



Island Journal

Saturday

Met pals from Pine Island at Barnacle Phil's for beer and grouper. Have never laughed so hard. Lots of dogs, boats, birds, people, sun, and beer. I love my life!

Sunday

Laid low today, working in my less-than-stellar garden. Wish I could fertilize my thumb! Just don't quite have the magic touch. Maybe it comes with age?

Tuesday

Saw a crow sitting on a telephone line this morning, clutching a wrapper from a 7-11 sandwich. I'm sorry to admit I recognized both the bird and the wrapper!

Thursday

Bicyclists swarm the islands! News at eleven! Ha ha. I like living in a place that happy people have waited months to visit. Constant reminder of my luck.

Saturday

G&R are due in from Italia any day now...time to go vino shopping! Better book a boat for our annual trek to Cayo.

Tuesday

Mailbox lizard scared me to death today. After eight years, you'd think I'd get used to it. And can he possibly be the same one?

Thursday

Had to take a pelican to C.R.O.W. today. That's an adventure! (Note: Replace beach towel in car.)

Friday

S and I depart early tomorrow morning for a cruise to Sarasota. Can't wait! Wish we could take Nemo, but don't think he'd go for it. Been too many years since he's been on a boat.

Tuesday

Wow, what a weekend. Sailing was superb, dolphins too! Am sunburned, relaxed, and happy.

Thursday

Big tennis morning at Sundial. All courts full. Too many birds overhead to concentrate though! Walked the beach afterward—fantastic shelling.

Friday

Brown anole lizards (our mailbox breed) live three years, so the mailbox has been inherited at least twice! Breeding season coming right up—two eggs per clutch, several clutches per summer.

Saturday

S played guitar on the back porch this morning while I was writing. And a dolphin even came by, herding mullet. Nemo came out with us...a perfect morning!

Sunday

Sunset sail tonight. Water was calm, sky had tons of pink clouds. We shared Redfish Pass with a few fishermen and some pelicans.

Tuesday

Met M&E for dinner at the Lazy and ran into P&C. Stayed too long and had a blast. Saw an alligator crossing San-Cap on the way home!

Thursday

Today was gym day. Rewarded myself with a smoothie. Then ended up with key lime pie in front of me seven hours later. Oops.

Friday

I am weak, weak, weak. Traders for lunch? A little wine? Who could say no?!



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