

Sailing with Moxie

“Living the Dream” may be easier
than you think!



So go already.

























A Little Background



What Could Possibly Go Wrong?



A Good Crew And A Well Built Boat



It Looks Good On A Resume



- 13 Newport to Bermuda
- 2 Marblehead to Halifax
- Umpteen ARLI
- A dozen Vineyard Races
- A pile of Block Island Races
- Innumerable inshore races
- Many summers of cruising
- Estimate 40K miles sailed, 20K offshore.

**But not much of
that matters**

Common Barriers To Sailing Off Into The Sunset

- Work
- Not enough sailing experience
- Wrong boat
- Spouse not interested
- Not enough time/too many responsibilities



What About Work? - Options We Have Seen



- Retire – problem solved
- “Taking a few years off”
- On sabbatical or AirBNB’n it
- Working “full-time” from boat
- Working part-time from boat
- Hired manager to run business
- Airline pilot

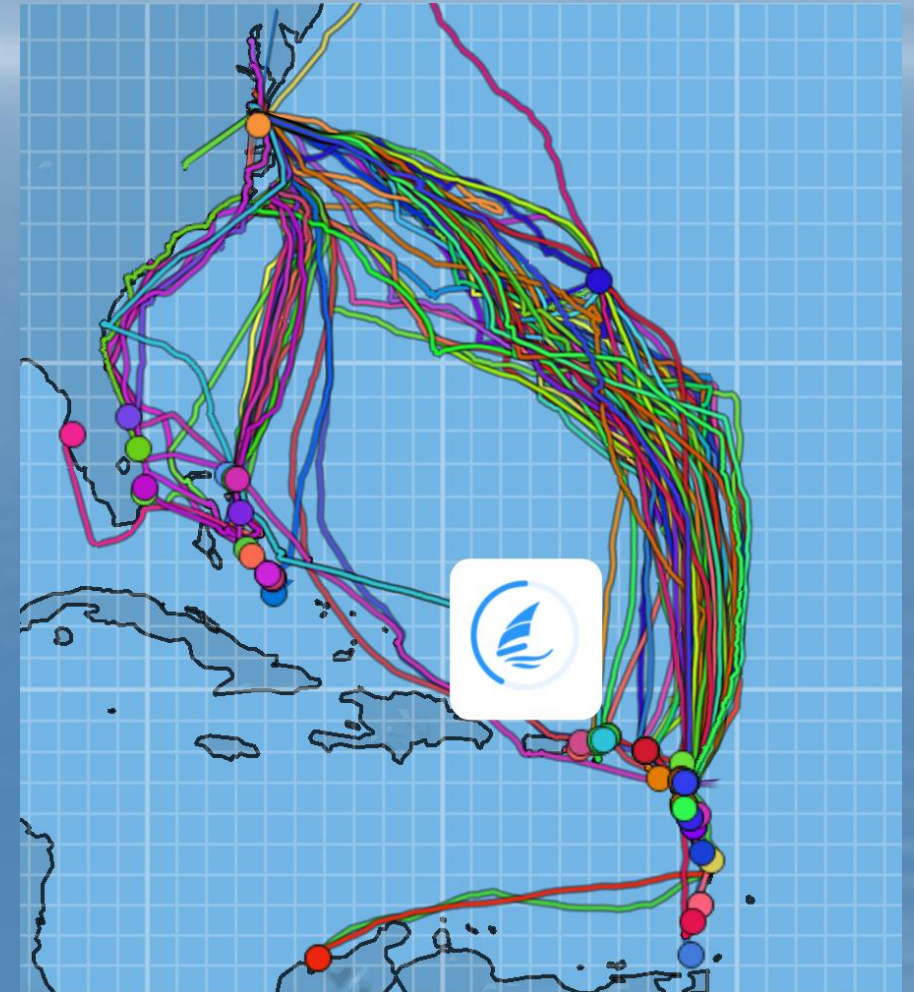
I/We Don't Have Enough Experience

- Consider the ICW to Keys or Bahamas
- Take ASA Courses
- Race on other boats
- Assist on deliveries
- Hire a Captain
- Participate in a Rally



Not Enough Experience - Rallies

- Great options especially here on the east coast
- Safety in numbers
- Events/parties and new friends
- Onshore support during passages
- Community support once on the cruising grounds
- Lots of experienced people with “local” knowledge
- Danger of herd mentality
- Vary in cost



Weather Considerations

- Really can't be on a schedule – very different from racing
- Weather routers are very good and cost effective
- We get routing updates every three days on long passages
- Also download GRIB files into PredictWind via Sat Phone
- You will encounter squalls and other “atmospheric anomalies” be ready
- Sailing at night – to reef or not to reef?

Wrong Boat – You Would Be Surprised



- Somewhat dependent on where you want to go
- If you want to cross oceans, you need a very capable boat and a lot of equipment
- If you want to go to the Bahamas, anything will do. Really

Wrong Boat – What Does It Really Take?

Key Considerations

- Water can be hard to find and expensive or take you out of your way to obtain
- Fuel is readily available but the more tankage the better
- Modern boats have lots of power-hungry accessories. Battery capacity and charging capability are big considerations
- Storage for food, spares, toys is key. You will have more stuff than you think you will

Boat Selection - Equipment

Essential Equipment

- Autopilot
- Satellite Phone (if offshore)
- Ability to reef deeply or storm sails if offshore
- EPIRB (if offshore)

Desired Equipment

- AIS
- Radar
- Freezer
- Water maker
- Fast Dinghy
- Life raft (if offshore)

- Cell boost antenna or Solis if in foreign countries

Nice to Have

- 200 miles a day capability
- Large fuel capacity
- Nothing strapped to the deck if offshore
- Solar/Wind power generation
- Generator

Cat Vs. Monohull

Cat Pros

- Space
- Galley up option
- One level living
- Doesn't heel
- Stable in rollie anchorage
- Storage

Monohull Pros

- Sails like a sailboat
- Docking/Dockage
- Less maintenance
- Can race as well as cruise
- Most yards can haul

Spouse/Partner Not Interested



She Still Hates This Boat



The first TRIBUTE.
1978 Sabre 34.
Purchased in 2004
Named for my parents

Getting Warmer! She Likes This One.



The next TRIBUTE.
2001 J 42.
Purchased 2013

Well, If You Insist



Spouse/Partner Not Interested

- Typically, this life-style is driven by the man
- Spouse/Partner might not be a “sailor” and may not be interested in boating/sailing/adventure
- Overcome fear. Make the passages as comfortable/safe as possible (or engage other crew)
- Change the narrative; it’s about travel and experiences ashore
- Incorporate their hobbies (horticulture, hiking, language, birds, fishing, other cultures, history, cooking)
- Gauge interest and objections. Baby steps
- Involve them in planning/decision making – drop the captain approach
- Opportunity for new friends. There are many female participants and skippers

We Don't Have The Time/Too Many Responsibilities



Decision Time – I Want A Pilot House



The Next “Dream Boat”



Change Of Plans - A Partnership Is Formed



A Catamaran? Really?



Partnership in Practice

- Micah and I get the boat to where we want it to be and then the families split time there. (for example; New England, Maritimes, Bahamas, Caribbean)
- It's a business. Threat it as such.
- Boat movements are scheduled 6-9 months out
- Some Challenges:
 - Some communication issues
 - Some accounting challenges
 - Maintenance may not be evenly distributed due to schedule
 - Flexibility is important
- Don't sweat the small stuff

Ownership - MZBD LTD - BVI

- BVI company established in 2021
- Micah and I own the company
- Only asset is Moxie – No revenue produced. No services performed
- Comprehensive Operating Agreement covering all foreseeable events. Hopefully...
 - Accident responsibility and cost allocation
 - Bankruptcy
 - Desire to end arrangement
 - Death
- Shared US bank account from which all shared boat expenses are paid

How's The Partnership Going?

Pros

- Shared cost
- Shared delivery responsibility
- Shore team
- Continuation of “land life”
- Peace of mind
- Expansion of cruising grounds

Cons

- Only 50% of time on boat
- Negotiations on where and when
- There is a schedule
- Traveling to-and-fro

What's It Really Like?

- Pretty fabulous
- Passages are boring. Except when they are not
- Meet lots of interesting people and form lasting relationships
- See amazing sites
- Relaxing
- Requires a lot of planning
- Requires being OK with those plans being thrown out the window (see COVID, Riots, weather)
- Everything will break. Really
- Easy once you get going

Questions?



What About The House? - Options We Have Seen

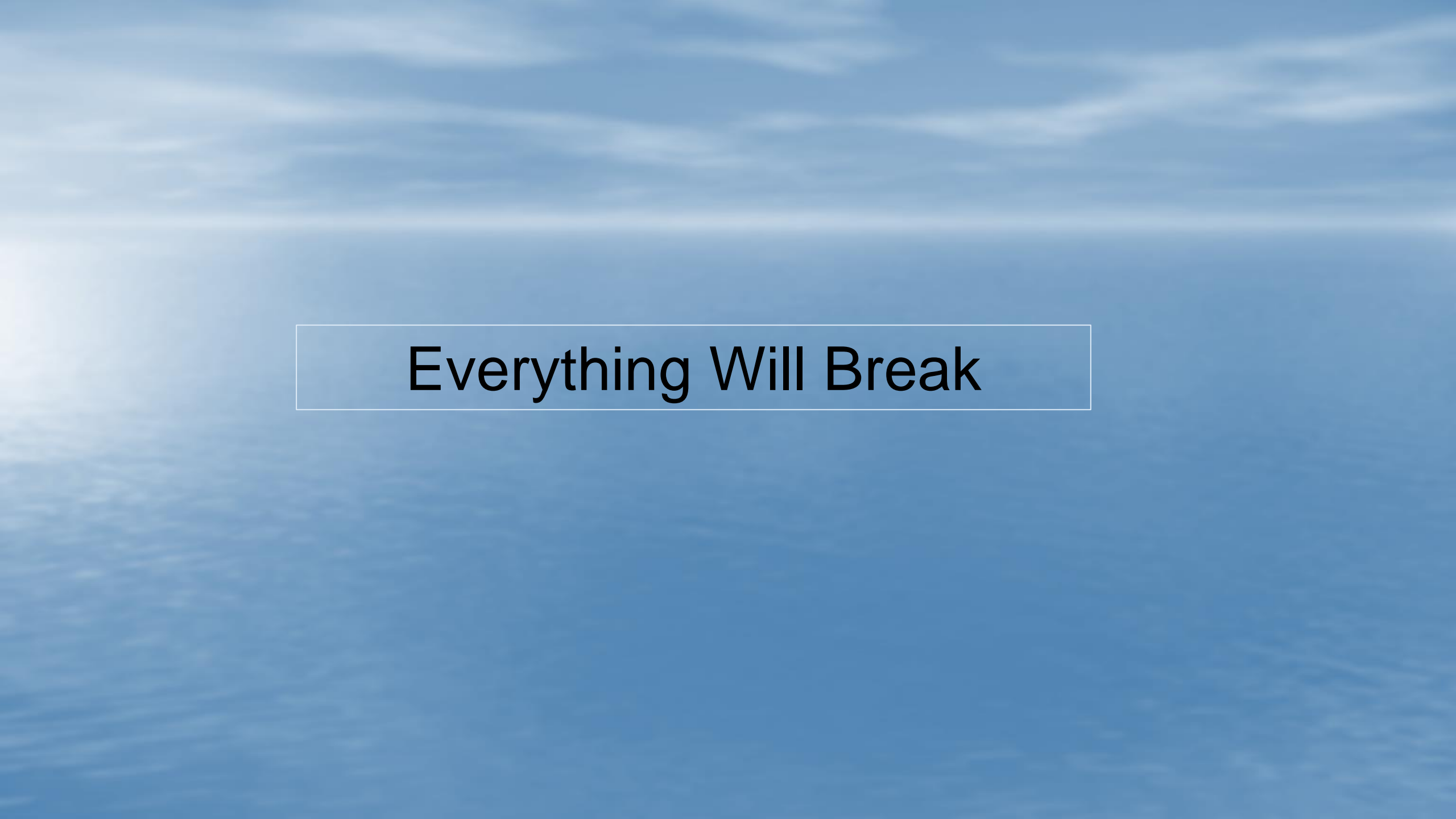
- Sold house, live aboard fulltime time and Air BNB part time
- Sold house, bought boat and RV and winter on the boat and summer in the RV
- Kept house and live aboard fulltime
- Kept house and rent it out and live aboard FT
- Sold house, live aboard part











Everything Will Break



