

Colon to Bocas del Toro

10/22/2007 - 10/23/2007

Left Colon at 1100. Assumed 20 hours to Bocas del Toro outer buoy.

Expected 0 - 5 knots wind on the starboard beam, got 10 - 15 knots on the nose plus 1 knot current against us for the first 5 hours. After that about a 10 knot wind off the starboard beam so unfurled the jib for a few hours and the current turned favorable so with 50% load on starboard genset averaged about 7 knots.

During the night Duane and I did a 6 hours on 6 hours off watch. Around 0330 10/23/2007, on my watch, the starboard genset stopped with an "Exhaust Overheat" fault. Started up the port genset, which I was not using because of the freeze plug leak. Cut back our speed so as not to overload the genset and continued without additional problems.

Reached Bocas del Toro outer buoy around 0930 10/23/2007. Called Bocas Marina, they were expecting us since Bruce Quayle had contacted them for me to reserve a spot for a few days. I thought it best to start out at the marina while getting situated then move to an anchorage.

Coming into the marina, what supposedly never happens happened. There were snorkelers in the water, a boat docked directly behind where I was to dock and another boat and shoals in front of my spot. The room to dock was only a few feet more than Asanagi's length. However, there was no current and only the slightest breeze pushing us onto the dock. I pointed Asangi's bow to just a little forward of center of our spot. We slowly came in and when the bow was almost touching the dock I gently spun her sideways and let the wind nudge us up to the dock. I then walked forward and handed the marina manager the bow line. Several people were standing round all complementing on what a great docking. It was a combination of perfect conditions and luck - but this was one of the rare occasions when people were around to see the good docking instead of the screw up!

THIS WAS LOGGED 11/4/2007 FROM MEMORY.