. Put chafing gear on all the lines. Are moored with our anchor & two marina mooring lines (of dubious strength), plus four lines at the stern. Timmy has a new trike.

12/16—One of the stern lines chafed through the leather during the night. Have switched to shackles on the boat end & seems o.k. Blew hard in the p.m. Wire transfer came through o.k., but bank had usual problem with traveler's checks, etc. Wire was to order of William & Barbara Bean, so much hassle to get them to pay it to me. Blew up in the night & we had a bumpy time of it, but the lines held. Harbor not well protected from the east.

12/17—Final preparations to leave for Spain. Have put tires as springs on two of the stern lines to cushion the shock if we have another storm from the east. Have also lengthened the lines.

12/18 to 12/30—In Spain. On the night of the 27th there was a force 11 Mistral, and the starboard mooring belonging to the marina parted in the chain section. As a result, the bow sagged off to leeward, and we suffered damage to the port side and stern. (Mostly woodwork was damaged, although some fiberglass is exposed on the port side & the stern pulpit is bent. Because of this we cut short our trip to Spain and flew back, arriving on the 30th. The damage would have been much worse if it hadn't been for the Grahams, who did a terrific job protecting our boat. It is a



Marseille : Cassis : Bandol

relief to get back and find that the damage is no worse than it is.

12/31—Into Marseille again in p.m. Most of the yacht stores were closed, so I got no replacement for the loran mast. Reeds had not arrived at PTT after 2 weeks. Barbara feeling crummy & in bed. In p.m. fixed sink (leaky connection) and wheel, which had begun to slip in & out again. Also borrowed orbital sander from Lionheart & started in on sanding the port rail. All to bed early in spite of its being New Year's Eve!

1/1—Propane tank ran out. Changed engine oil & filters at 278 hours. Fixed sink again! Beautiful sunny warm day. Did some more sanding on the toerail. Kids played with Marjorie & some French children. Barbara much better.

1/2—Into Marseille in am for Admiralty Sailing Directions and some food. Chandlery still closed, so no loran mast. In p.m. left for Cassis. Had some trouble with the anchor, but got it up by laying out a lot of chain away from the direction it was set and backing down hard on it. Cassis is super. Had a nice drink in the bar looking over the harbor. Lots of stores & people & all very pleasant. May Frioul rust in peace.

1/3—Took knotmeter & wind instruments apart to dry them. Used heat from transformer to do it. Found that the "Pressing" also does laundry, so took it to be done. Lionheart short of money, so looking for alternative accommodations. Coup de vent forecast for this evening. Amanda, Dad, & Timothy for café au lait and cocoa this p.m.

1/4—School in a.m. for first time in a long time. After school took a walk in town with Henry. Barbara & kids went to the market. In p.m. Dad & Meg & Henry & Marjorie went for a scramble in the mountains. Found a partially built hospital with two German boys living in it. Super view from the top.

1/5—School in a.m. Messed around in town in p.m. Lionheart over for dinner in the evening.

1/6—Motored to Bandol in a.m. Looked into the Calanques on the way. They are deep, narrow coves and quite spectacular. Port Miou has a lot of boats in it and looks as though it was once fortified. Bandol is a big marina and looks to be well protected and



managed. They have a travel lift, so we may get ourselves hauled and change the centerboard cable. We have not had any trouble, but several of the 42's have, and Hinckley's sent us a replacement cable. Called Torpey to check on cost of delivery crew.

1/7—Cleaned inside of boat & took showers. Have decided to stay here for a week since Lionheart wants to take advantage of the weekly rate for moorings. Day was nice and warm, as Mistral didn't blow. Expect to go out to dinner this p.m. Polished & waxed bow fitting. Will be interesting to see if the wax helps keep them clean any longer.

1/8—Lazy day on boat. Into town for coffee in p.m. with Lionheart. Bought a terrific gâteau for tea—puff pastry, marron, whipped cream & caramel!

1/9—Varnished damaged toerail & half of lazarette. Not sure if it will dry. Have stepped on the lazarette twice. In p.m. called Bill Parker and arranged for delivery back to States next July. Weather continues beautiful.

1/10—Another fine day. Into Marseille in am to look for loran mast. Found that French threads are different & will have to have one shipped from U.S. In p.m. gave outside of boat a good scrub & it looks much better. Girls & Tim went swimming at the beach.

The score: Meg up to her neck, Amanda to her waist, & Tim to his ankles. Visit to Lionheart late in afternoon to meet his French friends. Lulu is a diver who has found a number of old wrecks. He gave us a lot of good information about harbors & winds.

1/12—Have lost a day somewhere! Today is the 12th. Motored/sailed to Hyeres. It is a real chore to get the boat un-moored & re-moored at each end. Lionheart's engine quit as we left Bandol, & we went alongside to hold them in position until Henry could bleed the engine & get it going again. This was the first time since October 3rd that we have actually sailed. It was very pleasant for the last couple of miles when we were sheltered & on the wind. The rest of the time the wind was astern & it took concentration not to gybe. Saw a nice rainbow on the way over.

1/13—Tried to fill propane tank but found that couldn't get any more from the French cylinder even though there was almost 3 kg left in it. Sanded some of the varnish plus Lionheart's wheel. Later had coffee in the bar and did some shopping.

1/14—Went into Hyeres by cab to do laundry in a.m. Henry jogged in. Big search for 2-franc pieces. In afternoon did some more sanding & jury rigged the loran antenna to the barbecue grill holder! Nice warm day. Gale predicted for this evening.



1/15—Varnished in a.m. In p.m. went for walk to the chateau at the top of the hill in town. Beautiful view from the top, but it was about 5 miles, so we were all tired. Took cab back. Driver let us all ride after some discussion. Went out for dinner (pizza) in evening.

1/16—Arranged to have boat hauled to change centerboard cable tomorrow. Did a little more varnishing under less than ideal conditions. Kids are bored & upset & it is about time to get out of here. We are better off in ports with a town.

1/17—Hauled boat & changed centerboard cable in a.m. Old cable was indeed rusted at the point where the swage fitting connects it to the board. Hope the new cable lasts longer! Some scrapes on the keel from the canal, but not bad. Put a little bottom paint on, but don't have much hope that it will last very long since I did no preparation & it was still a little damp. In p.m. put the boat back together (replace headstay, sail, log impeller, etc.), then had a cafe-au-lait with Barbara & Timothy. Girls & Grahams have all taken up jump-rope in a big way.

1/18—Sailed off the quay & over to Porquerolles under jib alone. Nice sail in 15-20 breeze. Island is lovely. Walked up to

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the old fort and then had coffee in the village.

1/19—Windy, rainy day. Wind from SE. It's a good thing we left Hyeres, as we would have been quite exposed to the swell there, but are well protected here.

1/20—School in a.m. Barbara & Tim went to vegetable market. In p.m. kids went for picnic the adults went on their own picnic to lighthouse & along the cliffs. Ended up at cafe and then Henry & I stayed & played Casino by the fire. The views on the walk were splendid.

1/21—Rainy day on the boat. School in am, Showers about 11:00. Barbara had to argue with the keeper to arrange for him to hold it open for me, even though he hadn't opened until 2 hours late. In p.m. went to cafe & played poker with Grahams.

1/22—Motored to Le Lavandou in a.m. Had lunch with Grahams at a nice pizzeria. Forte Mistral predicted for this evening. Harbour is new and clean & very cheap this time of year. So far we have paid between \$3 and \$20 per night for essentially the same thing.

1/23—Barbara went shopping in a.m. Ran school & then worked on patching the damage done at Frioul. VHF connectors at base of mast are damp, & have had trouble drying them. Am now trying with vacuum cleaner hose connected to the heater vent via a bag.

1/24—Routine day in port. Mistral blowing in great gusts. Too windy to varnish. Kids made brownies on Lionheart.



1/25—Much like yesterday. Le Lavandou is, if possible, more deserted than Hyeres. Will be glad to get to St. Tropez. Perhaps we will be able to sneak out in the morning before the next storm.

1/26—Motored to St. Tropez in a.m. Grey day which kept threatening to rain. Ran on the loran & used it to confirm that compass is o.k. Both agreed on courses ranging from 84 to 250

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(the long way round), so have renewed confidence in them. Are in the old harbor in St. Tropez alongside the wall, which is terrific. Right in the middle of town. Lots of mail but are still missing two packages (#'s 3 & 4). St. Tropez looks really nice on first impression.

1/27—Rainy wet day, but St. Tropez is a much better place for it than Le Lavandou. Bar is right across the street! Took laundry to Blanchisserie in p.m. and found a can of Dunhill tobacco. Will have to get propane tomorrow or early next week, as we have four weeks on our last tank, and they only last five if we are careful.

1/28—School in a.m. Then walked up to citadel. Varnished & filled one propane tank in p.m. Connector froze when we tried to fill the other tank. Plum pudding for dinner!

1/29—Moved to Port Grimaud in a.m. Grimaud is amazing. Very well done, if totally artificial. Mostly closed at the moment. Lionheart came over in the late afternoon. Some exercise getting them tied up, and then Henry & I went exploring in their dinghy.

1/30—Rainy in a.m. but cleared, so managed to varnish the cap rail. In p.m. took a taxi to St. Tropez and rented a car. Barbara & kids went to Geant Casino to shop for staples. Secured all the lines, as we intend to leave Felicity for three days to go touring. Lionheart is going to keep an eye on things for us.

1/31—Went into St. Tropez with Henry to pick up parts, mail, & warm jackets. Mail wasn't there & jackets weren't done, so not much success. Later drove to Aix for lunch and then to Arles, where we stayed at the Hotel Jules Caesar.

2/1—Toured Arles & then went to Pont du Gard & Nimes. Pont du Gard was super. We walked through the old water passage and then back across the top. The water had left six-inch deposits of limestone in the passage. At Nimes saw the Arena, Maison Carée, and the Castel, which is the old Roman water works. The water comes into a basin & is distributed to the city by ten conduits.

2/2—Drove to Orange & saw Arch and Roman Theater. Theater is v. impressive, as the scenery wall is complete. Also



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went up on the hill where the chateau used to be and got good view down over the town and theatre.

2/3—Visited cloisters in a.m., then drove back to Port Grimaud. Went into St. Tropez for laundry & mail in p.m. with Henry. Had better luck this time, as we are now missing only the battens. Varnish on cap rail is clouded because of the heavy dew & will have to be redone.

2/4—Another beautiful day. Mixed up the Awlgrip and touched up all our various scratches & scrapes. Made rather a hash of the painting, but it still looks a lot better than it did. Barbara did a couple of loads of laundry in the port washing machine (no dryer). Port Grimaud is very peaceful, if a little dull. The chandlery is now open and found some silicone grease, which seems to have taken care of the problem with the VHF connectors.

2/5—Barbara still sick. Timmy rather fussy. School in a.m. After lunch drove up to Grimaud & had a look at the castle & church. Church is spectacular. Built in 1020 and practically unchanged. Barrel vault ceiling supported by very thick unbuttressed walls with arches set into wall. Very small windows & practically pitch



dark inside. Very nice modern stained glass with chunks of colored glass set into the panes. The village has been much done over by outsiders. Very nicely done, but again a bit sterile.

2/6—Barbara still sick. School in a.m., then a trip to the Gran Casino. In p.m. took car back to St. Tropez. Still no sign of our battens, Later walked over to Casino with Henry to get him some wine. Kids have been doing a lot of rope jumping. They can now do a fairly impressive double dutch (two ropes going in opposite directions) and can also manage to get the rope around twice on one jump. Marjorie is best at this. Today they had a slush puppy stand with no sales. Suspect this is a rather American habit. Can't really imagine the French buying any sort of food or drink from children.



2/7—Barbara much better. Strong Mistral. Gusts into the 50's . Took a walk to the beach and saw that the whole bay was white with spray picked up by the wind. Wind stronger in the night. Steady 40 knots with stronger gusts. Boat covered with sand blown on from shore. Crepes Suzette in p.m.

2/8—School in a.m. Cleaned stove. Procedure for getting stove top back on is to put in the screws, slide the top on, then remove screws & push top down the rest of the way. Coffee on Vega. Thomas says Gulf of Genoa bad because center for depressions. Wind has moderated somewhat. Put patches on the weather cloths where the bicycle pedals had made holes in Port



St. Louis.

2/9—School in a.m. Mistral still blowing hard. Gusts to 90 knots in St. Tropez according to the papers. Meg made bread in the afternoon. It was delicious.

2/10—Lionheart off to St. Raphael in a.m. They caught their zinc in the prop as they came off the mooring, & Henry had to dive for it. Wind is gone & it is a beautiful day. Went up mast to reseal the VHF antenna connector, as it is still acting up. Washed several pounds of dirt, sand, & leaves off boat. Papers show all kinds of things blown over in the storm: telephone booths, campers, etc. Amanda baked a super apple pie. If weather holds, expect to move on tomorrow.

2/11—Another beautiful day. Got diesel at Port Grimaud & then went into St. Tropez to pick up our battens at the post office & do some grocery shopping. Then on to Saint Raphael. Are moored right in front of the Capitainerie at the very foot of the harbor. Lionheart is out of the water & has a good deal of work to do. We have rented a car so that we can see some of the country inland. Was fun going back into St. Tropez. It is much easier to go into a port the second time, and we haven't done so since



Cowes (unless you count Montereau).

2/12—Drove to Frijus and saw the Roman Theatre, Arena, & Aqueduct. (They are all almost completely gone.) The church, baptistry & cloisters were superb. Much of the stone came from the Roman buildings. Lunch in St. Raphael and then went to the zoo. Changed propane tank, even though old one still running, as we are having a roast & don't expect it to last.

2/13—Barbara shopping at Geant Casino in a.m. Henry over to Felicity for discussion of electrolysis & impressed currents. All of us are more or less sick & spent the afternoon resting. Magnificent paella for dinner.

2/14—Last couple of days have been colder than usual. Barbara went to PTT & laundry in a.m. Girls busy baking for Valentine's Day. Fixed VHF (again). This time put new connector on radio end—took radio apart & jiggled it. Valentine party in p.m.

2/15—Drove to La Napoule & Cannes. Lunch in Cannes, which is beautiful. Really big boats. One must have been 150 ft. The Carlton Hotel looks like it belongs at an English seaside resort. It would be right at home in Brighton. Coastal drive is also beautiful.

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2/16—Cold, dreary day. Spent it in St. Raphael. Met the Dutch couple on Marie Jo. They have been living abroad for several years. Their daughters are in school here & they expect to go round the world once their daughters get out of school. They have a washer, dryer, & dishwasher on board! Their boat is in superb condition. It has the best varnish we've seen since SW Harbor!

2/ 17—Sunny, clear, cold day. Went to Cannes by car for Meg to see the orthodontist. She said we could skip the retainer & just use the headgear. Returned car & paid Capitaine, as we expect to leave for Cannes tomorrow. Saw Capitaine at Cannes & he has a space for us for two or three days.

2/18—Beautiful cool, sunny day. Left a little after noon and motored to Cannes. Were supposed to have a spot in the old port, but it was filled, and we got no answer on the radio, so we went on to the new port. Are tied up in a mooring which is too large for us, so the lines are very tight. Margo & Rijn Pieters/ Marie Josie/ Port du St. Raphael. Can still hear Lionheart on VHF.

2/ 19—Motored with moderate speed to Antibes. Went inside the Lerins Islands, using a range from one of the guides. A little sorry, as depth went down to 10 feet and there was a bit of a swell. Everyone except Dad sick on the way. Antibes looks very nice, although the weather is grey & cold, so it's hard to be too enthusiastic. Have to get yet another type of electrical plug. We will have a real collection! There is a playground in front of the PTT for Tim & some sort of carnival near the port. Looks like an outdoor market every day.

2/20—Rainy day. School in a.m., then to Picasso Museum in p.m. Discovered that large middle drawer under Nav station is broken. The front had not been glued to the sides, & the screws split the wood. Can no longer receive Lionheart on VHF.

2/21—Another rainy day. Barbara & Tim went grocery shopping while rest of us had school. Later repaired Nav station drawer & rigged our 5th electric adapter, this time to tap 220 off of 380V three phase. Thunderstorm in evening.

2/22—Beautiful clear day. There was snow on the mountains in the a.m., but it melted by afternoon. Cleaned the boat inside



& out. This is the first good cleaning day we have had in weeks. Had laundry done at the Lavarie. Timothy spent most of the day at the playground. Very English man came by to see the boat next door. Had an Oxford accent which would have been hard to believe if I hadn't heard it. Most of the big boats in the harbor came alive as their crews came out to begin to get them ready for the season. (I hope that's what's happening—we are ready for spring to come.)

2/23—Another nice day. School in a.m., then Dad got a haircut in p.m. Had visitors from N.Y. Retired college professor & wife who have had a boat in the Netherlands for 4 years & are intending to bring it through the canals to the Mediterranean next summer.

2/24—Cold & gray. School in a.m. Loraine & Hank Risetto came to visit & stayed for dinner.

2/25—Off to Loraine & Hank's studio for baths & lunch. In p.m. Lionheart arrived.

2/26—School in a.m. Lunch at nice restaurant in town. Met an English family who have been here for six years. He works on the super-large yachts as skipper. They gave us a real treasure trove of English books. Later Hank & Lorraine came to tea with

Antibes : Nice : Monaco



Henry & Puja. Weather appears to be breaking, and stars were out in the evening.

2/27—Walked over to Capitainerie to pay bill & took pictures of gangplanks on the way. Filled water tanks & then we left for Nice. Nice is very nice with large stuccoed, pastel-colored buildings around the port. The port accommodates both ships and pleasure boats & we are tied to a stone quay with no water or electricity. There is a real English bookstore here & the park on top of the stone bluff over the harbor is very nice. Carnival is on, but not much happens until the day after tomorrow when there is a Battle of the Flowers. There will be fireworks on March 6th & perhaps we will come back for them. Nice sunny day—Hurrah.

2/28—Went to English bookstore in a.m. and bought a big supply. Came back via flower market and the playground on the top of the hill. Lazy afternoon spent sewing & reading.

2/29—To Chagall Museum in a.m. This was a real treat: enormous oil paintings of Biblical themes. Both the paintings & the museum were super. Went to the carnival parade in the afternoon. This was a bit of a disappointment. We couldn't get seats & had to stand in the back of a crowd. The parade itself consisted of lots of floral floats with some rather chilly young ladies

throwing flowers. One float was a truck with a trampoline, & the acrobats on this were very good. Lionheart is still in Antibes.

3/1—Motored to Monaco in a.m. after paying for the extra night. Had to wait at Capitainerie to pay, while the man came from the appropriate office elsewhere in town. Meg & Amanda each had $\frac{1}{4}$ Bonine tablets, which turned out to be too little, as Barbara & all three children were sick on the way over. We are tied up in the new port (Fort Vieil), as it was closer & better protected. Lionheart arrived a little later in the day. We look tiny tied up between 100' boats. There are five other American boats in the harbor, some with people aboard, although we haven't met them yet. Monaco is impressive—not beautiful, or quaint, or attractive—just very impressive. Have rented a small Renault, which we will probably need, since it doesn't look like Monaco goes in for low margin items, such as food.

3/2—School in a.m. Barbara & Puja went shopping. In p.m. drove to San Remo with Henry to pick up mail. Italy is a good deal different from France. Among other things, they speak Italian!

3/3—Disassembled head to replace stuffing on pump shaft. Had trouble getting the bottom plate on well enough so it wouldn't leak. Think I've got it right after the fourth try. Went to zoo in late p.m. After dinner Barbara & I went to Casino. Building is spectacular but we found the actual gambling to be rather a bore. Won about Fr. 700 and left fairly early.

3/4—Beautiful day. Planned to go to the mountains, so no school, but we changed our minds and didn't go. Found out from an English couple that if the bottom cylinder is cooled you can transfer propane without venting. Tried this, using running water to cool the bottom tank, & it worked fine. Drove to Nice & back with Meg



Monaco



on the Grande Corniche and the Basse Corniche.

3/5—Filled other propane tank in a.m. Drove up to the mountains to see the snow. The road up the Cians Gorge was superb. Found lots of snow and saw a number of perched villages. Had a nice lunch at Touët-sur-Var.

3/6—Barbara on strike today. Sanded starboard toe rail after school. Then went into town to the English bookstore in the afternoon. Meg, Amanda, & Dad went to Nice in p.m. for the parade

& fireworks. It was a good show, but would have been better if they had picked up the pace a bit.

3/7—Varnished toe rail after school. Errands in the p.m.: laundry, post office, and returning the Total-Gaz cylinder. As expected, I only got 35 Fr. instead of the 140 it should have been. The story was that the Nice area is different from the rest of France! This in spite of a clear contract indicating that it could be returned to the “dealer of your choice”! Returned car late in p.m.

3/8—Morning started with weather forecast which, as best we could tell, said: “Because of the war of the meteorology our information is incomplete.” Weather is breaking after a week of gorgeous weather, & today is cool, windy & rainy. School in a.m. & to post office in p.m. Kids spent the night on Lionheart. Enough swell in the evening so that I was worried about the Italian boat next to us & put lines onto him in case his mooring broke. (He had only the light pennant & not the actual mooring.)

3/9—Overcoat-cool day. Kids spent most of the day on Lionheart. Went to get laundry from Blanchisserie in p.m. Very expensive.



3/10—School in a.m. Sanded propane locker hatches. Went to cave/Jardin Exotique with kids—about 1100 steps. The gardens were really beautiful, & cave was interesting. Afterwards met Robbie & Kathy from Pettersanne. She works at the Oceanographic Institute, so they have been here for several years. Many warnings about Italy. Sounds pretty worrisome, but I guess we’ll survive. Boat next to Lionheart is Shamrock IV.



3/11—School in a.m. Then varnished the propane locker hatches. In p.m. went to visit the Oceanographic Institute. It is an amazing place with a good aquarium & an enormous collection of specimens assembled by Albert I. Also models of his ships.

3/12—Capitaine only charged us about half rate for our stay, 500 Fr. instead of 1000 Fr. During the night a large motor boat squeezed in between us & Crosswind. Three very quiet Italians aboard. They left again at 6:30 in the morning. No name on the boat and no ensign. Also very large engines by the sound of them. Seems likely that they were running drugs from Corsica. The cook from Crosswind was there to greet them, fully dressed. Left about noon for Italy. Motored into some chop, but it was a nice day, so not a bad passage. Arrived in San Remo about 2:30. Went to Customs, but were told to come back the next day, as there was no one to deal with us in the afternoon.

3/13—Into town to change money & get our cruising permit in the morning. The cruising permit took quite awhile because of all the stamps & signatures—a really impressive document. School after lunch & then out to dinner for Puja's birthday. The restaurant in the port was super. We all had pasta with ham & mushrooms, & then real lemonade. Afterwards cake, coffee & ice cream on Felicity.



3/14—Into town with Barbara in a.m. Took a little laundry & did some shopping. School after lunch & then took the head apart again looking for the squeaky noise. Replaced most of the parts in the repair kit (everything except the main piston leather). Head works better, but still squeaks. Suspect I should have greased the packing before installing it. Have called Rusty to get him to send another one.

3/15—Into town to mail package in a.m. Had to go to special office just for packages. Amanda is through school, & Meg has just one chapter to go in Math. As I suspected, no one has much enthusiasm for finishing up the French now that we are in Italy. Wind still blowing hard from the east. Seems to die away at night & return in the morning.

3/16—Weather forecast this morning called for “new aggravations Monday.” Went to Customs with Meg & Timmy, but no packages there. Also went to bank. In p.m. the remaining two pieces of mail arrived. Now all we need is my driver's license. Tried to go to circus in a.m., but it was sold out. Bought tickets for tomorrow. Dinner on Lionheart.

3/17—Heavy rain in a.m. Took a tepid shower at the Marina. Barbara & Puja went into town to shop. Meg made chicken