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Lake Michigan

Mary Kimmunen, Association Editor

Along with the joy of sailing our C26 comes the pleasure of visiting the picturesque ports of call that dot the northwest corner of Lake Michigan. *Revision* hadn't been to Egg Harbor on the west coast of Wisconsin's Door Peninsula since the old seawall was seriously damaged a couple years back and boat slips became severely limited. So my friend Dawn and I were looking forward to docking at the new facility during a week of harbor hopping in late August.

Sailing up from Sturgeon Bay, we cast off in sunshine with a forecasted chance of thunderstorms. The wind was over-the-shoulder and holding steady so, under full sail, *Revision* was doing an easy 5 knots.

As we sailed north, the sky grew into a palpably unstable atmosphere. We were sensing conditions were going to change—we just didn't know when or to what.

When the wind picked up the decision was made to fire up the engine and make better

time to shelter. Then, about a mile out, the wind died, then got fluky.

Our timing was good as we made it to Egg Harbor's Cherry Dock West just 20 minutes before the marina crew headed home and the front caught us. High Fives!

Egg Harbor's new marina is a gem. The dock design is solid, and native plants feel at home in the landscaping. In addition to Richard Edelman's 18' steel sculpture, Blue Sail, Egg Harbor Marina now boasts the most adorable fuel dock on the bay of Green Bay. Oh, and it's 70 slips accommodate more boats than the old marina.

On our walk around town the next day, we dropped into the village hall and checked out the library, then stopped in the village office to congratulate them on the marina, whereupon we were invited to meet the administrator Josh Van Lieshout.

I urged Dawn to share her morning's experience on the short and relatively steep hill that climbs from the shore to the town. Dawn had been sitting on a bench overlooking the water when a woman from another boat approached her, inquiring if she had any laundry detergent.

Dawn said, "No," but directed her to a nice grocery store up in the village that probably had some. The woman had told Dawn the hill was a bit much, to which Josh said, during the marina design period someone had suggested installing a tram which people could ride for 50 cents.

But seriously, the hill is walkable and provides a wonderful view over the harbor and towards the western horizon – a perfect sunset venue.

These wonderful public marina facilities that all boaters can now enjoy didn't just appear on their own. Josh explained how after the failure of the first marina referendum, some citizens worked smart and hard to get the next one passed. The project was tweaked and trimmed and here we are.

Congratulations to Egg Harbor and the leaders who kept the fire going and found the way to keep sharing their snug little bay with Great Lakes sailors.

Editor's note: C26 skipper Mary Kimmunen's sailing log or "slog" can be followed at www.SailingGreenBay.net, which includes the entry "Rock, Paint, Steel & Yarn: Art Around the Bay," from which the above report was excerpted.



The newly rebuilt public facilities at Wisconsin's Egg Harbor Marina include "the most adorable fuel dock" on the Door Peninsula.



The sculpture "Blue Sail" by artist Richard Edelman graces the newly renovated Egg Harbor (WI) public marina.



Along with slips for 70 boats, the new Egg Harbor marina boasts neat, tidy and modern launch, office, and shower/head/laundry facilities.