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Voyage to Papua New Guineas

Broken Bay to Fraser Island an emotional Journey

At present I am anchored off sandy Point of which is on the western side of Fraser Island Queensland. To date I have sailed 1,146 nautical miles solo, and now are in the calmer water of the coral sea. A far cry from the terrible Tasman sea with the huge swells and cold conditions, sleep deprived as being on anchor in bays with one eye open all night concerned of dragging the anchor. The coral sea and warm weather is now a great relief. While sailing 10 nm off Yamba in Norther NSW my back davit collapsed and sent the dingy onto the water along with the solar panels motor and VHF antenna. I quickly winched up the whole back end just enough so it would not break completely off, re wired the antenna and notified the

coast guard of my situation only to place them on notice, and sailed peacefully back to Yamba to the marina for the much needed repairs. The pipe used for the davit prior to my purchase was only 1mm? imagine if that had happened in bass strait or the Tasman in large swells and at night? The reality came to me of just how lucky I was it, happened were it did.



Davit Collapsed south coral sea



Yamba Marina repairs



Feed for a week



Frigate Mackerel

“ At sea I have learned how little a person needs,

Not how much a person needs”

While at the Marina I serviced the motors and did some other repairs to the yacht, anchor winch pipe as it was cutting out while operating the anchor too many times, work on the pop up cabin and with the reinforcement of the davit I was away again rounding the most eastern point of Australia Byron Bay and into Queensland. I have now been able to anchor in ocean anchorages on the lee side of the heads eg Byron bay, Trial bay Double Island point etc. In favorable weather these are ideal places for the much needed break as opposed to crossing bars and timing the crossings on the High tides.

Two years ago I had the book *Son of a Highlander* published the story of my great great Grandfather and how I traced him from the Highlands of Scotland to Queensland, so a visit to Stradbroke Island where he was buried as an inmate at Dunich of where 8,500 poor souls are buried in a paupers grave, ironically only a handful of graves are marked with only one having the date of death 10th November 1908 my descendant died 8th of November 1908 so one would believe he is buried next to that mark. An emotional experience to say the least as I had spent 2 years prior to writing the book discovering of how he sailed on the *Renfrewshire* to Australia 1882, learning of his Highland history and culture and his story and ocean voyage only to be sent to a hell hole to die as the government policy at the time was to be removed from the public eye, crime being you were poor? The ebook is available for \$6 at www.neverdiewondering.com.au



Sun rise on the most east point[Byron Bay The burial place of my great great Grandfather



Peacefull anchorage off Fraser Island a relief to be in the warm weather and calm seas.



Too close for comfort



A Harvey bay sunset



“ Twenty years from now, you will be more dissapointed by the things you didn't do than those you did, so throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbor catch the wind in your sails, explore , dream, discover”

Never Die Wondering



Kind regards

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