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When we left you last year, we were eagerly anticipating a visit by Sarah and Chris, and Sarah's parents, for Christmas. Imagine our surprise when, on Christmas Eve, Sarah and Chris announced that Sarah was four months pregnant. They didn't know the sex of the baby and we all learned it together, a boy!

In February, we flew to Florida for a few days of fun in the sun. We spent two days at the Miami International Boat Show, and one day at the National Business Media Show, a show that caters to professionals in the embroidery and imprinting business. It was great to get away from the Michigan winter. When we got home, we drove to Rochester, NY, where we joined friends and family for Sarah's baby shower at the Brantling Ski hill. It was wild!

March started out on a sad note. Sue's horse, Clint, had to be put down after a tragic accident. The situation was made more painful by our having to leave immediately for the Michigan Horse Expo, at Michigan State University. Many of Sue's friends in the industry had heard of Clint's accident; their sympathy was good for her. The Expo was successful for Sue: she sold a lot of product and picked up another tack shop as a ClintRMint customer.

Later in the month, we escaped the cold yet again. We flew to the Bahamas, and spent a week with our friends Bob and Beckie Eddy on their Catana 471 catamaran "Our White Magic," in the Abacos. It was our first trip to the Bahamas, and we would go back in a heartbeat.

April was a busy month. We drove to Tim's sister's house for her annual Palm Sunday brunch. It was great to see everyone. The following weekend Chris flew back to Detroit to compete in back-to-back GORUCK Tough challenges (look it up). On Easter Sunday we and some friends joined him in Detroit for a GORUCK Scavenger Hunt. It was a 14,000-step hike through downtown Detroit, taking photos in designated locations.

Chris flew home to Seattle on Monday. On Wednesday, April 19, and 3 ½ weeks early, Slone Knight Metcalf made his entrance into the world. He weighed seven pounds and was perfect. What a great surprise!

May found Tim back on "Alba," the Kadey Krogen 48AE that he helped bring north two years ago. This time he helped Brian Lindsay, the owner, and another friend, bring the big trawler north to Port Washington, New York, on Long Island Sound. While on Long Island Tim was able to connect with Drew Davis, one of his Cornell University roommates.

June found us in Seattle for our first meeting with Slone. While we were there we were able to take him swimming and sailing for the first time. He was only five weeks old. It was a fun trip.

Late in July, Tim returned to Cleveland to attend a dinner following a Collinwood High School football golf outing. He reconnected with men that he played football with almost 50 years ago. He also spoke with two of his coaches, head coach Joe Trivisonno, and Hank Cernigoj. He was grateful for the opportunity, as coach Trivisonno passed away early in December.

Sarah went back to work at Bellevue HS in August, Sue flew out to provide day care for the first week of football double sessions. While she was in Seattle, Tim rode his motorcycle north to spend three days with friends in Glen Arbor and Traverse City. It was his first long trip in several years.

In October Tim prepared to join the Salty Dawg Sailing Association's Fall Rally to the Caribbean. Unfortunately, two weeks before the start of the rally, his skipper had to admit that age and his health had caught up with him, and he exited the rally. Two other late opportunities fell through and, after a week in Hampton, VA, he returned home. There's always next year.

Just before Thanksgiving we helped our church, Kensington Community Church, deliver Thanksgiving baskets to local families in need. Altogether the church family delivers more than 2,000 baskets.

Thanksgiving was at our house, as it has been for many years. This year Chris and Slone joined us; Sarah had to stay home because her football players were in the state championship playoffs. Tim's Mom and her companion John Conti, and Tim's sister and her husband were here. It was a great holiday. Chris and Slone were able to stay on for another week.

This was our 26<sup>th</sup> season with "Insatiable," our C&C 41. While we didn't sail as much as we might have liked, we enjoyed being on the boat, and we still love her.

Both of Sue's businesses are doing very well. The holiday season is hectic, as she works to keep up with orders for both embroidered garments and ClintRMints.

Tim's marine electronics business is healthy. He is looking forward to a few system installs early in 2018. The 2018 Miami Boat Show should be interesting

As we write this we're looking forward to the Christmas holiday. We will be spending 8 days in Seattle with Sarah, Chris, and Slone.

We wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and hope that you will join us if you are in our area.

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