

Trawler Talk

Editors Note: In February 2006 Ken and Karen Schuler wrote an article for Boats & Notes about the upcoming flotilla. The update is that Karen called last week and they are now underway. They are part of a 14-boat flotilla and were in Colburn, Ontario. So here is an edited version of their report. I'm sure that the Schulers will have some wonderful stories to share with us in the upcoming Trawler Talk articles and I know we all look forward to their return and hearing of these adventures.

Trawlers Midwest and PDQ Yachts organizing 1st flotilla to the Midwest

The third PDQ U (University), a two-day event, was held May 16 and 17 at the PDQ factory and facilities. Along with touring the factory, there were technicians representing some of the major components such as engines, generators, electronics, etc., giving presentations and available for questions. Hands-on boat handling was also included. It was open to any buyer or perspective buyer. Ken and Karen will be attending this event and also are part of the first flotilla to the Midwest with three PDQs via the Trent Severn and Georgian Bay. The flotilla left on May 17 from Whitby and traveled east to Trenton, the southern point connecting to the Trent-Severn.



Year after year, the Trent-Severn Waterway, meandering 240 miles along central Ontario, continues to create unique experiences. After each spring thaw, the Waterway's historic locks and canals open, linking a passageway so magnificent it has been named "one of the finest interconnected systems of navigation in the world". Those who visit, reminisce long after leaving. They can't help but remember the impressive locks and lofty legends that make up one of Canada's most spectacular waterways.

The Trent Canal and Severn River connect Lake Ontario to the Georgian Bay, which is the large northeastern extension of Lake Huron separated from Lake Huron by Manitoulin Island and by the Bruce Peninsula. Christian Island is the largest in the bay. Many of the well-timbered, rock-bound islands of Georgian Bay are summer resorts. Another popular cruising destination for the Great lakes is the North Channel which is the northern connection of Georgian Bay with Lake Huron. It forms part of the old voyageur's trading route from Montreal to the northwest.

The flotilla is then continuing south on Lake Michigan to Manitowoc, Wisconsin for the Schulers and beyond to the destinations of the new owners.

Trawlers Midwest had three new PDQ 34's that were stored at the factory in Whitby, Ontario, that are part of the flotilla. They are each fully equipped for long range cruising with twin 100 hp Yanmar diesels, generators, inverters, air conditioning, electronics packages, and much more. What a great way for a new buyer to take delivery of their new catamaran and spend their "virgin" cruise with experienced company.

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