

Wild Blue, our C-Dory 25, attracts attention wherever we go. And we do go - since retiring early 2 1/2 years ago, we have been from coast to coast to coast. Over 7,000 miles on the water and 25,000+ miles on the trailer. Salt water to fresh; mountain lakes to the Gulf of Mexico; the Florida Keys to Desolation Sound... she takes us to all these places and more and is our home on the water.

While the pretty shear and the salty looks have mass appeal, it seems that we get the most attention from sailors and those with larger boats. When we meet someone at the docks on in an anchorage, the conversation always seems to turn to, "So, where have you been with your boat?"

People are always amazed when they hear where we've traveled with Wild Blue. Sailors (and we were sailors for many years before buying our C-Dory) are ever curious about the ride and ability to go where we want, regardless of the wind. I mention the protected helm station and I can see the interest grow. It doesn't take much for their imagination to put them in our place.

And then there's the "big boat" guys. They like to point out that they have an enclosed head and shower... "Yeah, we do, too."

"Refridgeration? Hot water? A comfortable berth?"

"Yep, yep, and yep." And then the conversation always heads towards the trailerability. While their large trawler takes them on passages at 6 knots, we can do 60 on land and 20 on the water. Or slow down and get better fuel mileage than they do at 6 knots. Certainly we give up some walking around space, but we more than make up for it with the ability to get to the best places, whether they are an inland lake, canals, or coastal cruising.

Those conversations are often followed with a tour. Then the comments turn to, "You can see out in every direction from anywhere in the cabin..."

"Yep."

We've come to call Wild Blue our "just enough" boat. We planned our retirement around traveling with this boat and each day is a new adventure. Check out our cruising thread on the C-Brats: <http://www.c-brats.com/viewtopic.php?t=5212>

Best wishes,
Jim & Joan B, the crew of Wild Blue