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Voyage to Papua New Guinea

Fraser Island to Fitzroy Island

At present were anchored at Cairns, just returned with my son checking our mud crab pots. So far SV Never Die Wondering voyage has made 1,962 nautical miles of which 1,551 I had sailed solo. My son Brandon joined me in Mackay after the funeral of my mother, her last conversation was she wanted to come sailing with us both to the coral sea. Mum got her last request in a different form as Brandon and I scattered her ashes near white haven beach on the eastern side of Whitsunday Island. An incredible woman full of a positive mindset right up to her last moments of life. Her encouragement for me to live my dreams

and pursuit my adventurous life, had been the emotional support for my entire life, an incredible women who taught me not to conform to other peoples expectations of me, and not to tolerate negative people. Hence Never Die Wondering .



Brandon with breakfast



Crocodile tracks Hinchinbrook Island



Percy Island Hotel were most sailors leave a message SV Never Die Wondering calling card

“Jobs fill your pocket, Adventure fills your soul”

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right between the young Endeavour and SV Never Die Wonder, one of many incredible sights you witness living on the water. The previous day while sailing I looked to my Port side and a monstrous whale about to crash into my yacht, it was the first time I had become concern when he went straight under me, I held on to the Bimini, as I was certain he was going to come up under me, but to my surprise and thankfully he didn't, missing me by a few feet.

***“ Who is the happier man,
he who has braved the storm of life and lived
or he who has stayed ashore securely, and merely existed.”***



The Young Endeavour with whale



Abandoned resort Brampton Isla



The major incident we have had was sailing towards Magnetic Island with the spinnaker up, when a steering cable gave way. This required 2 hours work removing the cock pit floor to get to the broken wire temporary repairing. Another yacht sailing in our direction radioed us and asked if they could assist at all, and politely stayed with us just in case the temporarily repairs failed. Then a days work on Magnetic Island with repairs. We have Island hoped mostly for 700 nm, with three islands we have visited with abandoned resorts, the legacy of the cyclones.





Catch and release



Hay cock Island west Hinchinbrook

I have really enjoyed my solo sailing, but to be sailing with my son to Papua New Guinea is a pinnacle of life, several years ago we were both on a catamaran in Papua New Guinea were Brandon had mentioned how great it would be to have our own Catamaran and sail back to PNG. Now nine years on the dream has become reality. Eating coconuts for breakfast, Mud crabs for lunch and smoking fish on a Isolated Island beach. ***It does not get better than that.***

Now for the wild Torres straight and Papua New Guinea only 450 nautical miles to go exploring Cape York peninsula on the way

“Not all those that wonder are lost”

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Kind regards

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