

Rosa Linda Román ([00:28](#)):

Hello, and welcome to New Mexi-Castaways. I'm Rosa Linda Román. And I am going to tell you just like I did last week because it really is the same day that I'm recording this from last week that you will hear some heavy breathing in this recording, because I have the Zoom H4n and recorder strapped to my chest or clipped on my chest, because it's the only way that I can work around the boat and be hands-free and do a recording, because I dropped my normal recorder, which was my phone, in the ocean. So, now, I'm digging under cabinets right now in the galley, which is the kitchen. I'm digging under cabinets to get chemicals and whatever I need to clean out, because that is part of what I'm doing because we are leaving the boat potentially for, I don't know, it could be a month, but it's looking more and more like it's going to be about three weeks that we're going to be off the boat, at least three weeks.

Rosa Linda Román ([01:39](#)):

And so, with that in mind, I'm trying to prep everything for our departure when I never really expected to be departing at this point. So, that's number one. Number two, now that I've come to terms with the fact that we are departing and not sailing our boat to Puerto Rico just yet, now I'm going through the whole boat trying to figure out what still needs to be done. I haven't even started packing, which is so normal for me, but luckily, I subscribed to something called KonMari, which is basically a system for downsizing. That's how we moved onto this boat. And you can listen to the archives to learn more about that, but it also has a lot to do with how you fold your clothes and how things are organized. So, when it comes time to packing, actually, it should be pretty straightforward.

Rosa Linda Román ([02:42](#)):

Now, I've totally jinxed it, and it's going to be chaotic and stressful, I know. But the biggest thing for me is just trying to figure out what I need to bring with us to Puerto Rico, what condition I need to leave the boat in, and everything else that I'm forgetting. So, I thought I would record this episode to share some of that process with you because that's what I'm actively working on now. Now, I don't know if I said hello and that I'm Rosa Linda Román. My long-time career was broadcasting and that's why I like to do these recordings, because it's just what I naturally am used to. The kids are sleeping, hopefully, back at a house that they are staying at on land, which is the first time they've been staying on land off the boat for quite some time.

Rosa Linda Román ([03:38](#)):

I mean, you know, we've stayed on in hotels when we go to Disney and stuff. So, it's not that we have been only on the boat for the year and a half that we've lived aboard, but we have been living on this boat mostly all the time. So, for them being on land today was pretty joyous the last few days. We are in Georgetown, in the Exumas, in The Bahamas. And it is a very unique place because it's kind of a crossroads for a lot of cruising routes. And by that, I mean, when people are heading to, let's see if they're heading east and south to like Puerto Rico or the Dominican Republic, they go through here. Or if they go to the Turks and Caicos or BVIs, British Virgin Islands they go through here. So, a lot of roads lead to Georgetown, or cruising routes lead through here. If you want to go to Cuba, you can go through here from some places,

South America, Jamaica, and then up through Florida. Our route was that we sailed from Florida. And you, oh, listen, it just started pouring. You hear that?

Rosa Linda Román ([05:02](#)):

I'll let you listen for a second before I continue talking. What's funny is the way I got back and forth too, let me step outside. Hear that rain? Oh my gosh, it's pouring. The way that I got from Kevalli House guest cottage where we're staying to the Dawn Treader, which was on a mooring ball in the morning field in the middle of the harbor is through my crystal kayak. I kayaked here. So, it's not so great that it's raining, because that means the kayak is going to be filled with water. Luckily, the kids are hopefully sleeping tight in the house with Miss Lauren, well, at least two of the kids, that's Ziva and Samuel. Ahava is staying at the actual main house with the family because she's been mother's helper and babysitting, but I'm laughing because my plan was to work here on the boat, get as much as I could done today because our flight is like at two o'clock tomorrow afternoon out of Georgetown.

Rosa Linda Román ([06:08](#)):

And we have a bunch of friends here that we want to say goodbye to. So, I didn't want to spend every last minute working tomorrow. So, I thought, let me, you know, do as much as I can tonight. We did have that playgroup here at the guest house. And the family that has allowed us to stay here, I just can't say enough about how amazing that is... how amazing they are, and how generous, and how wonderful it has been. Yes, I know that and if you listened to the previous episode, I know my husband helped them. And hopefully, the husband, Bob, will recover. He's dealing with some serious health issues, but you know, I know that Nathan did this great thing for them, but man, I just can't say how much they have done for us and how grateful I am to them.

Rosa Linda Román ([07:21](#)):

So, anyway, they have two guest cottages and it was like, I keep saying Lord of the Flies, but I've never seen that. So, people say, yeah, there were, the kids run amuck, but they said that in that movie, the kids actually eat each other or something. So, it's not like that, but it's been really funny to watch the kids because here in Georgetown, and by the way, I'm going to scrub a toilet while I talk to you now, yay. Listen to this, nothing like this sound, you know? Listen, marine toilets are super noisy and horrible. Listen... Yeah, that's awful, isn't it? I know. Sorry. Anyway. So, oh, my phone is ringing. Please stand by. I will be right back,

Rosa Linda Román ([08:18](#)):

No phone call, just saying that I was out of range of my phone and with the wireless headphones that I have in case the phone rings. But anyway, so getting back to the kids and their playgroup, it was so fun. There are two guest cottages, and it goes over to the ocean, and they have this beautiful beach that the kids can run around on. Just, you know, so many things here that are just delightful for kids and grownups alike. And so, I'm trying to think how many kids there were, probably at least 10, right? Let's see, there were the kids from the Dawn Treader, which is our kids are, Samuel is seven, Ziva is 10, Ahava is 12 and will be 13 in five days, that's three.

Rosa Linda Román ([09:14](#)):

Then there's the Rondo kids, Kaitlin and Michael, that's two more, so that's five. The kids from Gallup and those are, Daphne and Stephanie, I think. I may be saying their names wrong. There's the kids from a brand new boat that we just met yesterday, [ph] Akira. I guess Akira. And they just came from Puerto Rico. They are, oh, and by the way, Gallup is from Canada. And they came all the way from Quebec, no, Ontario. Pascal and Jumpier, then Rondo, they are from Texas, Corpus Christi, and that is Mike and Sarah, they are awesome. All these people are awesome. So, let's see, we see three from Dawn Treader, two from Rondo, two from Gallup. There were two from Pura Vida, which they say Pura Vida.

Rosa Linda Román ([10:24](#)):

They are from South Carolina. That is the two kids are Hayward and Katie Grace. And they're all within, like, Hayward is the same age as Samuel. And all of the rest of the kids are in the range of my kids, except Gallup's girls were a little younger. But not by too much. They all can run around like a pack of wild children. So, that's two from Pura Vida, and then, there's two more from... Oh, one from Soul Shine. And that was a boat that we've been trying to connect with. They come also from South Carolina and we met them by radio in Rock Sound in Eleuthera, as we were both coming into that harbor, but the weather, and our plans, and their plans didn't mesh. And so, we talked on the radio, but we never actually got to see them.

Rosa Linda Román ([11:19](#)):

So, it was really good to connect with them. And their little daughter, who I think is eight is Sailor. So, that's 10 kids right there. And oh, Akira, like I was saying, they just came from Puerto Rico. They had Emma and Ian onboard, so that's two more kids. I think that's it. So, 12 kids. Am I forgetting anyone? No, I think that's it. 12 kids running around like a pack of wild animals. And then, of course with Nala, our German shepherd, totally in dog heaven, forget hog heaven, this is dog heaven. She's running around chasing coconuts and, you know, she lives full-time on a boat. So, for her to just be on land is joyous. And then, to be on land with a pack of wild children to play with is just like, and then, on top of that coconuts everywhere and a beach to get totally sandy, and you should've seen the kids.

Rosa Linda Román ([12:18](#)):

In fact, if you want to join my private Facebook group, which is called New Mexi-Castaways Crew, I will make sure to post that picture that we took today. I don't know if you'll be able to tell, because as I said, I dropped my actual phone in the ocean. So, I was only able to take one or two photos with this temporary phone that I'm using, which is not of great quality, but anyway, I'll post the picture of all the kids on the balcony covered with sand, covered with sand. They were just a messy mess and delightfully happy, and Nala was equally covered with sand and disgusting. It was pretty funny. So, yeah, that was really fun. And I was talking about VHF and now I have to pause the recording to go back and remember why I brought this up in the first place, which is a really good thing, because normally in conversation you're just are like, wait, what was I talking about? At least now I can listen to the sound of my own voice. So, I will be right back, please stand by.

Rosa Linda Román ([13:29](#)):

Okay, I am back and I listened to the recording. It actually took me a couple of times because I'm getting tired to remember where I am. Basically, I wanted to talk about the process of getting the boat ready to leave. My husband and I, Nathan and I both had extensive to-do lists on here. We've started kind of figuring out, getting down to the wire of what we still needed to do before we departed the boat. Now, part of why it's so challenging is we kept not knowing what our plan was. You know, part of this lifestyle is that we are flexible and we roll with things. And when there's changes, you make changes, and you know, you don't panic because things changed. You roll with it. And that's part of what I love about it because you can end up in some really awesome places that you wouldn't go if you said, no, I have to do it exactly one way and only one way.

Rosa Linda Román ([14:34](#)):

So, for me, it is joyful most of the time, you know, to have the flexibility to come and go and change. But there are times when it starts to become stressful. And one of those times was, as we were trying to figure out more of the details of how we were going to get to Puerto Rico. So, if you didn't hear previous episodes, basically, our daughter Ahava is turning 13 in a few days. And part of what happens when you are 13 and Jewish at least traditionally, and it's different if you're Orthodox because I don't think that usually applies to girls, but in non-Orthodox communities, and I cannot speak for Orthodox. So, please, if I'm wrong, you feel free to correct me. I would love to hear a correction on that. But anyway, for us, she is preparing for what is called a bat mitzvah.

Rosa Linda Román ([15:35](#)):

Now, you've probably heard of a bar mitzvah if you're not Jewish but you have friends, you may have been to a bar mitzvah or a bat mitzvah. And it's basically when a child comes of age and goes from just being a child to being fully responsible for their own actions spiritually, if you will, or morally, or ethically, I don't even know the right way to say it, but basically, no longer is it, well, she's just a kid. Now, you know, like, say a kid take's some candy and you go, "Well, you know, they're a kid, they didn't know." Well, you know, as a 13-year-old and you go through and have your bat mitzvah, you make a commitment that you are going to be responsible for your own actions and you are going to be you know, upholding, basically, your own person when it comes to like say on Yom Kippor, which is the day of atonement.

Rosa Linda Román ([16:39](#)):

They become responsible for their own actions instead of it being excused because they're children, and they have to fast, and you know, they're grownups in a religious sense. Why is this leaking? I don't know. So, anyway, Ahava is preparing her for her bat mitzvah in Puerto Rico, and that is happening January 20th. And she has been working around the clock like nonstop, studying. It's a destination bat mitzvah, which is very unusual where she's actually going to have it, you know, in a place other than her home, because her home is mobile. And we picked Puerto Rico because my family, my father's family is from there. And we wanted a place that meant something to us, and New Mexico where we're from.

Rosa Linda Román ([17:33](#)):

Ahava had started the process of having her bat mitzvah, studying for her bat mitzvah, and she was assigned a date, and she started studying because the way that it works is you have a Torah portion. And the Torah, if you don't know, is basically, the Old Testament. And anyway, she has to learn to read these things in the Torah portion for that date that is selected for her based on her birthday, when she turns 13. She has to learn to read it in Hebrew. And so, she had started the process of learning, not extensively, but she started the process and started getting familiar with the Torah portion that she would be learning. And then we moved onto the boat and that kind of threw things for a loop for obvious reasons. It changed the dynamics in Albuquerque, where we came from.

Rosa Linda Román ([18:30](#)):

And the date that she had been assigned was given to someone else. And she was not happy about that. And you know, she said, "That's the Torah portion I had been working on. And, you know, I don't want to start again, and start having to learn a new one." And so, we did some research, and we learned that some people do destination bat mitzvahs, and usually, they do it, maybe, I don't know, usually, but a lot of people do it in Israel for obvious reasons. But I said, "I wonder if you could do it in Puerto Rico? I can't imagine there's a synagogue in Puerto Rico." Now, my family, on my dad's side, they're all Catholic. So, it wasn't like, you know, I could call up and say, "Hey dad, what's your synagogue. You know, which one did you go to?"

Rosa Linda Román ([19:20](#)):

We had to start from scratch and we found out, sure enough, there are synagogues in Puerto Rico. So, we looked it up online and the Reform Congregation, Temple Beth Shalom actually had a page on their website that said they do destination bat mitzvahs and they would like you to consider Puerto Rico as an option. And so, it just made total sense to us and we thought, "Yep, let's do it." And so, it turns out she's been studying with a Rabbi this whole time and practicing, and because we live on a boat, and because of the hurricane, we were like, okay, that just sealed the deal. We're going to sail there. We'll do some projects and help as part of the bat mitzvah, which that's part of the bat mitzvah process is doing a service project.

Rosa Linda Román ([20:13](#)):

And so, it just seemed like such a natural fit. So, Ahava's been preparing, we ended up not being able to sail there, but you know, we now are in the home stretch, because it's only, what? 11 days for now, is that right? Yeah, 11 days from now is her bat mitzvah in Puerto Rico, which is a little bit like overwhelming when I think about it. And part of it is bringing, you know, we worked out all the details as far as, and I think I already about this in the previous episode, but we worked out the details with the dog being here, or maybe it was this episode. I don't know, it's all a blur. So, the dog's going to be fine and the boat's going to be fine, but there's things that I'm going to need to bring with us to Puerto Rico. Things like, and Ahava doesn't know this, she won't know it until we get to Puerto Rico, but part of why we went to New Mexico recently was to get a box that I have been putting special treasures in since, sadly, Nathan's parents passed away. First, his dad, and then, his mom in 2012.

Rosa Linda Román ([21:22](#)):

And they were Jewishly, definitely the most important people in our lives. And so, you know, it was devastating to think that they weren't going to be able to be at her bat mitzvah, and her sisters, and her brother's bar mitzvah. So, when we were going through their house and whatnot, I put aside some things that were special. So, we have that box that has to come with us to Puerto Rico. And that's going to be, you know, you know how it is with airlines, they give you, like, you have to pay per luggage, per piece of luggage. So yeah, that's going to be a challenge right there. But, you know, that's the kind of stuff that I'm doing tonight, is I'm going through the whole house prepping it to depart, and making sure that things are done in a way that doesn't lead to major problems in other ways.

Rosa Linda Román ([22:37](#)):

And specifically, what I'm thinking about is the time that we had left the boat for some time. And I don't know, we had bought the boat, but we weren't living on it yet. And so, we left it in the care... the people we bought it from, they had someone that was supposed to be taking care of it. And you have to run the air conditioning on a boat because otherwise, it gets like moldy and gross, right? Well, they didn't, and so, I don't remember what happened, but something happened, and the power got unplugged. Yeah, the power got unplugged. That's what it was. It wasn't just the air conditioner. That was when we bought it, but this is when we left it, the power got unplugged, and that meant our refrigerator, and freezer that had stuff in it went rotten and was like rancid, and maggots, and disgusting, and really bad, right?

Rosa Linda Román ([23:47](#)):

And someone along the way discovered that before we got there and they cleaned it up, but they didn't know that the freezer that had, which by the way, that's one of the things I'm doing now is defrosting the freezer, and defrosting and cleaning out the fridge so that doesn't happen again. But at that time, the freezer, when it was, you know, full of that rotten meat, and rancid, whatever, which they cleaned out, they didn't realize that it ran down onto the floor. Well, the floor is where our pantry is on a boat, a lot of boats. The pantry is, and you can hear, I just opened it. The pantry is in the floor, and they didn't know it. And so, Nathan and I had come in advance of the kids at one point, and we found the floor when we opened the pantry, it had maggots in it, and was rotten, like rancid, disgusting, the most horrifying sight, like a horror movie, disgusting.

Rosa Linda Román ([24:58](#)):

So, we try, as I'm prepping, to leave the boat this time, I'm trying to think those things through. Like, okay, what needs to be put away? What can be, you know, left undone? I don't want to come back to rancid meat. So, we've been cleaning out the fridge, the freezer, the pantry. Yeah, so that is what I'm working on today. And it is a big project. But it's nice because now I get to record this, and talk with you guys, and share the process. So, I'm going to take a little break, and then, I'll come back and tell you more about what I am actually doing, just kind of what systems I'm looking at, and what I have to do before I leave the Dawn Treader tomorrow afternoon. Okay, I'll be right back.

Rosa Linda Román ([25:55](#)):

All right, I am back and I wanted to step outside because it is [inaudible]. I mean, the amount of rain that is coming down right now is unbelievable, listen. There's lightening [inaudible]. Wow, you hear that? It's really unbelievable. [inaudible]. So, I was inside looking under some of floors, organizing, putting some things away. That's basically where we're going to be storing some of the things we just finished the holidays, so I just put away the Hanukkah stuff and one of those [inaudible] which I do not love. They do not work as promised. Space bags, if you don't know, they're basically a bag that you can suck the air out of the bag, and it's supposed to compress stuff. So, like, you can make a pillow fit into a smaller space, and that kind of thing, but it's unbelievably easy to rip them. And so, they don't work that well because when you're moving on a boat, you know, when things are moving so much the bag rips pretty easily. And so, then it's totally ineffective. I'm going now in Miss Lauren's room because she has a window that leaks, and I'm trying to see if I can rig it so her room doesn't get totally soaked. And she already put a rug up there, so. Let's see if that holds. Can you hear it hitting the window? Yeah, such an amount of rain. Looks like she started the process of getting things packed up in here, not sure how she's going to carry everything [inaudible] fit everything onto a plane [inaudible].

Rosa Linda Román ([29:14](#)):

And, you know, we don't know if, oh, I forgot, sorry. I'm talking off mic, I forgot I'm supposed to clip it back onto my chest. Sorry about that. I don't know if you could hear all that. You can certainly hear the rain. Anyway, I'm just trying to deal with the [inaudible]. It's dripping in my kid's room. Luckily, it doesn't hit the bed. It just goes down into the floorboard, but we can expect to hear the bilge kick on any minute now because of the drip, drip, drip, drip. We've tried to seal these patches and we have not figured out a good solution yet. So, that's another project for now other day. But today the projects I'm working on, so I just finished my room. Well, actually, I'm about to go finish. Let me go do that. I told you earlier, I was scrubbing toilets and they're looking mighty pretty for saltwater toilets, which never look or smell very pretty because they kind of have a brown haze film all over from all the sea salt water.

Rosa Linda Román ([30:25](#)):

But this one in the kid's room is looking nicer, so that's good. And I wanted to finish up what I was working on a minute ago, which is to put away the Hanukkah stuff, close up the floorboards. Although I think I might leave the floors open because here's a major project and something that nobody likes to talk about. I definitely don't like to talk about it. And it's making me itchy just to think about, but basically, one of the challenges living on a boat, and I've mentioned it, I'm sure, before, is that that you can get bugs and once you get them, it is so, so hard to get rid of any bugs I'm talking about in particular are cockroaches. And cockroaches somehow make it into these tiny little spaces. And I've been told it's because if you bring any kind of cardboard on to the boat from like some of your groceries when you're in other countries, a lot of times they can carry bugs.

Rosa Linda Román ([31:33](#)):

So, I don't know if that's true or not, but we did end up with those little brown cockroaches and it took forever to get rid of them. We used everything, we tried every method, and ultimately, the thing that seemed to do the best, kill them the most was this gel that you put along the edge of the crevices, and cracks, and floorboards. But I want to go one step further since we won't be on the boat and deploy some bombs, some bug bombs while we're gone. And so, I'm thinking I'll probably leave the floors open, but in the interest of not killing myself in the meanwhile, I'm going to close the floor right now. And that's one, and that's also where we store our wine and other various spirits that we keep on board. Those are in crates underneath the floor.

Rosa Linda Román ([32:38](#)):

It's like a protective kind of, like, wine crate, if you will. So, that is where that goes. What else can I tell you about the project? So, one of the biggest projects that I didn't even know about, let me do this, then I got to re-secure this because you guys are wiggling all over the place, which is not very comfortable. And now that I've had to close every window, there's one more floorboard. I've had to close every window because of the rain. It is very hard to... it's getting warm in here, which is fine. Okay, last floorboard. There we go, in place. Okay, what I was going to say is that I'm tired, obviously. And I was talking about the spirits and can you believe I forgot already. Oh, wait.

Rosa Linda Román ([33:42](#)):

Wow, did you hear that? That was some thunder. I remembered what I was going to say. So, a big project that I didn't even know we needed to do until Nathan was like making his checklist, hang on, let me readjust you here. So, Nathan was making his checklist of what he needed to do before he left, because he left a few days, two days before we are set to leave. And one of the things that he put on his list was to pickle the water makers. I was like, "What?" So, the water makers, if you don't know, are very critical when you live on a boat and go for a long time, so away from land. You have a machine, I don't know, whatever, a system that converts saltwater to fresh water. It's magic, it's amazing and I am constantly in awe of it and love it.

Rosa Linda Román ([34:40](#)):

But the problem is, when you're leaving, you have to use the system or it gets fouled or ruined, and then, you're in big trouble. So, water makers are not low maintenance. You have to take care of them and maintain them. So, the problem is when you're leaving for a long period of time and are not going to be using it, you have to do something to preserve it or whatever, to make it so that it works again when you come back. And so, that is the process of pickling a water maker, which is a term I did not know, but it involves putting some kind of chemical in the lines, I guess, oh, here comes more lightning, probably going to hear some thunder in a second.

Rosa Linda Román ([35:33](#)):

Can you hear it? Hang on. Anyway, so the pickling of the water maker was a big project that Nathan had to do before he left. And he also treated the toilets, the holding tanks, because if you leave those and don't treat them that can be a major problem later which we learned because we have this, like, sewage smell sometimes. And we figured out that it has to do with the previous owner did not take care of the septic system, sewage system the way they should have. And so,



some of the lines got ruined, I guess. And so, we're trying to avoid more septic issues and we want to make sure while we're gone that everything is done properly. So, that is what Nathan did. I wish I had his, oh, I might have his list in front of me. Let me take a look.

Rosa Linda Román ([36:39](#)):

We each were making lists of things that had to be done, and I'm going to go through the list quickly, and then, I am going to let you guys go, because I'm obviously waning, as you can tell by my disjointed recording. All right. So, generator grant meeting, he needed to give instructions to the guy that's watching our boat. There's two guys watching our boat. So, he needed to teach them what to do with the generator. He had to pickle the H2O, which is pickle the water maker, add bacteria to toilet. Actually, to the holding tanks. Close the sail bag. And that became a huge issue, that project, closing the sail bag. So, we sailed, and usually, you close the sail bag once you're done, but we didn't close it. And we didn't think it was a big deal, but then, these squalls, as you can hear systems moved in and you have to really when you get rain, and you've got the sail bag open you have to raise the sail to dump all the water out or you run the risk of getting mold, and mildew, or whatever up there, and nobody wants that.

Rosa Linda Román ([37:48](#)):

So, the way to avoid that is to raise the sail, and let it dry out, let all that water come out. So, that was on the list of things to do, was close the sail bag, which meant raising the sail, letting the water come out, and then, dropping the sail and zipping it. Well, the problem was one of the ropes, as the sail was raised because of the wind it caught... one of the ropes wrapped around the thing called the WirePro, which is our internet booster. And it's a device that sits on top of like the top of the deck, what do you call it? The hard top? And it sends, like, the internet signal, boosts it, and sends it through the whole boat so everybody on all parts of the boat can get internet, assuming we get internet, which that's a whole nother episode. We're not going to go there now,

Rosa Linda Román ([38:45](#)):

But the WirePro is how we get our internet. And when he put the sail down, he didn't have his normal sail helper with them because she was babysitting, right? And so, that was one thing. There was not as much help as he needed and it caught... but it wasn't her fault, or his fault, or anybody's fault. It was just a fluke thing. But I don't think it got noticed as quickly because his helper wasn't here. Anyway, it ripped the WirePro, which was anchored into the hard top, screwed very tightly in. It just ripped it completely out, like, just gone, like, ripped it out. And so, that was a problem that came out of that project. Obviously, not the outcome that any of us wanted.

Rosa Linda Román ([39:49](#)):

So, that was one. Let me see what other projects he has on this list. Some of it is just personal. Like, he needed to call the pharmacy because he was completely out of his medicines, all of his meds that are important to keep him alive, which is pretty important, he was out of, so he has to follow on that. He's got a note for me to do the bug treatment. LED lights, all the LED lights around our cabin are slowly petering out. The boat is a 2012 and I imagine that none of them

have been changed since then. So, while we're in the U.S. or while he is on this business trip, he's trying to get the LED lights ordered, and sent to him so that we can replace those when we get back to the boat. And one of them, it has to do with changing our mailing address. All right, so that was his list. Let's see.

Rosa Linda Román ([40:48](#)):

My list involves scrubbing the fridge, defrosting the freezer, emptying the pantry, and cleaning it out, and there's two of those, WD 40 being the master door, covering the helm panel, which I half did. I cleaned the helm panel today, but I didn't cover it. So, now, I'm going to have to go back and do that all again in the morning, if it dries out. I have to fill out the paperwork for Nala. Now, because we're leaving our dog in the care of this family here on the island, which is fantastic, it gives us an opportunity to try to handle some paperwork and get her to a vet here in The Bahamas. So, that is, again, another episode I need to talk about Nala and how having a dog on board can change your plans big time.

Rosa Linda Román ([41:44](#)):

But right now we have an opportunity, potentially, that person who's watching our dog and the person who's watching our boat, oh, there's thunder and lightning. They are going to help us handle getting her to a vet because getting to a vet on an island like this is very rare that the veterinarian is in town. So, when they are, you need to take advantage of that. Well, it just so happens it's like the weekend that we will be having the bat mitzvah is when the vet is going to be here. So, they have graciously agreed to help with that, but I need to fill out the paperwork, so they have it. Okay, turn off the panel, leave the battery charger on. And that's one of my tasks, clean toilets, turn off four valves.

Rosa Linda Román ([42:36](#)):

So, that's once I clean them, and then, he's got the treatment in the tanks, hopefully, it won't back up and have that smell in the house. So, because the thing is, I think one of the things that's wrong with our toilets and I've heard this time, and again from other cruisers is that there's something called a joker valve and it's like a joke for real. And it lets stuff if it's worn down over time, over the years. Things can spit back into the toilet, which is disgusting, I know, but that's the status. And I think that's what's going on with ours. So, we're going to try to leave it so it doesn't make, when we come in and open the front door when we come back, it doesn't have the smell of bad sewage. So, that's one of my tasks. Organize the dive gear, I did, organize snorkel gear, I did empty all garbages, and remove, make the master bed, make Ziva's bed, make Samuel's bed.

Rosa Linda Román ([43:50](#)):

Ooh, more of, wow. That is quite a storm, store the bread maker, I did that. I want to copy the cruisers permit. The cruisers permit is paperwork that you get to have permission to be here in The Bahamas. And I just want to have a copy of it so when we are returning to The Bahamas we won't run into any problems because we won't have, I just want to have it, that's all.

Speaker 1 ([44:19](#)):

[inaudible]

Rosa Linda Román (44:19):

Oh, you hear the radio? Now, people are going to start talking because the weather means things are not... a lot of times dinghies go missing or people have, you know, power issues or whatever. So, you'll start to hear the radio pick up now that the storm is in full swing. But anyway, I'm almost done with my list and then I'm going to let you go.

Rosa Linda Román (44:47):

secure the dinghy, that's something that has to be done because of situations like this, get the dog food to the person who's watching the dog. I think I already said disconnect, power. Pack, oh, how about that? Pack and get a ride to the airport, and then, treat for bugs. I am sure there are many, many, many more things. Oh, one of the things that didn't get done and I can't get done is laundry. I'm not going to have time to finish it. It was supposed to be done today. But it turned out that the washers that we thought we were going to be able to use were not available. So, I am going to pack dirty laundry. All right, they're going to [inaudible]. Let's listen in to see what the problem is.

Speaker 2 (45:31):

What's up Ryan?

Ryan (45:33):

Hi, it's about maybe 20 feet from my bow, that 20 feet that I pulled in, I guess I should leave it out. Speaker 2 (45:43):

Well, I guess that's your only choice is to let it back out. Can you let some out there and take more in, on that secondary [inaudible].

Rosa Linda Román (45:51):

So, what they're doing, the guy that's talking is actually the guy that anchors the net and he's the local. He's just really helpful. He's on a boat called Charisma. I want to give him a plug because he's always standing at the ready to help. And if he doesn't know how to help with whatever it is he will, you know, suggest someone else who might know this, that, or the other. It might be electric, it might be whatever. So, a lot of times you'll hear people saying Charisma, Charisma, you know, and then their boat name because everybody knows that he is very helpful, and knowledgeable, and connected. So, that's what you were listening to. And I think that's a good place to end this episode. As you can see, I'm in the thick of, I'm in the middle of it all.

Rosa Linda Román (46:46):

It's quite a life being here on the boat. And I'm right now thinking about leaving the boat for a bit is a bit daunting for me, but I'm glad that I'm able to be here and that I have Lauren to help me with the kids so I don't have to worry about them while I kind of do my... well, the storm rage is

outside my mental storm rage is inside about what needs to happen here on the Dawn Treader to get it ready. And hopefully, soon I will have some more stories to share probably from Puerto Rico. So, be well, stay safe. And I hope wherever you are, you are weathering whatever storms come your way. I am Rosa Linda Román, and I appreciate you listening. If you want to have more of the insider stuff, meaning you can see some of the pictures and videos from our trips on the Dawn Treader, please join the New Mexi-Castaways crew. And you can just go to my Facebook page, New Mexicast on Facebook to find that, or I'll have a note in the show notes. All right, thanks again for listening. Talk to you soon. Bye.