

**SV THIRD DAY Cruising Costs**

	Jan '10	Feb '10	March '10
		(as of 2-4-10)	
<b>Groceries and Provisions</b>	\$292.73		
<b>Sundries</b>	\$3.57		
<b>Diesel fuel, Gas and Propane</b>	\$123.81	\$35.54	
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks, Sodas</b>	\$107.45	\$17.23	
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	\$13.95		
<b>Taxi/Bus</b>	-		
<b>Clothes and Shoes</b>	\$12.31	\$0.77	
<b>Marina, Mooring, and Dingy Fees</b>	\$18.55		
<b>Communication (phone &amp; Email)</b>	\$4.77	\$1.54	
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	-		
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	\$6.09		
<b>Boat Spares and Cruising Equipment</b>	\$42.92		
<b>Inland Tout/Excursions</b>	-		
<b>Laundry</b>	\$16.87		
<b>Souvernrs/Gifts</b>	\$12.73	\$19.23	
<b>Home School &amp; Education</b>	\$11.54		
<b>Tips</b>	\$1.54	\$2.54	
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	\$175		
<b>Medical</b>	\$44.50		
<b>Donations</b>	\$166		
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$1,054.21</b>	<b>\$76.85</b>	

**Blog Google Ad Revenue \$249.57**

**Jan** \$26.15 for 11 gallons of gas  
 \$11.54 a bottle of 134a refrigerant  
 \$27.77 fishing gear  
 \$6.09 battery cable end terminals  
 \$97.66 13gals of Gas and 30Gals of Diesel

**Feb** \$7.85 for Propane (the large standard BBQ size tank)  
 \$27.69 for 12gals of Gas for outboard and Honda Gen (\$2.31/gal)  
 \$19.23 Huichol Art

**SV THIRD DAY Cruising Costs  
2009 Cost Summary**

**Average Monthly Cruising Cost    \$1,964**  
**Total Cruising Cost for 2009    \$23,562**

**Some of the key expense categories**

	<b>Totals</b>	<b>Average/mo</b>
<b>Groceries and Provisions</b>	\$3,702	\$309
<b>Diesel fuel, Gas and Propane</b>	\$1,216	\$101
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks, Sodas</b>	\$819	\$68
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	\$178	\$15
<b>Marina, Mooring, and Dingy Fees</b>	\$913	\$76
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	\$2,250	\$188
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	\$3,938	\$328

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	Oct 09	Nov 09	Dec 09	3 month Avg
<b>Groceries and Provisions</b>	\$161.14	\$309.46	\$357.20	\$275.93
<b>Sundries</b>	\$1.17	-	\$22.00	\$11.59
<b>Diesel fuel, Gas and Propane</b>	\$176.12	\$50.01	\$91.60	\$105.91
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks, Sodas</b>	\$11.12	\$42.04	\$150.52	\$67.89
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	\$24.74	-	\$3.85	\$14.29
<b>Taxi/Bus</b>	-	\$15.38	\$36.78	\$26.08
<b>Clothes and Shoes</b>	-	-	\$1.54	-
<b>Marina, Mooring, and Dingy Fees</b>	\$67.04	\$10.23	\$43.85	\$40.37
<b>Communication (phone &amp; Email)</b>	\$13.79	-	\$3.85	\$8.82
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	-	\$375.00	\$19.23	\$197.12
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	-	\$83.13	\$124.53	\$103.83
<b>Boat Spares and Cruising Equipment</b>	-	\$7.09	-	-
<b>Inland Tout/Excursions</b>	-	-	\$25.69	\$25.69
<b>Laundry</b>	-	\$9.45	-	-
<b>Souvernrs/Gifts</b>	-	-	\$49.52	-
<b>Home School &amp; Education</b>	-	-	\$7.69	-
<b>Tips</b>	\$2.75	\$8.64	\$14.77	\$8.72
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	\$175	\$175	\$175	\$175.00
<b>Donations</b>	\$45.00	-	\$9.84	\$27.42
<b>Medical</b>	-	\$79.35	\$379.27	\$229.31
<b>Misc</b>	\$95	-	\$129.69	\$112.35
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$772.97</b>	<b>\$1,164.78</b>	<b>\$1,646.41</b>	<b>\$1,194.72</b>
<b>Blog Google Ad Revenue</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>	<b>\$158.92</b>	<b>\$266.00</b>	<b>\$211.64</b>

**Oct** 7.41 for Propane 5gals

61.2 gals of diesel at \$2.39/gal and 5 gals of gas at \$2.28/gal

\$95 for yearly cost of maintaining our website and blog

\$10 added to our skype account

5 Days in Marina Singular Puerto Penasco at \$13.41/day

**Nov** \$355.88 Haul Out for new bottom Paint in Puerto Escondido

56.72L of diesel and 27.96L of gas

\$67.38 new mast-top VHF antenna

\$22 sunscreen

\$15.75 computer Tech in an attempt to save fried computer

**Dec** \$7.87 Vet visit for Cortez the boat cat

\$91.6 (20 gals of diesel and 10 gals of gas)

\$25.69 Day trip to Los Mochas by Buss from Topolobampo

\$19.23 Leather for Chafe guard

\$7.69 yarn, OJ press, and stuff from San Blas flee market

\$46.15 Ice box refrigeration repair

\$46.15 Christmas Eve dinner

\$15.40 welding repair on watermaker high press pump bracket

\$122 trip to Tepic for Vet visit to neuter Cortez (includes: bus, vet, taxi, and food)

**A new Record for Google Ads was set in Dec of \$266.**

**Many Thanks to our Blog readers who helped us  
raise \$889.13 in ad revenue since July 2009.**

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	<b>July 09</b>	<b>Aug 09</b>	<b>Sept 09</b>
<b>Grocery Provisions</b>	\$279.78	\$210.26	\$544.38
<b>Sundries</b>	\$133.32	\$3.93	\$25.00
<b>Diesel fuel, Gas, and propane</b>	\$20.00	\$119.85	-
<b>Rental Car</b>	\$240.24	-	\$112.78
<b>Rental Car Gas</b>	\$156.12	-	\$45.45
<b>Bus Tickets</b>	\$33.78	-	-
<b>Toll Roads/Taxi</b>	\$24.00	-	\$56.24
<b>Hotel in Mexico during drive</b>	\$32.59	-	-
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks, Sodas</b>	\$68.95	\$33.16	\$56.69
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	\$40.00	\$28.40	-
<b>Clothes and shoes</b>	\$116.00	-	\$39.35
<b>Marina/Mooring Fees</b>	\$192.59	\$7.58	\$240.58
<b>Communication (Phone &amp; Email)</b>	\$25.00	-	-
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	\$485.22	\$7.60	\$305.48
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	\$28.59	\$156.10	\$2,183.57
<b>Boat Spares &amp; Cruising Equipment</b>	\$428.00	-	\$132.15
<b>Inland Tour/Excursions</b>	\$92.31	\$19.01	-
<b>Laundry</b>	\$3.70	\$13.29	\$6.82
<b>Souvenirs /Gifts</b>	\$140.17	-	\$40.30
<b>Home School &amp; Education</b>	\$16.19	-	-
<b>Tips</b>	\$5.93	\$12.98	\$22.73
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	\$175	\$175	\$175
<b>Government Fees (New Visas)</b>	\$132	-	\$75.49
<b>Supplies Bought for Donations</b>	\$45	-	-
<b>Medical and Dental</b>	\$4.37	-	-
<b>Video/DVD production Equipment (work)</b>			\$450.79
<b>Misc</b>	\$472.11	\$106.00	\$11.55
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$3,390.96</b>	<b>\$893.13</b>	<b>\$4,524.36</b>
 <b>Blog Google Ad Revenue</b>	 <b>\$69.16</b>	 <b>\$99.87</b>	 <b>\$85.18</b>

- July \$68 dive knives for Jason and Capt**
- \$175 1.5TB external hard drive for Video and Photo storage**
- \$129 dive mask for Amy, fins for Capt and Jason, misc fishing gear**
- \$84 2-stroke oil and a case of diesel motor oil**
- \$25 new keyboard and mouse for boat computer**
- \$42.22 SS screws, blue and yellow butt connectors, misc ss bolts**
- \$40.42 Sail rite order, grommets**
- \$25.67 raw water pump rebuild seals**
- \$56 sand paper, gloves, sanding disks, roach bomb (Harbor Freight)**
- \$107.17 waterproof digital camera for Amy's B-day**
- \$11 AA batteries**
- \$254 LED replacement bulbs for all ships cabin lights**
- \$255 spear gun accessories**
- \$11 welding repair of watermaker pully**
- Aug \$10 mew Mark Mulligan CD purchase**
- \$61 renewal for computer antivirus software**
- August Continued on Next Page along with September**

**S/V THIRD DAY Cruising Costs (Continued)**

**Aug Cont. \$35 computer program to restore Ipod/Itunes**  
**\$19.01 Cooking class for Amy and Lori (tamales)**  
**\$7.60 towels**  
**\$53.44 troubling shooting generator alternator mechanic and electrician**  
**\$102.66 new starting battery**

**Sept \$56.82 attempting to fix anchor windlass**  
**We are making a Driving trip to El Centro for our new anchor windlass**  
**so September will be yet another budget buster month due to unplanned**  
**boat repairs! About \$2K for the windlass...yikes!**  
**\$109.88 Clamp-on AC/DC amp meter**  
**\$83 new Galley foot pump**  
**\$1,978 New Lewmar H3 Anchor Windlass**  
**\$9 and \$8 new prop shaft packing material and SS locking wire**  
**\$11 shipping costs**  
**13 days in Marina at \$11.72/day**

**Notes: Once again, making a trip back to the States is a budget buster!**  
**The cost of the July trip was \$670 and then when you add all**  
**of the things you "must have" things get out of control. Our 9 month cruising**  
**average is \$1867 without the disasterous month of December and \$2097**  
**including it, which still isn't bad for the complete living cost for a family**  
**of four. We honestly, think we can start coming in at less than \$1000/month**  
**and will make that our goal.**

**I stated adding the amount of money I make per month with the**  
**Google ads on my blog. I don't deduct this from the monthly expense total**  
**on the spreadsheet, however it does help lower our monthly expenditures.**  
**So please feel free to give us a "tip click" by clicking on an ad when you**  
**visit the site. Because as you can see, every little \$0.20 click adds up!**

**S/V THIRD DAY Cruising Costs**

	<b>April 09</b>	<b>May 09</b>	<b>June 09</b>
<b>Grocery Provisions</b>	\$301.85	\$455.11	\$326.89
<b>Sundries</b>	-	\$10.11	\$4.50
<b>Diesel fuel, Gas, and propane</b>	\$47.73	\$189.66	\$157.48
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks, Sodas</b>	\$45.24	\$34.06	\$25.19
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	-	-	\$26.67
<b>Taxi/Buss/rental car</b>	-	\$4.35	\$50.37
<b>Clothes and shoes</b>	\$10.66	\$2.54	\$3.70
<b>Marina/Mooring Fees</b>	\$3.46	\$91.82	\$19.78
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	\$869.38	-	-
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	\$165.38	\$650.00	\$91.85
<b>Boat Spares &amp; Cruising Equipment</b>	\$131.27	\$239	\$250.74
<b>Inland Tour/Excursions</b>	-	-	-
<b>Laundry</b>	\$7.69	\$10.87	\$9.78
<b>Home School &amp; Education</b>	\$69.38	\$3.19	\$935.00
<b>Tips</b>	\$10.00	\$4.35	\$11.11
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	\$175	\$175	\$175
<b>Government Fees</b>	\$80	-	\$5.17
<b>Medical and Dental</b>	-	\$92.89	-
<b>Misc</b>	-	\$26.81	\$201.41
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$1,917.04</b>	<b>\$1,990.17</b>	<b>\$2,294.63</b>

**April \$92 New Starting Battery**

**\$100 new engine pull stop cable**  
    **\$74 replacement zincs**  
    **\$15 head gasket and \$46 for chart table swivel**  
    **\$80 for 4 new 180 Day visas**  
    **\$587 for 3 gals of Micron bottom paint**  
    **\$45 for 12v Fan and \$50 for head rebuilt kit**  
    **\$62 for Water maker bracket welding**

**May The Marina/Mooring fees is a \$15 Peso /day dingy landing fee**

**\$11.58 4-AA rechargeable batteries**  
    **\$5.07 Stapler for Canvas projects**  
    **\$87.5 in Marina fees for welding work**  
    **\$650 Stern pulpit welding repairs and upgrades**  
    **and to add solid SS railing around pulpit for future chartering**  
    **\$14.5 propane tank refill**  
    **\$10 for beach umbrella**

**June \$0.80/day for anchoring in Puerto Escondido waiting room**

**\$26.22 AA batteries**  
    **\$73.77 replacement prefilters for watermaker**  
    **\$4.81 foam ice chest for provisioning run for cold foods**  
    **\$170.4 spear gun**  
    **\$40.74 rental car to drive to La Paz for water maker filters**  
    **\$240 Order from Sailrite**  
    **\$935 Next school year of home schooling materials and books**

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	<b>Jan 09</b>	<b>Feb 09</b>	<b>Mar 09</b>
<b>Grocery Provisions</b>	\$262.66	\$324.10	\$170.35
<b>Housewares, dish towels, etc</b>	\$13.62	\$3.24	-
<b>Sundries</b>	\$0.00	\$6.67	\$64.66
<b>Diesel fuel for Boat and Gas for Dingy /Car</b>	\$63.74	\$135.45	\$64.38
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks, Sodas</b>	\$169.22	\$103.10	\$79.35
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	\$8.46	\$44.27	-
<b>Taxi/Buss</b>	\$5.77	\$25.89	\$14.71
<b>Girl's Haircut for Girls</b>	\$3.60	\$3	-
<b>Clothes and shoes</b>	\$115.25	\$12.95	\$17.27
<b>Marina/Mooring Fees</b>	\$56.43	\$176.69	\$4.14
<b>Communication (Phone &amp; Email)</b>	\$4.62	\$10.72	-
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	\$23.08	\$23.41	\$206.08
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	\$38.46	\$102.29	\$315.00
<b>Boat Spares &amp; Cruising Equipment</b>	\$5.54	\$159	\$760.98
<b>Inland Tour/Excursions</b>	\$33.85	\$50.36	-
<b>Laundry</b>	\$37.00	\$34.65	\$8.00
<b>Souvenirs /Gifts</b>	\$46	\$164.32	\$32.33
<b>DVD/Movie</b>	-	-	\$11.13
<b>Home School &amp; Education</b>	\$3.46	\$38.95	\$54.69
<b>Tips</b>	\$19.23	\$23.65	\$0.40
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	\$175	\$175	\$175
<b>Government Fees</b>	\$0	\$140	-
<b>Medical and Dental</b>	\$0	\$29	-
<b>Misc</b>	\$12.85	\$85	\$20.00
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$1,098.11</b>	<b>\$1,871.92</b>	<b>\$1,998.46</b>

**Jan \$38.46 to have alternator rebuilt in San Blas**

**Buss trip to Tepic: \$24.62 for buss, \$7 for museum, \$5.77 for Taxi, \$21.54 food, total Tepic cost \$58.93 not bad for a 14hr day for 4 people!  
Laundry costs \$8 pesos per Kilo for wash/dry/fold or about \$0.27US per lb  
The Marina/Mooring fees are charges for landing the dingy at \$3.07 per day  
\$12.85 for Meds for entire family for Amoeba treatment**

**Feb \$10 Skype account recharge for calls to USA**

**\$50 for full day taxi trip to waterfalls and coffee and fruit plantations.  
Stocking up on Pacifico beer at \$0.45/can!!  
\$16.97 for one night in the San Blas Marina for Welding Repair  
\$57.55 for stainless steel welding repair to stern pulpit propane tank holders  
\$160 FCC Ships Station License  
\$65 FCC error in getting the wrong license  
Exchange Rate on 2-17-09 \$1US = \$14.53Pesos  
\$155 for Dingy Chaps (Boat Spares and cruising equipment)**

**March \$20 for taxi to drive me all over town in search of winch solenoid**

**\$118 for new Lewmar anchor windlass solenoid  
\$116.9 Boat Air Conditioning Unit for Summer in the Sea  
\$172 virus/bacteria Water filter replacements  
\$197 New 75AMP Battery Charger  
\$420 Dive compressor consumables and tune-up**

**S/V THIRD DAY Cruising Costs**

	<b>Oct 08</b>	<b>Nov 08</b>	<b>Dec 08</b>
<b>Groceries</b>	\$262.49	\$241.97	\$635.49
<b>Diesel fuel for Boat and Gas for Dingy</b>	\$360.04	\$75.74	\$117.88
<b>Restaurants &amp; Vendor Snacks</b>	\$61.60	\$175.00	\$208.80
<b>Beer/Booze</b>	\$25.00	\$13.00	\$52.31
<b>Clothes</b>	\$0.00	\$66.00	\$1.54
<b>Marina/Mooring Fees</b>	\$303.80	\$0	\$15.38
<b>Communication (Phone &amp; Email)</b>	\$296.82	\$19.99	\$2.31
<b>Routine Boat Maintenance</b>	\$0.00	\$39.78	\$44.15
<b>Unplanned Boat Fixes</b>	\$1,146.09	\$29.00	\$1,434.21
<b>Boat Spares &amp; Cruising Equipment</b>	\$3,855.63	\$0	\$1,552.78
<b>Inland Tour/Excursions</b>	\$108.00	\$0	\$36.92
<b>Laundry</b>	\$20.00	\$16.00	\$15.38
<b>Shipping/Mail</b>	\$18.78	\$63.00	\$21.00
<b>Souvenirs</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Christmas Gifts</b>	\$0	\$0	\$350.72
<b>Government Fees</b>	\$168.00	\$195.00	\$0
<b>Home School &amp; Education</b>	\$489.13	\$0	\$100
<b>Tips</b>	\$3.00	\$15.00	\$4.62
<b>Boat Insurance</b>	\$175	\$175	\$175
<b>Misc</b>	\$750	\$0	\$517
<b>Monthly Totals</b>	<b>\$8,043.38</b>	<b>\$1,124.48</b>	<b>\$5,285.50</b>

**Oct: \$168 for Mexican fishing license for 1 year**

**\$1146.06 V-dive seal replace and oil cooler replacement**

**As a general note, October was out of control with last minute purchases both planned and unplanned.**

**\$750 for tax accountant services**

**Nov: \$195 Checking boat into Mexico and tourist visas including \$80 of "extra charges", AKA being ripped off at the Immigration office.**

**Dec: Diesel fuel in San Blas was \$2.11/gal**

**\$517 was the trip cost associated with driving from La Paz to San Diego: rental car, gas, food, etc. for V-drive rebuild.**

**\$1000 on new SCUBA equipment: tank, BC, dive computer, & hoses for regs**

**Monthly Costs: \$175/mo for Boat insurance**

**Misc Notes: We hesitate to even list the costs in October because so much of it was final boat refit and equipment purchases, but we are leaving it in just to give people an idea of what can happen in the last month before casting off. Many of the cruisers we spoke to spent multiples of their monthly cruising budget in San Diego, so be warned!**

**Now, as for December, well the total trip cost of driving back to the States was \$3500, when you factor in the items I was able to purchase for the boat by being in the States that we would have just done without, another lesson learned. On the bright side, we spent less than expected in November and we "Expect" other months to fall in line with November expenses, because if they don't this will be one short cruise!**

**USA Driving Trip 41 Days away from the Boat (La Paz to Bakersfield, Ca)  
March 9th to April 18th**

Gas	Tips	Food/Snacks	Hotels (3 nights)	Rental Car (41 Days)	Marina Slip (43 Days)
\$326.56	\$9.50	\$100.93	\$96.30	\$771.54	\$662.88
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$1,967.71</b>

**USA Driving Trip 2 Days away from the Boat (Puerto Penasco to El Centro, Ca)  
Sept 24th to Sept 26th**

Gas	Tips	Food/Snacks	Hotels (gifted)	Rental Car (3 Days)	Marina Slip (4 Days)
\$37.04	\$5.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$111.11	\$42.00
<b>Total Cost</b>					<b>\$210.15</b>