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Deep Creek's Sail for Sustenance Campaign:

Sail Delivery to New Orleans

We are happy to report that a whole U-Haul trailer load of used Flying Scot and Laser sails has been delivered to Jay Smith, the head of Sails for Sustenance, a charity based in New Orleans, LA. [Click here for more information.](#)

Many thanks to those of you who contributed to the project. Many of you registered your sail contribution in the locker; some did not; hence, we have no accurate count of the sails donated, but it was a huge pile. Here's Chuck tossing sails from the storage locker on Sand Flat road to Sarah who is stuffing a 5'x 8'x 5' U-Haul trailer. We lost count of the sails, but estimate around 200 were donated.



The weather was "unsettled" on our day and half ride to New Orleans. Rain off and on punctuated by a torrential downpour on the road between Cincinnati and Louisville. A truly unnerving situation when pulling a trailer:



We arrived in New Orleans around noon and met Jay at Russel's Café near the Southern and New Orleans Yacht Clubs. Fabulous food including fried green tomatoes, alligator sausage, and eggs benedict with crab cakes got us ready to unload the sails into Jay's garage.

Here, Jay and Sarah are opening a thoroughly stuffed trailer prior to moving the sails into Jay's garage.



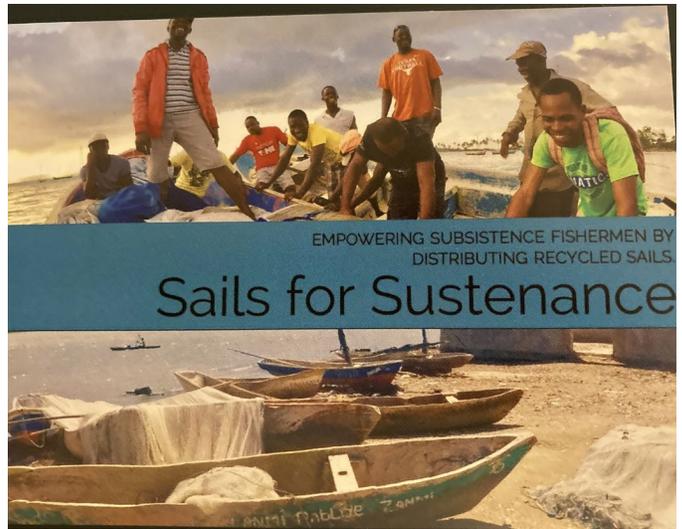
He had a pile of sails and tent material in his garage already. Our contribution easily doubled the size of the pile, reaching the rafters of his grange.



The sails will go into a container and be transported to Haiti where the best sails will be turned into housing elements and the rest will be given to Haitian fishermen. These men have thread and sewing machines; all they need is material to fashion sails for their small boats. The sails allow them to fish offshore where the bigger and healthier fish live. Hence “Sails” for “Sustenance”. Flying Scot sails are perfect in size and thickness of material for these small boats.



I’m waiting for pictures of an actual delivery. In the meantime:



New Orleans is gorgeous this time of year, although the city is still recovering from the storms this past summer: The cathedral and Jackson Square:



Once in Haiti, Vlad Laborde, Jay’s Haitian counterpart, will distribute the sails in a person-to-person session, devoid of “government” involvement. Jay and Vlad at dinner:

New Orleans has some fabulous restaurants, and we stayed several additional days to enjoy them. Brunch at the Court of Two Sisters:



Fried oysters at Mr. B's:



Charbroiled oysters at Drago's:



Pecan pie at Mr. B's:



Bread pudding at GW Fins:



Grilled red fish with crawfish etouffe at Station 6:



Huntsville, AL. Who knew that she was a space groupie in high school? Here's a Saturn 5 rocket and it's HUGE:



We found a Eurasian restaurant for dinner, wanted a picture, and the owner found some Ukrainian hats for a picture with Sarah.



The restaurant has Russian,-Stan, Ukraine, Polish dishes. And it was National Pierogi Day to boot. Borsch in Alabama, who knew?



Home safely, glad we could help. Thank you for the sails and your enthusiasm for a great charity.

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