

A Capella of Belfast

Voyage from Strangford to The Faroes and Outer Hebrides

June to September 2025

2025 OUR TRIP NORTH TO THE FAROE ISLANDS

28th June to 4th July



JULY TO SEPTEMBER



5th July to 10th July

DAY 1 28th June. Strangford to Ballyhelbert

Julian, Patricia & Johnny A on board.  
Motored down the Lough on a good tide.  
Extremely choppy at the entrance of the  
Lough by Bar Pladdy - definitely tested  
the quality of our packing!

Ballyhelbert rolly, but holding good.  
Pleased to be on our way.

DAY 2 29th June Ballyhelbert to Crinan

Left 04:30 to make the most of the tide.  
Motoring at first, but great sail around  
the Mull. Wind eventually died and we  
motored the last bit. Arrived at 21:00,  
about 110 nm. Tired but pleased to be  
in Scotland.

Plenty of gannets and dolphins about.  
Stray current detected - suspected  
oil pressure sensor.



COMMON TERNS IN STRANGFORD

ROUTED WHEEL IN THE NARROWS



### DAY 3 30th June Crinan

While the rest of Europe basked in a heat wave. We had rain all day. We tackled the odour de oter problem and washed all ropes and the deck - happily the rain did the rinsing.

Julian found the stray current. Supper in the hotel was excellent - Oysters, sea beam, halibut and langoustines - a real treat.

### DAY 4 1st July Crinan

The sun comes out! Beautiful day. Jobs done - diesel filled up & binini put back on. Dreaded sea oter seen. Lovely walk to Dunardry Locks.

SWALLOWS AT CRINAN



### CRINAN LIGHTHOUSE



### DAY 5 2nd July Crinan

Hot, Hot, Hot. No Wind. Delightful walk on the Crinan Trail up to Castle Doonie. Wonderful views of the Sound of Jura. Butterflies out and about.

Johnny biked to the Argyll Beaver Centre. Interesting talk but no beavers seen.

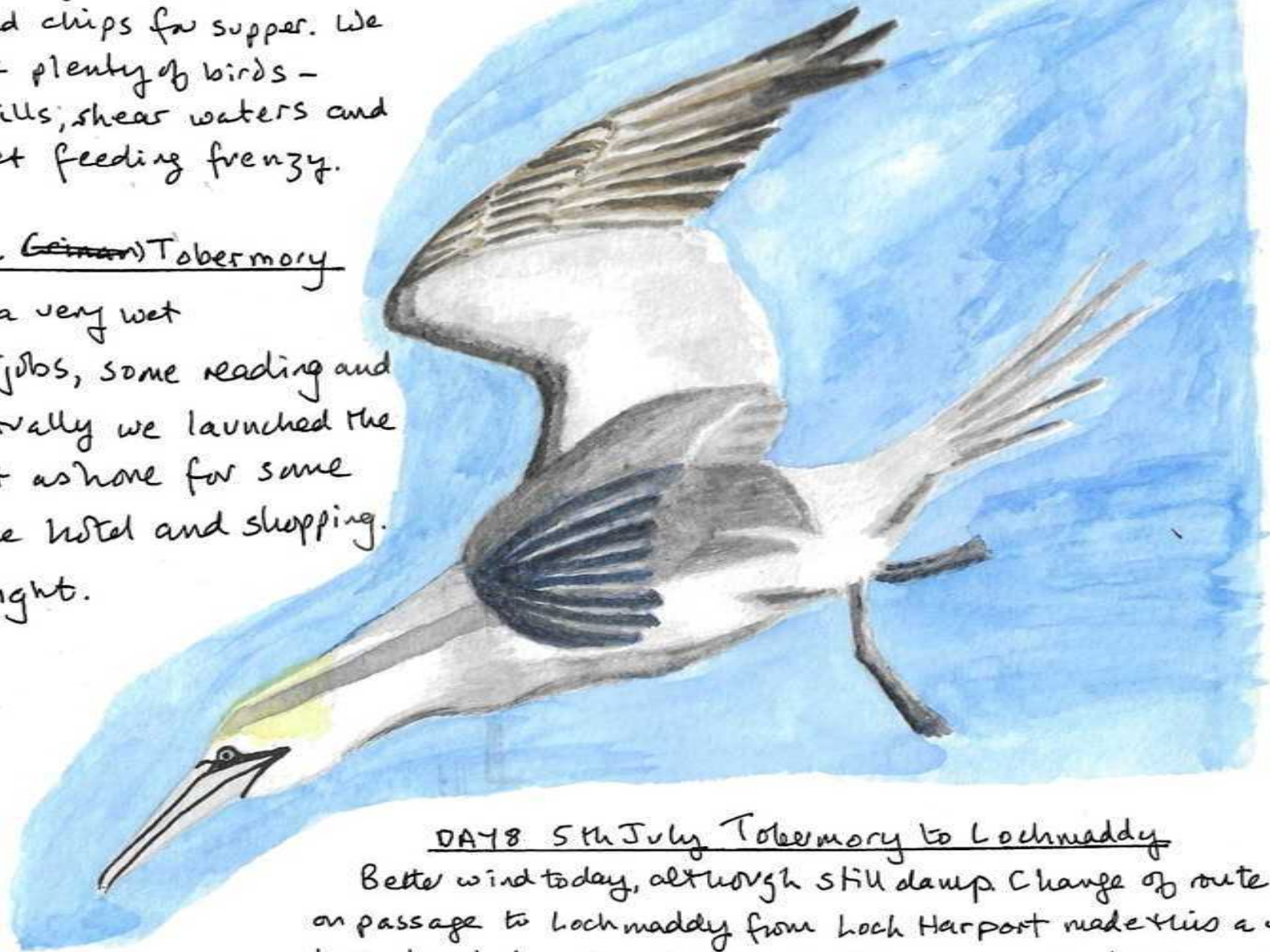
DAY 6 3rd July Crinan to Tobermory

Great wind to take us north, but rather rainy. We were glad of the biminic. Short walk and fish and chips for supper. We are pleased to see plenty of birds - guillemots, razor bills, shearwaters and our second gannet feeding frenzy.

DAY 7 4th July ~~Crinan~~ Tobermory

Storm bound in a very wet Tobermory. Some jobs, some reading and some art. Eventually we launched the dinghy and went ashore for some cocktails at the hotel and shopping. It rained all night. Feeling damp!

DIVING GANNET



DAY 8 5th July Tobermory to Lochmaddy

Better wind today, although still damp. Change of route on passage to Lochmaddy from Loch Harport made this a very long day but puts us in a better position to head north on Monday. Good sail - our first <sup>seen</sup> pubbins obb Canna.

#### DAY 9 Lochmaddy

Lochmaddy turned out to be a delightful small pantoon. We learnt about sustainable harvesting of seaweed - cutting the fronds by hand or specialist rekes, and allowing time for renewal. Sounds hard work. This is used for fertiliser.

Lovely walk in the wild, flat lands of North Uist. As usual rather too much debris round about. Half the total area of ~~both~~ North Uist is under water and it is very good for fishing. Excellent supper at The Lochmaddy Hotel.

#### DAY 10 7th July Lochmaddy to Shiant

Good sail to the Shiant, although rather more wind than we were expecting. Wonderful to arrive - just so many birds - puffins, razor bills and guillemots.

#### DAY 11 8th July Shiant

An early start to move to a better part of the anchorage. Went ashore - seas as usual rather vicious! but Black backed gulls, oystercatchers, and snipe all abundant

GREY SKUA



SNIPE



PUFFIN

DAY 12 9th July Shiant to Stornaway

Quick downwind sail to Stornaway. Plenty of birds to see, and we reckon a whale. Plenty of dolphins.

DAY 13 10th July Stornaway

Jobs for leaving, and excellent supper at the hotel.

DAY 14 + 15 Stornaway to Vagar, Faroes

Left early to make the best of the forecasted winds. We followed the Predict Wind passage plan so headed slightly west, and then gybed to head straight for Vagar. The wind was good all day, but on passing the Butt of Lewis the swell was significant. The wind died early evening and we had to motor in some very unpleasant seas before gybing. The winds returned for the night and with the swell now behind us, it was very comfortable. Very little actual darkness. A mysterious adverse tide of 2 knots, with only half a knot in our

favour appeared for the final 12 hours, and only light winds, so sadly we returned to the motor. The sun shone for the whole trip so while not hot, all very pleasant. Plenty of fulmars to see, but no whales.

In Vagar we have tied up against the quay. All seems very quiet, and no port officer, customs or immigration have arrived ~~or~~<sup>or</sup> even seem interested. Champagne and good sleep to celebrate arriving.

FULMAR ON APPROACH TO VAGUR



DAY 16 13th July Vagar, Suduroy

Acclimatizing to a quiet way of life.  
Our first herring! Really lovely walk  
to cliffs at Eggjarnar. Dramatic 200m  
tall. This was a navigation station  
named Loran A and used during WWII.  
Ships and aircraft used it for safe  
passage for the allied during the war.

DAY 17 14th July Vagar, Suduroy

Bus trip to Tvøroyri, about half an  
hour north just to explore. Scenery big  
and spectacular. First tunnel! Loved the  
houses with grass roofs. Mist swirling  
around - we suspect this may be  
typical weather

DAY 18 15th July Vagar, Suduroy FIRST THING

Faroes on radio 4 this morning! Shetland  
Islands are envious of the Faroes many  
tunnels, in particular the 4 subsea tunnels  
connecting the islands. The tunnel projects  
are paid for solely by tolls, paying back loans.

12th July to 18th July

TOMIOVAGUR, VAGUR



DAY 18 15th July continued

We had planned to walk to Famjin today. This is one of the hiking trails specifically mentioned in the tourist guide. Unfortunately the mist got us off, so we headed to Ranan mountains. This was once again fantastic and we headed across steep moorland to the top. Wonderful to see golden plover, wheatears, and a Whimbrel. Two skuas attacked us as is their way.

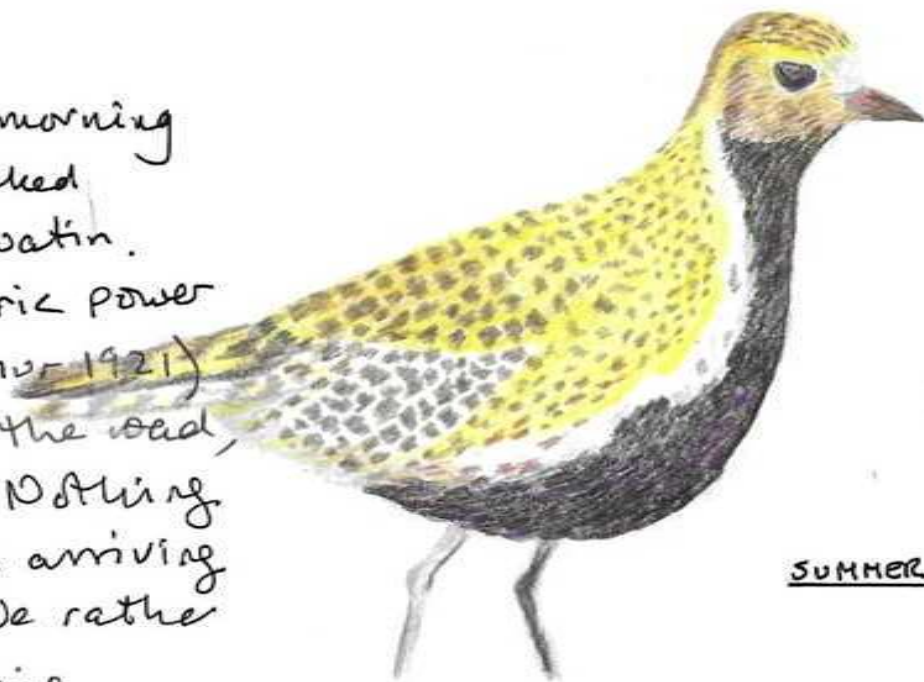
DAY 19 16th July Vagur, Sudurey

The early mist cleared quickly this morning to reveal beautiful blue sky. We walked to Famjin as far as the Lake Ryskivatn. This lake powers the first hydroelectric power station to open on the Faroes (Botnur 1921). A slightly disappointing walk as on the road, and people were driving to the top. Nothing worse than walking hard uphill and arriving at a carpark - even if it is small. We rather like being carless when we are sailing.

GOLDEN PLOVER



WINTER PLUMAGE



SUMMER PLUMAGE

DAY 20 17th July Vagur, Suduroy

Johnny left us this morning, and we will be heading further north tomorrow. So it was jobs, shopping and cleaning today. Short walk to Vagseioi, the old harbour. Vagur has proved a good first stop and at £12/night and free electric, washing, drying and facilities good value. A little lonely with only a German yacht coming in, and today a UK motorboat.

In the evenings the local rowing boats have been training, and the line caught cod fishing boats bring their catches in. Tonight we were given a small cod, so that's supper tomorrow!

DAY 21 18th July Vagur → Hovagur, Vagur

Left early to catch the tide. Julian has mastered the "scary red tidal book," which was kindly lent to us by James Nixon. This uses the time of the meridian passage of the moon as a reference point for the twelve, hourly tidal diagrams.

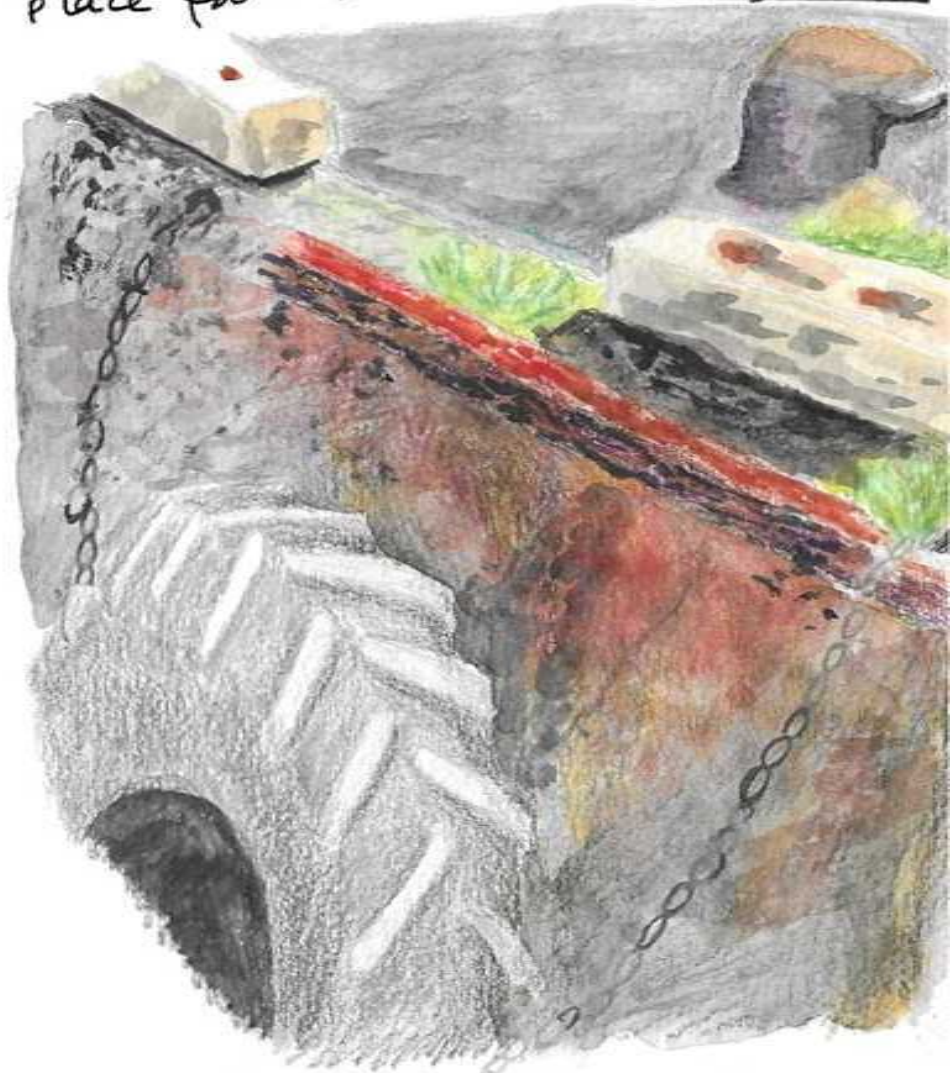
Despite not much wind, with the fair

tide (≈ 2kts) we sailed most of the way. Rather foggy but it did clear later on.

We have tied up to a rough quay next to the fish processing factory. Very dirty and unattractive.

Had a walk ashore, but have probably decided this is not the place for us.

QUAY AT HIOVAGUR, VAGUR



## DAY 22 19th July Mioagur → Vestmanna, Streymor

We motored up Vestmannasund to Vestmanna. No wind but plenty of tide. We past the Vestmannasund tidal energy project and as always huge mountains/cliffs. Seeing pubbins is now normal.

Tied up to the quay by the big fishing boats. Lovely sunny evening for a walk ashore, and on our return we had been joined by a Danish boat of student sailors.

## DAY 23 20th July Vestmanna, Streymor

A quiet day. The Danish boat left us, to be replaced by two local boats with Russian, Ukrainian, Belarusian and Swedish crew members. An interesting mix.

## DAY 24 21st July Vestmanna, Streymor

A bus trip to Torshavn. The smallest capital in the world. A great bus ride - one mountain leaving Vestmanna and two tunnels. It rained all night so plenty of big waterfalls.

Torshavn slightly underwhelming, but perhaps we don't like towns, or even cities. Inspected the marina - busy!

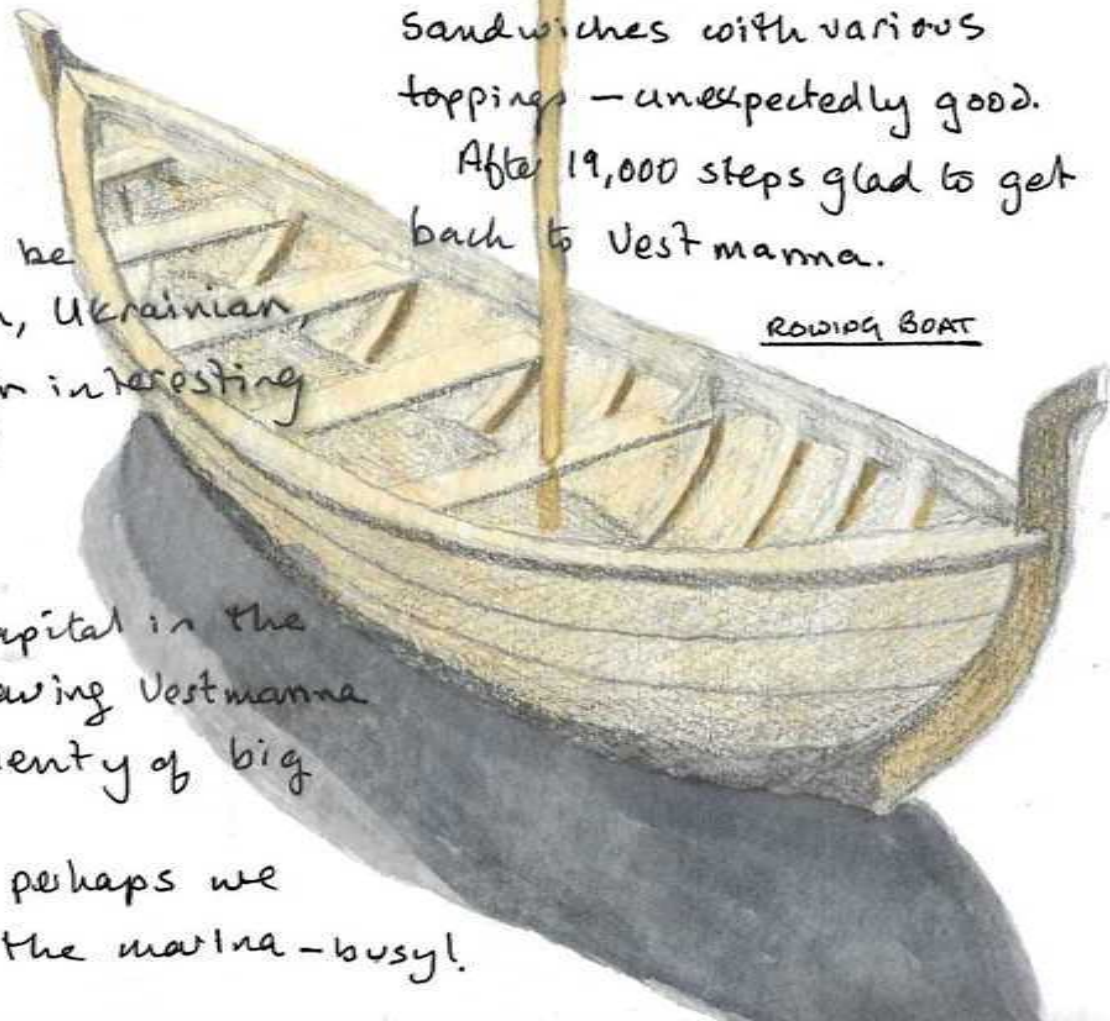
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failed to get a chart of Faroes. Knitwear either extremely expensive or rather tacky. Cathedral OK. Old town very charming. All tiny houses, tiny streets and grass roofs.

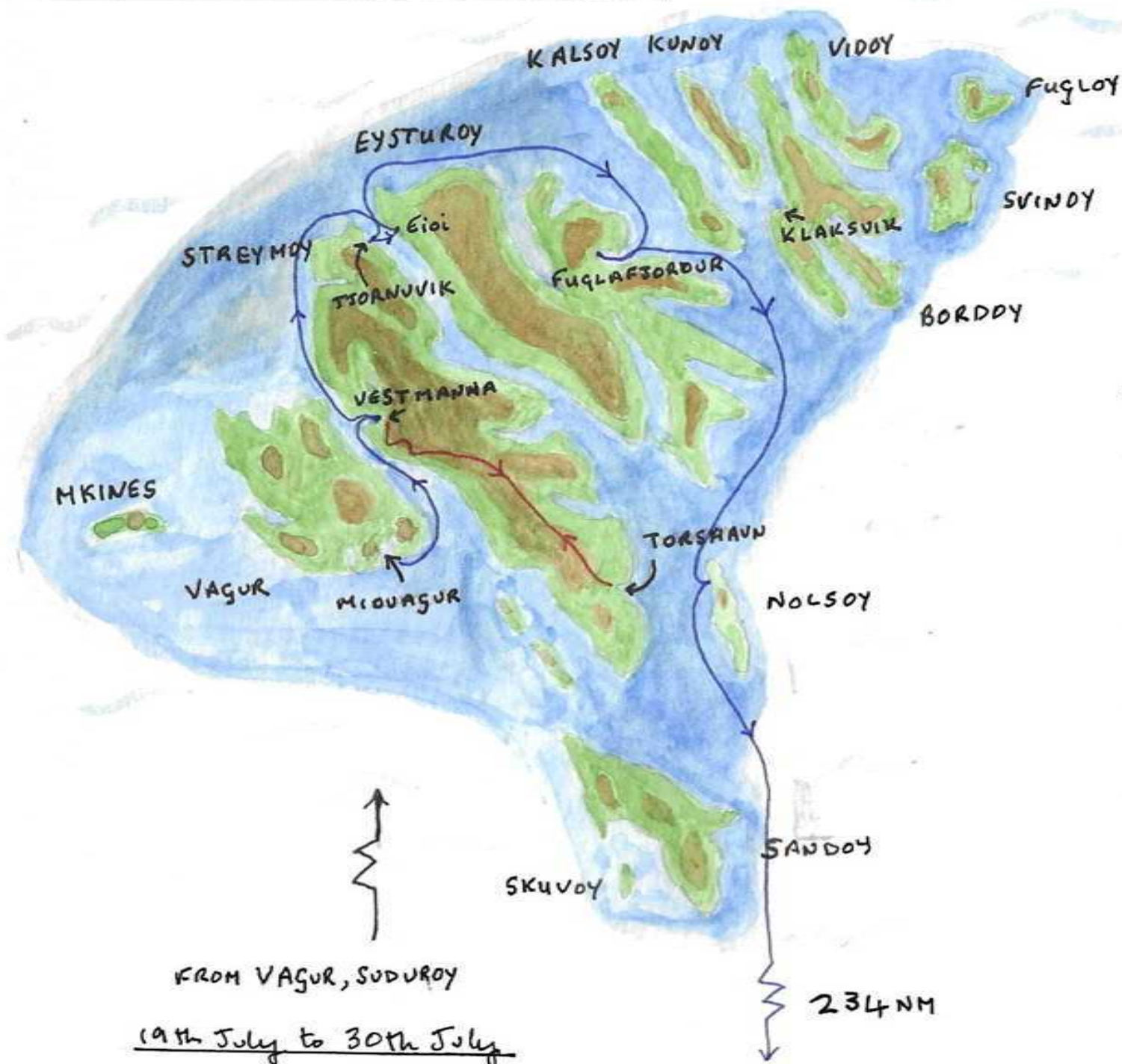
Lunch of small open sandwiches with various toppings - unexpectedly good.

After 19,000 steps glad to get back to Vestmanna.

ROWING BOAT



## OUR JOURNEY ON THE FAROE ISLANDS



## THE FAROE ISLANDS

\* Halfway between Scotland + Ireland

\* Population 55,000

\* Industrial economy based on fisheries, and agriculture

\* National sport rowing

\* Stunning, big scenery

\* Fantastic birdlife

\* Capital Torshavn - smallest in the world

\* 300 days of rain / year!

— = SAILING

— = BUS

TO KINLOCHBERVIE, SCOTLAND

DAY 25 22nd July Vestmanna Streymor

We were delighted to see our neighbours, the local boats with the mixed crew leave this morning. I don't know how many times they stamped across our deck, but it was too many by far. The temptation to stand on the tyres to reach the boat is too great, and we now have black marks on the deck to deal with. This is definitely a disadvantage of using big boat quays.

WHIMBRELS



Great walk today up to the hydro reservoirs. The advertised maps and the "on the ground" reality are not quite the same. We had an "off track" route back and disturbed some whimbrels. These were determined to distract us from their nests. Wonderful to see so many. We also saw an arctic skua - these are not as vicious as their great skua cousins.

DAY 26 23rd July Vestmanna, Streymor

Very dull today. The mist has descended and somehow this seems to increase the fishy smell from the processing plant. Some more, better wind forecast for tomorrow.

Did our emails and some food shopping. The mist lifted a bit in the afternoon so we walked up (x200m) to see the whimbrels. Very pretty birds.

DAY 27 24th July Vestmanna → Tjornuvik

We left Vestmanna this morning headed for Tjornuvik or Eioi. The promised wind did not appear, so we had a bumpy motor, but great for water making and charging the batteries.

We anchored in Tjornuvik. It was lovely to be anchored all on our own as opposed to the smelly quays and tyres. This is a small bay surrounded by a magnificent amphitheatre of cliffs. Arctic terns and fulmars kept us company.

The wind got up in the night so while the anchor held, neither of us had a good night's sleep. In different conditions this bay can be used for surfing!



RISIN AND KELLINGIN  
FROM TJORNUVIK

DAY 28 25th July Tjornuvik → Eioi

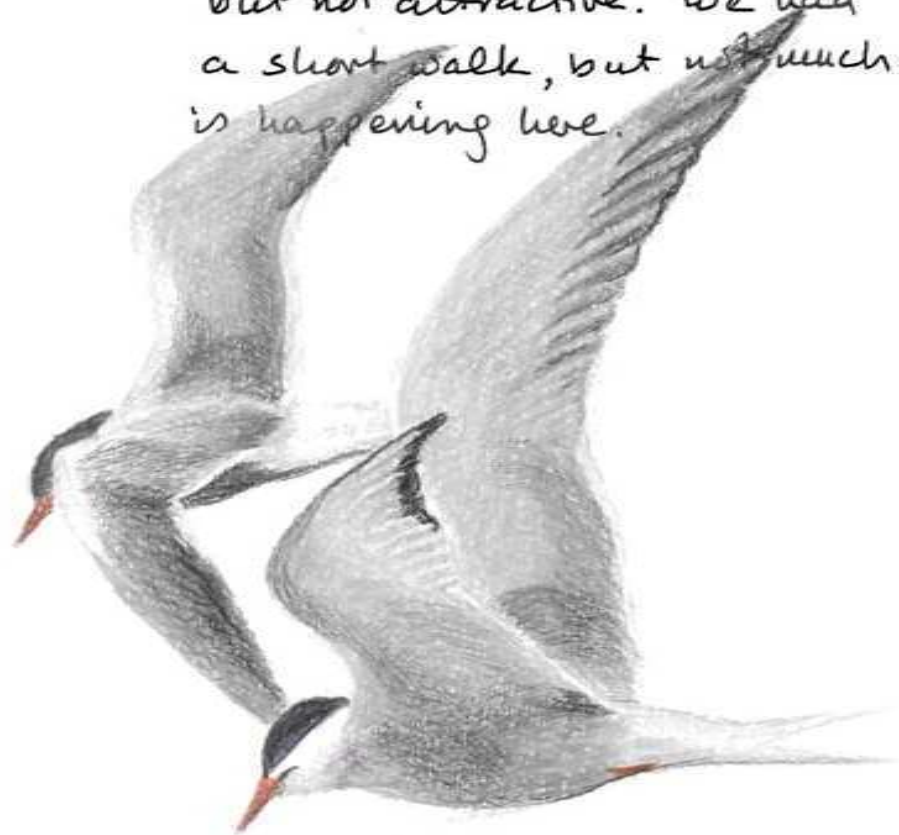
We were glad to leave the anchorage and get ourselves somewhere safer. We motored the short distance to Eioi.

Once again we tied up to the fishing quay. The processing plant looks redundant, but it is now

an area where the salmon cages are made. Less smells but not attractive. We had a short walk, but not much is happening here.



TJORNUVIK



ARCTIC TERNS

### DAY 29 Eioi to Fuglafjörður 26th July

We had a good sail/float with the tide trip to Fuglafjörður. The high cliffs make much of the wind very erratic.

We were rather pleased to see a pontoon, and another UK flagged boat on arrival in Fuglafjörður. Sadly the UK boat (Scottish as it happens) was not friendly, and made it very clear he did not want us to raft up. There was little alternative for us, so we circled until he relented.

Fuglafjörður has about more about it - a few shops and a restaurant of sorts. It also has a huge fish farming food production plant and it smells!

### DAY 30 27th July Fuglafjörður

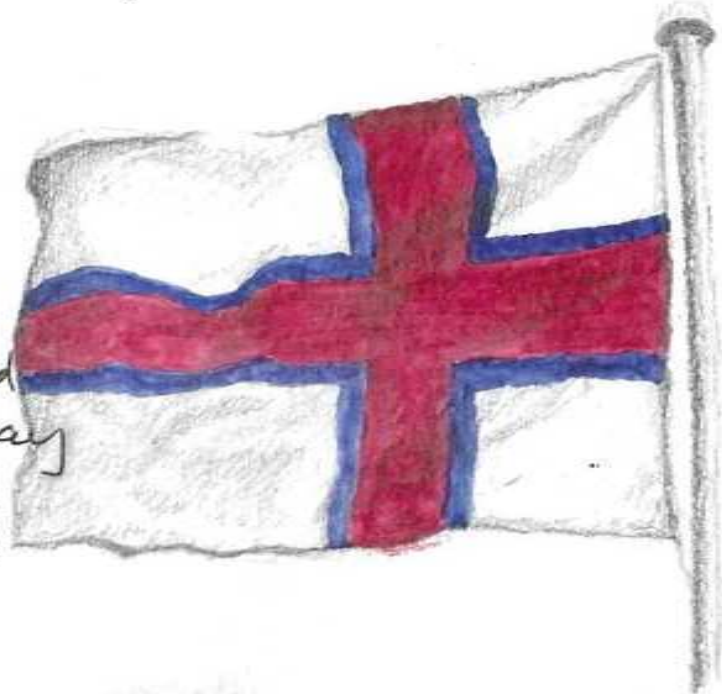
Our neighbour was leaving this morning so we were up at 8am "as promised." He had changed his mind, and was now leaving at 9am. Anyway we were thrilled to be attached to a floating pontoon even if there is no water or electric!

We had hoped to catch the bus to Klaksvík.

We saw the bus, but it did not come around to "our" bus stop - how frustrating we suspect a lazy bus driver, but no wonder people don't like using buses.

We walked up the hill/cliff in rather dull weather & 200m. As Julian puts it - good for our health, but not much fun.

Fuglafjörður feels blighted by the industrial fish farming. We want to move on, but are hoping to travel to Torshavn, primarily to go through the underground "jelly fish" roundabout.



### DAY 31 28th July Fuglafjörður → Nólsoy

Today and tomorrow are national holidays - Ólausólka with celebrations, we think, mainly rowing in Torshavn. Unbeknown to us the buses are using the Sunday schedule, so once again defeated by the buses! We did feel rather fed up, and have given up on the "jelly fish" roundabout - a photo will have to do!

On a more positive <sup>note</sup>, the sun came out, and this very much improved our morale. In the end we had a motor, with some great tides (4kts) to Nólsoy. Saw 2 warships on our way.

Nólsoy is an island across from Torshavn and seems rather delightful. No fish farms, no smell, clean quay, just quiet and peaceful.

### DAY 32 29th July Nólsoy

Probably our best walk, out to Nólsoy lighthouse. Photographer Morgan was out and about! We saw snipe, golden plover, whimbrels, arctic and great skuas, and wheatears. Puffins, manx shearwaters, storm petrels, and fulmars also nest on this island.

In the evening we had our Faroese neighbours

Herbert and Beinta Olsen for drinks.

Herbert didn't think our fishing gear would "do" for the cod and has kindly given us a new line with proper cod fishing tackle. We will see!

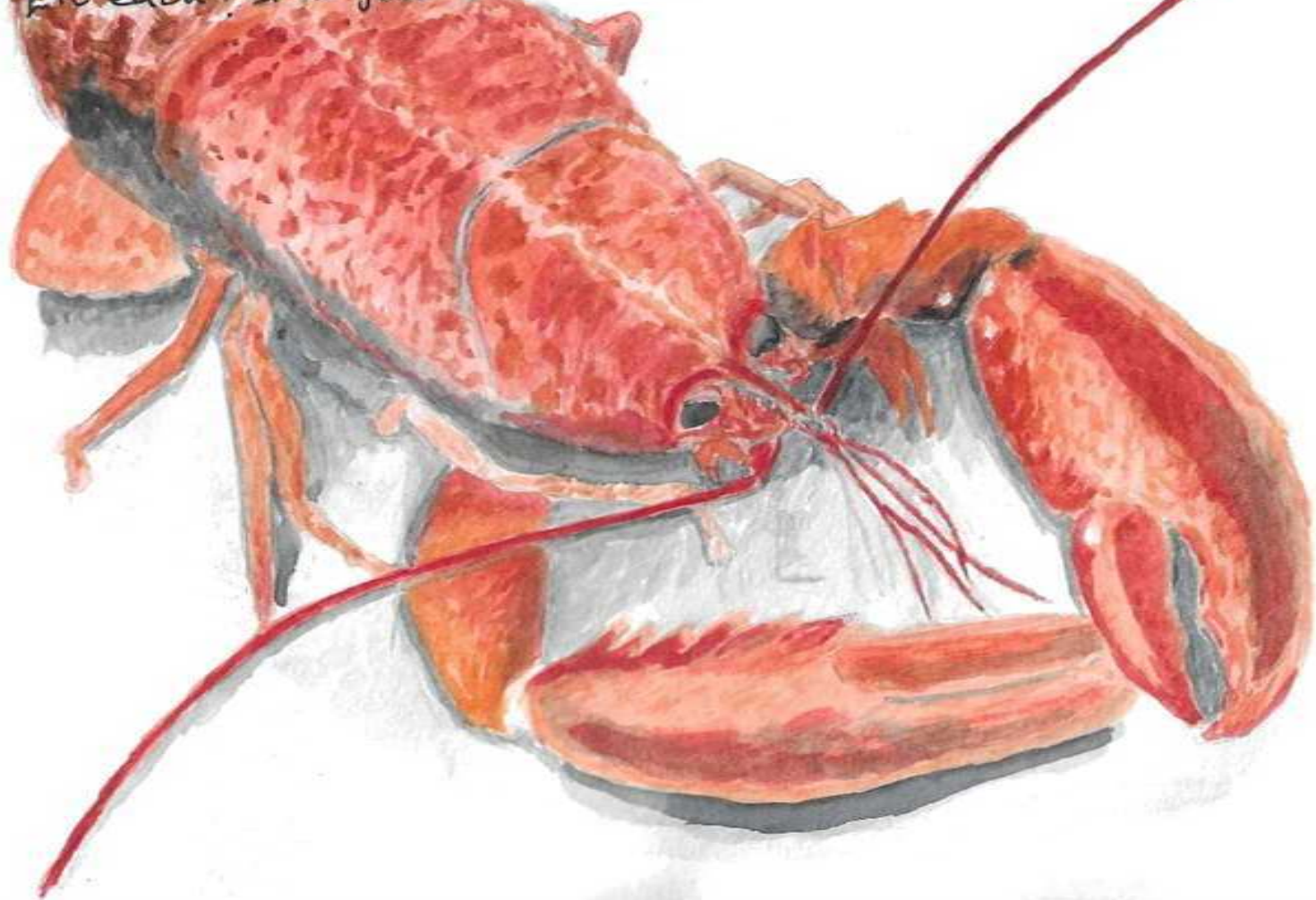
They bought us some whale fat to try. Interesting! They were keen to tell us that the whaling is now sustainable, much less brutal, and any catches are shared within the community.



STORM PETREL

DAY 33/34 30th July, 1st August Nolsay to Kinlochbervie, Scotland

We decided to take a rare northerly wind to lead south back to Scotland. We motored slowly for 17 hrs before picking up the promised westerly and then northwesterly wind. This allowed us to sail the rest of the way. 234 nm in 42 hours averaging 5.6 kts/hr. We were not rushing and arrived at 6 AM. Kinlochbervie is just south of Cape Wrath. After a morning boat shuffle we have ended up attached to the ponton. The company is good with a young Swiss couple rafted next to us, and 2 further UK boats. Best of all the local lobster fishing boat has come in, and we now have 2 lobsters for supper. £10 each! It is good to be back.



OUR LOBSTER

### DAY 35 2nd August Kinlochbervie

Long walk today to stretch our legs across some beautiful beaches Oldshoremore Bay, and Polin beach. Fish and chips super followed by excellent hospitality or sly Swansong with sly Summerthyme. After a rather 'lonely time' in the Faroes it was good to rejoin the camaraderie of the cruising network.

### DAY 36 3rd August Kinlochbervie

I took the opportunity to clean the decks - now looking much better. Crab claws for supper tonight from the large crabbing boat "Osprey" that came in. We are being really spoilt.

Storm Floris is on ~~her~~ <sup>her</sup> way and it looks very likely that we will be storm bound for a week. Our neighbours have left for somewhere different, but equally stormy.

We met cyclists Robin and Sally who joined us for a cup of tea on A Capella. They have lent us an OS map and given us some ideas of local places to visit - and we have the bus timetable.

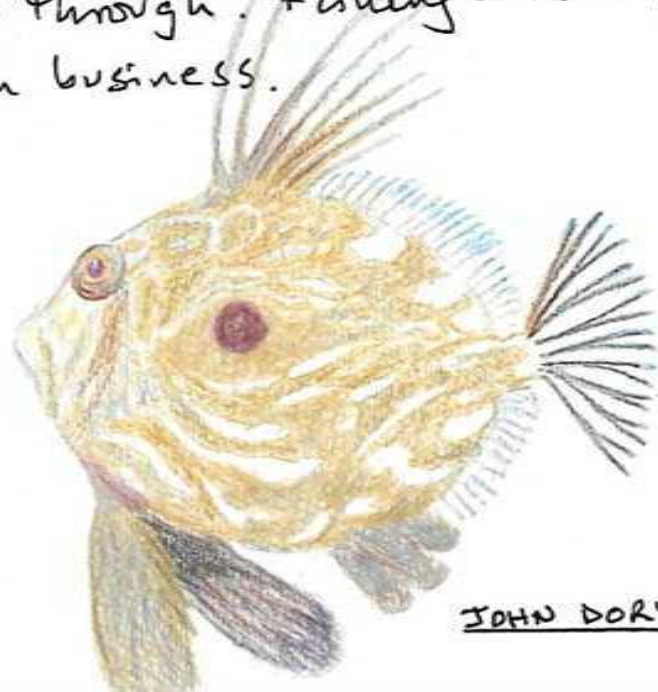
S/y Viane joined us on the pontoon.

### DAY 37 4th August Kinlochbervie

The trawler Carina came in this morning. We were able to get halibut and John Dory - and it was even beautifully filleted for us!

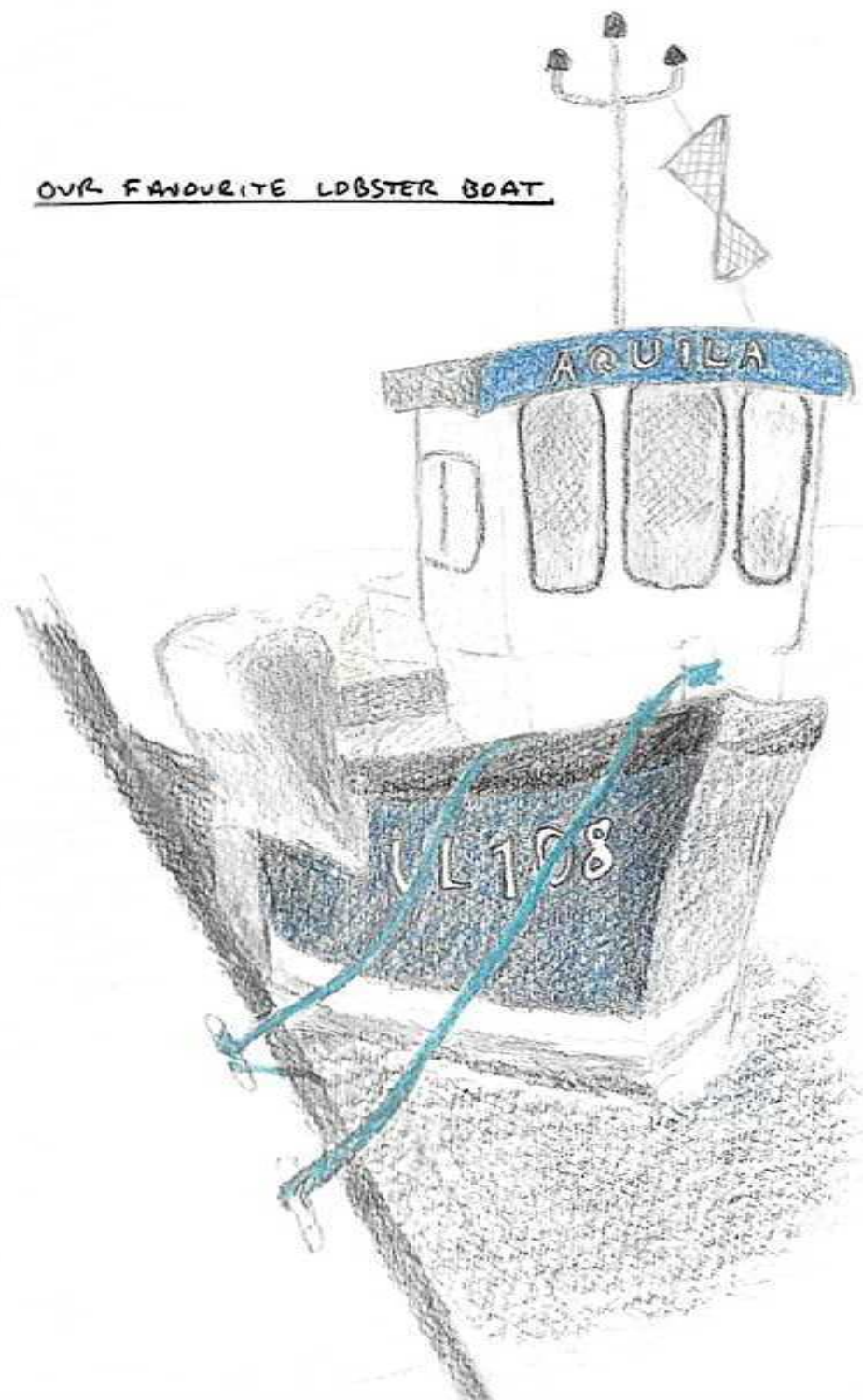
Storm Floris was nearly there, so we battened down the hatches, and sat it out with our neighbours Jasper and Lawrence from sly Viane on ACOB.

The trawler Carina then went back out to sea, shortly after the storm blew through. Fishing is a very tough business.



JOHN DORY

OUR FAVOURITE LOBSTER BOAT



DAY 38 → 43 5th → 10th August Kinlochbervie

10 days stormbound in Kinlochbervie! It used to be a big fishing port, but now just a few local boats come in. Not much else happening.

\* Using the local bus service

- we had a great walk from Scourie to Tarbat. The bus was 40 minutes late picking us up - we were worried!

- Went to Inverness (2 hrs + 40 mins) on the bus and visited Andrew Morgan. Stayed overnight.

We walked around Loch Innis and on the peat track a few times.

\* Had excellent fish + chips at the Quay House x2.

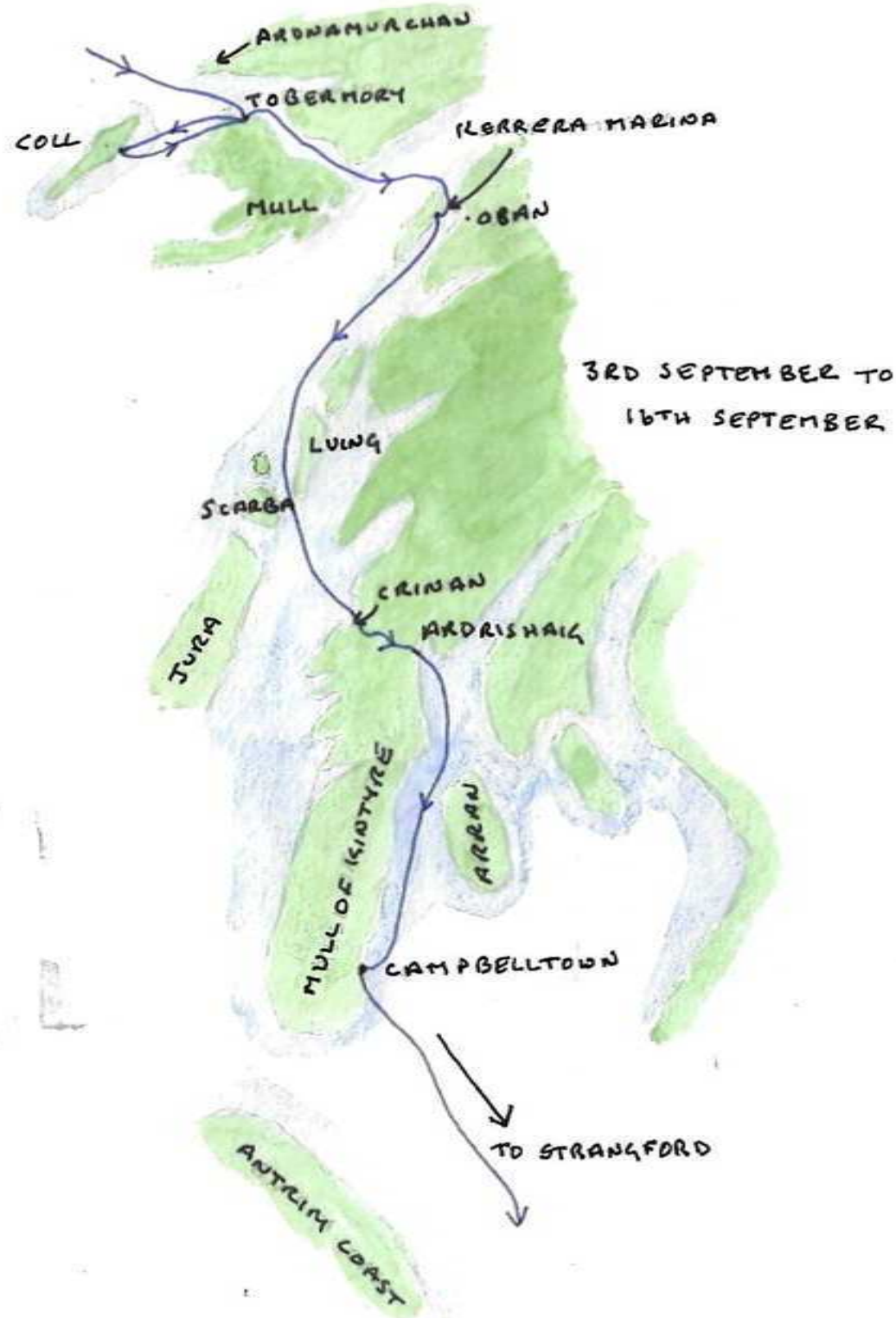
\* Julian serviced the engine.

\* Ate great fish from the local fishing boats. Finished off with crabs from f/v Osprey. We asked for 2, but were given 3 - that's plenty of work, but they were delicious, and there is some in the freezer.

\* All the washing done

We will remember Kinlochbervie fondly.

# OUR TRIP SOUTH



DAY 44 11th August Kinlochbervie → Shiant

We finally said "goodbye" to Kinlochbervie. The wind is still from the SW, but much reduced. A long motor to the Shiant. Very foggy on the way and on arrival. Saw a minke whale right by the boat, and loads of dolphins. Good to be on the move again.

DAY 45 12th August Scalpay

Horrible rocky night at the Shiant. We were pleased to leave, and were headed to Eilean Thinnigarstaig, Harris, but the fog came down, and there was more wind than forecast. We decided that a small, unknown anchorage was unwise, so we headed to South Harbour at Scalpay. Although rather deep it is very pleasant and with only one other yacht plenty of space. We look forward to a still night.

DAY 46 13th August Scalpay

The sun came out! A local fisherman came to the boat and gave us 3 pollack. We have never had so much fish on the boat. A real treat.

Glorious walk out to the lighthouse over the rather boggy moor and returned via single track road. There was an unexpected tea and cake at the lighthouse which is run by a delightful couple - highly recommended.

Excellent, nouvelle cuisine, but pricey meal at The Bistro.



EILEAN GLAS LIGHTHOUSE

DAY 47 14th August Scalpay

Some domestics today. Bus trip to Tarbert to get some papers witnessed and posted at the Post Office. Returned on the school bus! Tarbert full of Americans visiting the distillery.

DAY 48 15th August Scalpay → South Uist

No wind. Long, relaxing motor to Wizard Pool, South Uist. Wizard Pool delightful.



GROUSE IN HEATHER

DAY 49 16th August Wizard Pool, S. Uist

The sun shone. Great walk, in theory to Hecla. Navigation tricky. We did have a track on our map, but mostly we were following argo cat tracks. Stunning scenery, great heather, saw grouse and a sea eagle. Supper in the cockpit.

DAY 50 17th August Acaarsaid Mhor, Eriskay

We left Wizard Pool early for Acaarsaid Mhor, on Eriskay. Glorious weather. Walked ashore to explore, visited the church and pub - AM politician after the ship that sunk. Plenty of holiday cottages, but perhaps not as wild as we enjoy.

We decided to re-anchor in the evening and had caught an old steel cable. We did have a tripping line but somehow it was caught underneath the cable. Tricky! We did free ourselves and re-anchored. Late supper, but we felt better anchored.



DAY 5 1/2 18/19th August Between Gigha & Hellisay

We had another dramatic time lifting our anchor in Acaarsaid Mhor. We had picked up an ancient fisherman's anchor and associated debris. Thankfully our windlass was up to the task, and fortunately the fisherman's pontoon was free, where we ~~could~~ disentangle the anchor from ours. Thank you to John who came to help us. Nobody else had any trouble so we must have been unlucky - but we are unlikely to return!

SOARING SEA EAGLES

We made the short trip to a small, but very beautiful anchorage between Gigha & Hellisay. Thank you to the Antares charts who describe the entrance as "not for the faint hearted" we agree - but well worth the effort. Splendid isolation, no LG - just seals, soaring sea eagles and glorious weather.

## RUINS AT MINGULAY



### DAY 53/54 20/21st August Mingulay

We left our anchorage on a rising tide and anchored overnight at a functional, but non-descript anchorage, just north of Barra - Sgeirislom.

Sunken fish farm debris was marked by a yellow warning buoy. Really the debris from the fish farms needs to be dealt with - it's just rotting plastic - completely unacceptable.

The weather remains quiet and settled so we took the opportunity to venture to the southern islands. We anchored the night

at Mingulay Bay. What an amazing spot. We felt we were at the end of the world.

Mingulay is fascinating, last populated in 1912 and the ruins are still present. We had a great walk up the hill and across, and met the NT warden Ben.

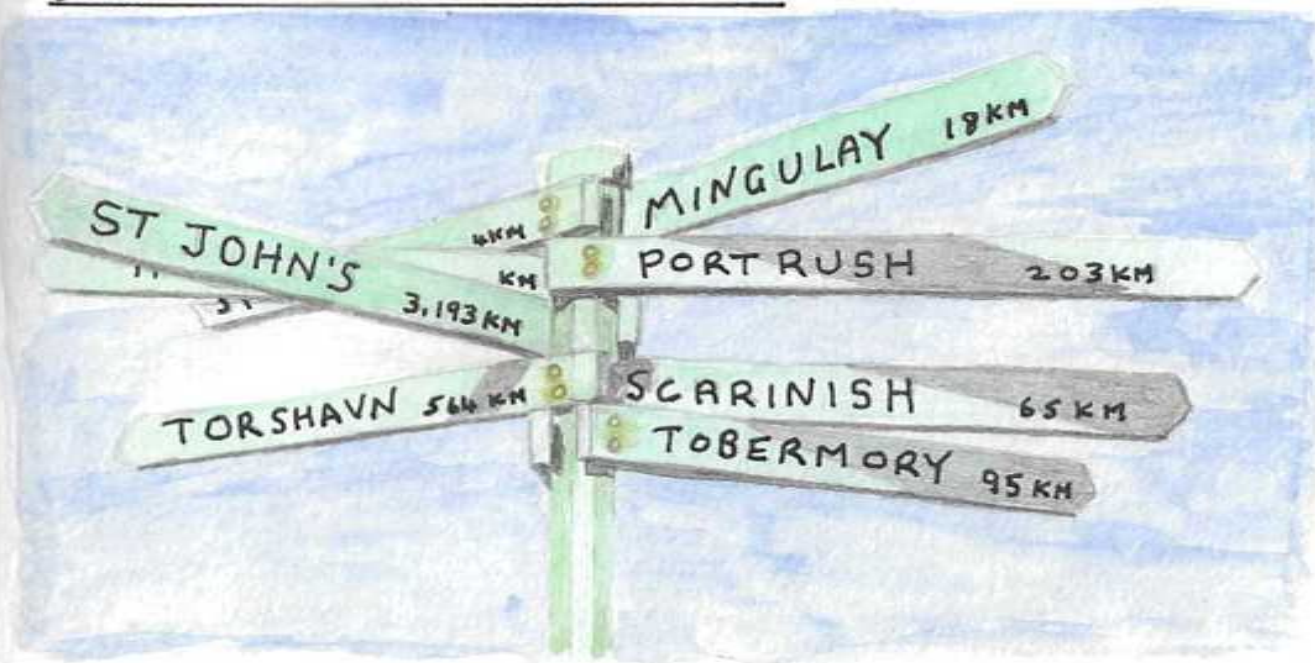
A stunning beach and scenery, and curious seals circling the boat - it was just lovely.

### DAY 55 22nd August Mingulay → Lorneig

We departed with the tide and motored around Berneray and back through the Sound of Mingulay. Stunning cliffs. We anchored just south of Castle Bay at Lorneig. Not an exciting place, but safe.

There is bad weather coming, a legacy of Hurricane Erin and we have some zoom meetings next week, so we have decided a few days on the pontoons at Castlebay would be a good plan.

BARRA 56° 57.2' N 007° 29.5' W



DAY 56 to 65 23rd August to 1st September Castle Bay, Barra

We have been storm bound in Castle Bay, Barra for 10 days. High winds and fairly relentless rain. The first storm was a legacy from Hurricane Erin, and the second particularly vicious storm of 36 hrs and winds up to 40 kts, legacy of tropical storm Fernand. The Cal Mac ferry did not go out.

- Using the friendly local bus service we visited the airport 3 times! This is a tourist attraction and has a good café. We saw a plane land on the beach - lots of spray. We went to the west side of the island to see the waves from the Hurricane. We walked to the

with of the island on the only sunny day.

- Ate our most expensive takeaway from Fish Box. Very good, but pricey at £45.

- Had a very good curry from the only curry house in the outer Hebrides - Cafe Kisimul

- Climbed Mt. Heaval

- Had a tour of tall ship "Lady of Awea"

- Socialised with our fellow storm bound yachters

- Visited the excellent community shop numerous times.



LANDING AT BARRA AIRPORT



OUR LADY OF THE SEA, MT HEAVAL

DAY 66 2nd September Castlebay to Tobermory

Super quick sail to Tobermory. SLY Broadsword, an Allures 45.9 radiod us. Julian had had various discussions with John (Strachan) when he was purchasing his boat. They have just returned from a circumnavigation <sup>returning</sup> via Greenland. They live on Coll.

DAY 67 3rd September Coll

We decided to pop back to Coll to meet up with John and Lucy Strachan. Had super evening meal with them at The Hotel.

DAY 68 4th September Coll to Tobermory

Had a lovely bike ride to the south of Coll, and then joined John and Lucy at their lovely house for lunch. Returned to Tobermory

DAY 69 5th September Tobermory to Kerrera marina, Oban

We are waiting to pick up David and Tig from Oban on 10th September. Yet again there are more strong winds forecast for Sunday and Monday. To be on the safe side we have decided to go to the Kerrera marina just across from Oban while we wait.



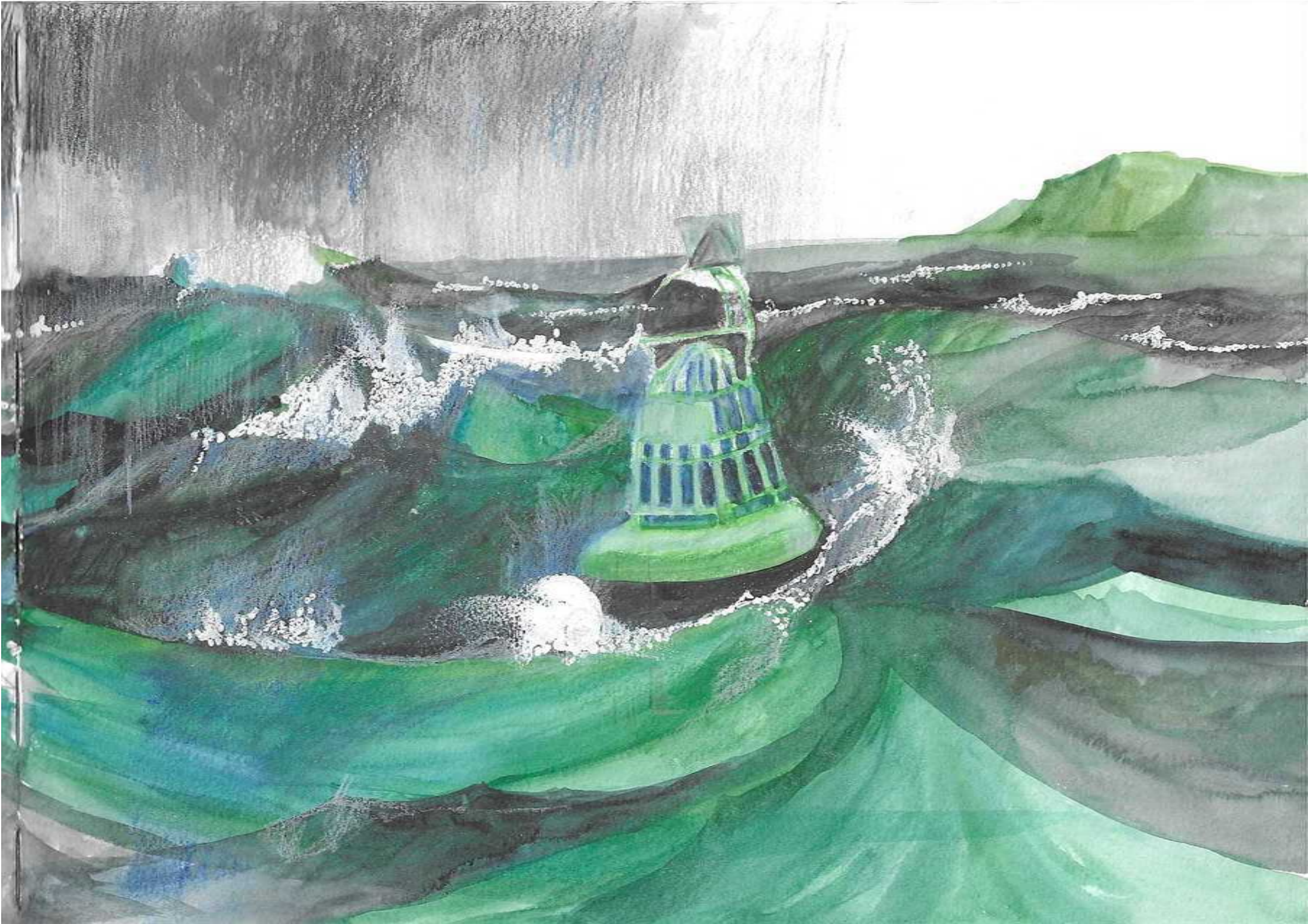
RUBHA NA GAIL LIGHTHOUSE - TOBERMORY



THE ELUSIVE CORNCRAKE LIVES ON COLL



SETTING OFF, HEADING SOUTH TO CRINAN



DAY 70 to 76 6th to 12th September, Oban

We are never that fond of spending time in a marina, but Kerrera marina, just opposite Oban is not too bad - an efficient ferry to Oban for shopping, a small pub/restaurant and some good walking on the island. The tea shop near the castle is to be highly recommended - we went twice!

David and Tig arrived in good form following a long train journey. Our plan was to go through the Crinan Canal. The weather God's remain very much against us. We set off moving into S. Westerlies which turned out to be much stronger than forecast  $\approx 25-30$  kts! The canal then turned out to be closed for the day due to "too" much water. They had a deadline and in the end we returned to the marina, and they headed back home - all very disappointing.

We are just waiting for some better weather to head south along with many others in the marina.



HIGHLAND COW ON KERRERA

DAY 77 13th September Oban to Crinan

Winds still from the south, but not as strong. With nothing better forecast, and some very strong winds on Sunday / Monday we decide to head for Crinan. We have already paid for the Canal, and going through will allow us to keep moving, and perhaps the trip south will be easier with the protection of the Mull. A buoy on Gigha in very strong winds is deeply unattractive.

The sail south was not as bad as expected, fluky winds, horrendous rain but favourable tide.

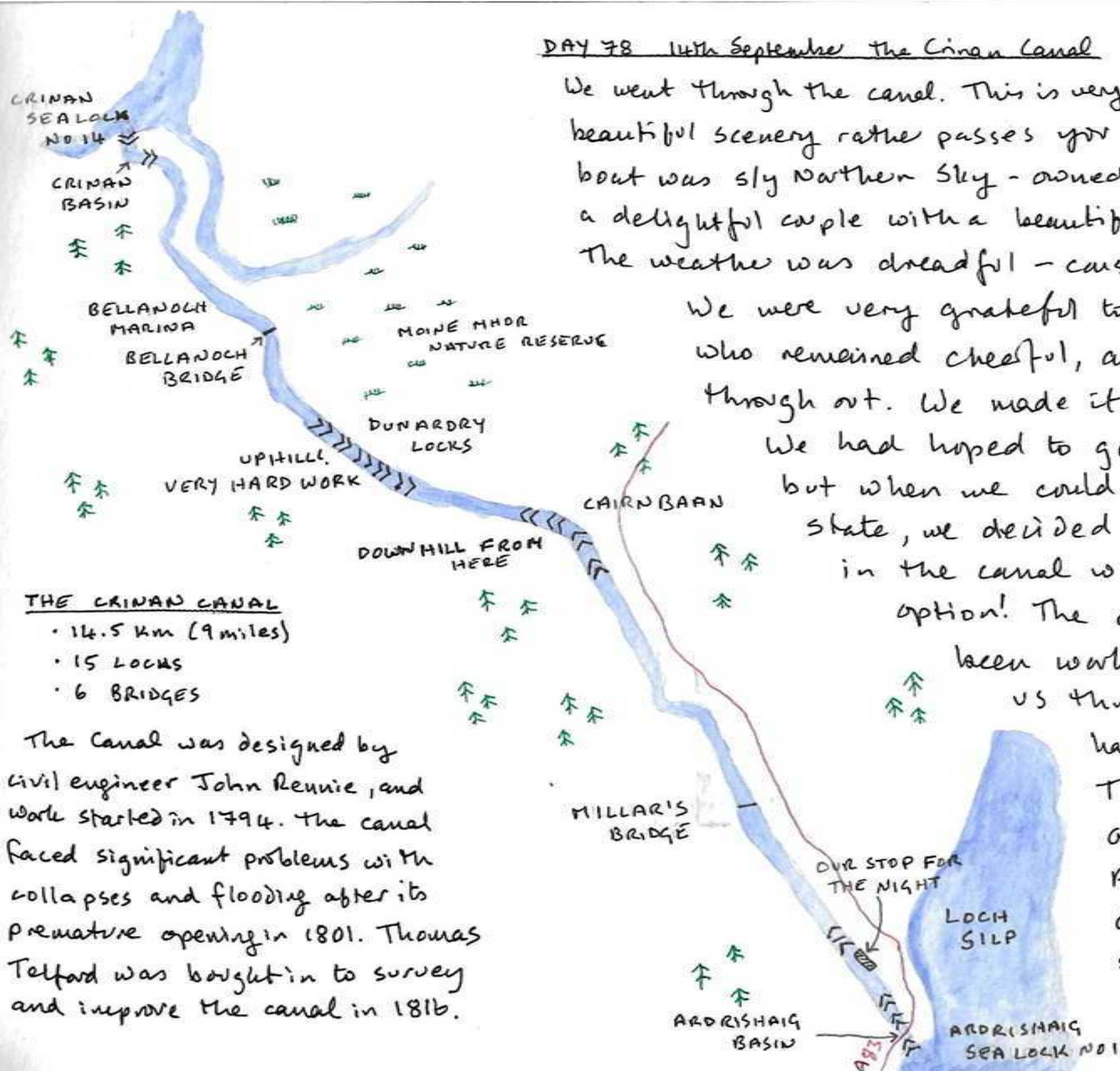
It is good to be in the quiet of the canal basin. Supper in the hotel!

DAY 78 14th September The Crinan Canal

We went through the canal. This is very hard work, and the beautiful scenery rather passes you by. Our "buddy" boat was sly Northern Sky - owned by Tim and Ellie - a delightful couple with a beautifully restored yacht. The weather was dreadful - constant rain.

We were very grateful to the canal staff who remained cheerful, and helpful through out. We made it to just after lock 4. We had hoped to get to the bottom, but when we could see the sea state, we decided another quiet night in the canal was the better option! The canal staff who have been working so hard to get us through agreed. We had all had enough.

Tim & Ellie joined us on ACOB for supper. ACOB was warmer & dryer than Northern sky. A good evening



THE CRINAN CANAL

- 14.5 km (9 miles)
- 15 LOCKS
- 6 BRIDGES

The Canal was designed by civil engineer John Rennie, and work started in 1794. The canal faced significant problems with collapses and flooding after its premature opening in 1801. Thomas Telford was brought in to survey and improve the canal in 1816.

DAY 79 15th September ARDISHAIG TO CAMPBELLTOWN

Up early to "get out" of the canal and on our way south. It was a relief to be back sailing. ACOB is rather big for manoeuvring in tight places - but thankfully no damage, and we are in a better place to get home given the weather forecast.

Good sail to Campbelltown. We dieselled up here. The diesel is relatively cheap, but the diesel berth is designed for fishing vessels so not easy. Tied onto the piers. Good corny house just by the marina - how convenient!

DAY 80 16th September CAMPBELLTOWN → STRANGFORD LOUGH

Up even earlier. Forecast good for getting to Strangford Lough. Tide favourable from 4pm. Strong winds  $\approx 20$  kts plus but on the beam. Fast passage 79 NM in 11 hrs 15 minutes. Average speed 7 kts.

Thankfully the wind died just before we arrived at the narrows.

GOOD TO BE HOME - AN EXCELLENT TRIP

1246 NMILES

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Arriving in The Faroes
- Leaving The Faroes
- Outer Hebrides
- Mingolay



LONG SHEELAGH AND THE MOURNES - NEARLY HOME