

Day 50, Voyage 2, July 28, 2011

It had to come sooner or later. Rough weather in the Gulf. We have been lucky so far. Good experience for the newbies, I guess. This morning we were looking at a tropical wave that might or might not turn into a tropical storm. It did and we met tropical storm Don. Lots of rain and high seas. The team basically did its best to hold on and hold fast all day.

They say a picture is worth 1,000 words. I'll let the satellite image of us do just that. In the image below, we are the pink dot above the "f" in the Gulf of Mexico. The rest is Don. Of course, it's not to scale and we are a MUCH smaller pink dot than that. Don is tossing us around like a cork in the water. But, we are fine and safe and motoring away from the storm, but not too many places to hide as Don is moving into the black open area. More tomorrow.

The rain did let up and give a gorgeous sunset (picture attached). The waves have not. Tomorrow looks to be more of the same.

John

P.S. We are on the Gulf off of Louisiana. Our current location is 28 degrees 10.6 minutes North and 88 degrees 49.9 minutes West, for those who want to track us as we go. For Google maps (not Google Earth - but maps) or Bing maps use (include letters and comma): 28.106 N, 88.499 W



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