

**Follow along with us as we cruise onboard our
56' Ocean Yacht.**

Somewhere on the Water

December 8, 2021 – Day 2

“Red sky in the morning, sailor take warning.”

Let's hope that this is not the case this morning. As many of our FaceBook friends post their beautiful sunrise pictures of the blazing red sky, we are starting the engines and leaving Fiddler's Cove towards New London, CT.

With a full pot of coffee, we left a few minutes ahead of schedule; around 7 a.m. with a rising tide. To get through the cove's inlet we need to have a fairly decent tide. This past week the inlet to the cove was getting dredged. Every morning we would wake to an already working crew and figured that this would be the first challenge to leaving. The tide is too low for us to leave earlier than 7 a.m. but they are working at that hour of the day. [Stupid day light savings!](#) Thanks to the marina manager, Scott who was able to communicate with them and they patiently waited for us before they started their day.

On board is Haleigh, Diane (Nana), Jordan, Mark and me. We left Buzzards Bay this morning and we will be cruise through Rhode Island Sound, Block Island Sound and finish the day in Fisher Island Sound to Thames River, New London, CT and dock at the Thames Port Marina.





We were 1 ½ hours in before seeing another vessel. With Naushon Island to our left and Dartmouth, MA on our right we were cruising at 8.5 knots in 2' seas and the wind is coming from the east which is helpful to pushing us along rather than us slamming into waves with an otherwise typical SW wind that us Buzzard Bay boaters deal with.

While cruising we keep the refrigerator on, a few outlets so I can keep my computer on for work, and of course the helm station is fully functional.

The batteries that give us power to the forementioned recharge from the boat engines while we are cruising. Anything else would come off batteries that will only be charged if we chose to run the generator.

4-hours into the trip we are passing Newport, RI. We are 4 miles offshore. The sea temperature is much higher at 51 degrees.



The swells are rolling us around, but it is rather soothing and the consistent roar of the engine is the perfect environment for a nap. Jordan said it is like a slow rock like rocking a baby in a cradle.

It is cooling off inside the cabin so with sweatshirts on and blankets wrapped around us we are feeling snug and secure.



After a much needed, long rest, Jordan worked on the last of her schoolwork here on board. She will submit this paper online then she is done her 1st semester of her Junior year. It was getting a bit cold, down to below 60 inside the cabin so finally Mark started the generator and warmed us up for the last few hours of the trip.

Jordan and I are sharing the salon table as a workspace!



Passed by Point Judith, RI at 12:00 noon. It is raining a little bit and supposedly snowing on the mainland according to radar. We have seen multiple fishing boats between Block Island and the mainland. Mark called them draggers.



I'm not sure what fishing season it is right now, I will have to look it up.



Watch Hill part of Westerly, RI is an affluent community that has at one time been home to Taylor Swift, Connan O'Brien and even Clark Gable according to randallreactors.com

We went by Watch Hill Lighthouse around 1pm with Fishers Island on our left through a body of water called Fisher Island Sound.



Turning up into the Thames River around 2:30 with an eta of 3:30 to the marina in New London. Groton will be on the opposite side of the river which is where the Navy Base is. We are not that far up the river but just as a little side note: My dad was stationed here, and this is where my sister was born.

Groton is home to Dynamics Electric Boats which is a major contractor for submarine work for the US. We passed by University of Connecticut, Avery Point and New London Ledge Lighthouse.





I'm looking forward to passing this lighthouse again tomorrow morning in clearer weather, it looks cool. There is a fun Ghost legend and has been featured on *Scariest Places on Earth* and *Ghost Hunters*.

Coming into the mouth of the river has provided smoother seas although the wind is still blowing but thankfully lightly. The boat traffic is getting heavier; by that I mean we have seen 3 or 4. (haha..I expect that the closer we get to NYC, the boat traffic will be significant.) One was a rather large ship that looked like a ferry and at least one coast guard vessel. It is cloudy and hard to see them even through the binoculars.

I can tell you that there are 3-ferry lanes, the Block Island Express Ferry, Fishers Island Ferry and the Cross Sound Ferry which goes over to Long Island, NY.

We arrived at the Thames Marina at 3:30 pm, got fuel and plugged into the electric by 4:12 pm. No live/dock water here, we will have to shower at the marina bathhouse.

It was snowing when we arrived!

Mark's former Mass. Maritime Academy classmate came by for a visit and a quick beer at a nearby restaurant where we later had dinner. The Waterfront Restaurant was really good. The food was very tasty, and we toasted Jordan with her first legal drink, a South Beach Martini.

Still snowing!!



So happy to be done with day 1. It has been a long time coming with a lot of prep, research, and high emotions. Now that we have actually taken this giant leap, left the dock and had a successful day I think our nerves will continue to calm down and we will develop a new feeling of comradery as we become a boat crew as well as a family.

6 a.m. wakeup call!

Thank you to all of you for your support and love! We appreciate it!!!