

Hi guys,

Everything is going fine.

"Puppy" is a boat with 2 Russians aboard. They sailed from LA and we met them in La Cruz. We have been basically "buddy boating with them since landing in the Marquesas'. They are a "young" couple in their early 40's. They have a Westfall 32 and it took them 33 days from La Cruz (they left 2 days after we did).

We will be leaving Suwarrow on Sunday for American Samoa. Will probably be there for only a few days (re provisioning). Puppy will follow us on Tuesday.

We went crab hunting today and had a ball. After a boat ride across the atoll and a 1 hour walk on the motu, we (there were 17 of us) got 17 coconut crabs. This evening we had a crab feast on the beach (at the Suwarrow Yacht Club) and it was Apii's (one of the rangers) and one of the boaters birthday, so we celebrated. This is the most amazing place we have been, a real South Pacific paradise.

Will try and get you both after we reach Samoa (4 to 5 days sailing).

Love,

Dad & Mom

Don & Judy