

Update 25 January

Boat left last night (Thursday) hoping to head south, but headwinds made the passage unworkable. The delivery crew returned that night to Bermuda. In the morning the problem of seawater in the forward battery compartment reappeared. Turns out that the methods for draining the anchor well — a sluice, a bilge pump — weren't working, and the anchor well filled and spilled into interior compartments. Not a good situation; but at least the boat is sound.

And in the meantime the weather continues unfavorable, with no departure likely before at least Tuesday. Crew's going home — people don't have arbitrary amounts of time to wait around — and we'll regroup next week, hoping to identify a weather window and get underway.

Quite likely we'll cut the trip short, taking the boat to St Maarten / BVI and staying there for a week or two (as long as we have) before heading to Turks and Caicos and the Bahamas section of this trip. So we've been sitting on land in St Lucia with no boat arriving. No matter, plans are made to be changed, and you don't argue with the weather. And everyone is safe.

— Eric, from Rodney Bay St Lucia W.I. 25 Jan 2019