Dolphin watching became a favorite pass time on the Intracoastal Waterway. The ICW is a 3,000 mile network of canals, rivers, and open bodies of water snaking along the coast from Virginia to Texas.
A beautiful sunset concluded a day of sailing through the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge.
We paddled the dinghy out to capture the fading colors.
We saw dramatic evidence of erosion on Cape Island in South Carolina. The left image shows how sand had recently flooded inland, and the right one shows the remains of marsh grasses that once marked the edge of the shore. Erosion occurs naturally but is accelerated by sea level rise and the increasing intensity of storms.
This USGS survey marker, placed at ground level in 1979, tells the story of how much erosion has occurred in the three and half decades since. To the right are the gnarled and twisted roots of pine trees that fell as the sand they were anchored to retreated.
A lightning whelk and a ghost crab found on a South Carolina beach.
Egrets awash in the pinkish light of Georgia sunset.
The remains of a sea turtle nest and some bright beach foliage found on Cumberland Island in Georgia.
We saw more evidence of rapid erosion on Cumberland Island. This stubborn palm tree seem to refuse to accept its fate!
Zion proudly shows off our freshly repaired dinghy engine that is still going strong at 42 years old! To the right, the Wildcat just barely fit into this slip at a free dock in Labelle, FL.
Our sails could be the same age as the dinghy engine, or older! They were purchased used in the mid-eighties. They are also solid despite their age and their weathered surfaces give the boat character.
Osprey nests adorn nearly every channel marker near Everglades City, Florida. To the right, a dolphin tail spotted in the early morning.
American white pelicans gather on a small spit of sand in Everglades National Park.
We finished off 2015 with a group of eight friends camping on the keys in Everglades National Park. We even had a close encounter with some dolphins while sailing! (Photo credit: Jyoti Jennewein)
Jyoti caught some great moments of the Climate Odyssey team in action, including paddling off into the Florida sunset. (Photo credit: Jyoti Jennewein)