

Hey Everyone,

Sorry for taking so long to get you all an update on S/V Windryder and Mom and Dad.

Tim and I have been very busy trying to get all the things they need and want out to them and haven't updated you all. So here goes:

First of all, Mom and Dad send a big HELLO to everyone and they THANK YOU for all your thoughts, prayers and emails. Keep them coming. For those of you that are living vicariously through them YES, they ARE having a great time for you! LOL

Windryder is currently in American Samoa and has permission from their insurance to stay put until after Hurricane season has passed. Since they are staying put for a while Dad may have the opportunity to do a little work and earn a little pay while there. I think he is a bit excited about this :) They have been having a great time there exploring the island and people even though the books they read said they would want to stay long. The bay they are in isn't the cleanest but everything else is so beautiful and the people are extremely friendly. The markets are good and they can find Pepsi which makes Mom happy and Dad can get a Snicker's bar which pleases him :) They should be receiving their requested items from us anytime now which they are looking forward to because besides necessities there are books, York Peppermint patties and Black licorice. We are able to send packages and regular mail through the US postal service which is so much cheaper to use. They are hanging out with S/V Puppy and having a good time. They also celebrated Dad's birthday back on Sept. 4th. Dad got to eat ANYTHING he wanted ALL day and he was happy until it caught up with him later :) You know what they say about gluttony ...

The weather there reminds me of Florida weather. The temp can be around 85* but have 95% humidity then it rains out of nowhere. They had some rainy weather pass through last week which made mooring difficult. Actually a boat near Mom and Dad came loose from its mooring and ran into Mom and Dad's boat. They did get a little damage but the other boat received more which is a super bumner for them.

Mom and Dad have both seen the local doctor and had thumbs-up checkups. They were able to refill their medications as well. On the flipside of all that is Mom came down with Shingles this past week and is very under the weather. I haven't heard from them since late last week so I really don't have an update on that situation at this time.

Well, this is all I have for now. Mom and Dad CAN be reached by email at windryder@live.com and you can also check out the blog at Sailblogs.com.

Kelly