

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

# *Somewhere on the Water*

December 13, 2021 – Day 6 Monday Brooklyn, NY to Atlantic City, NJ

Monday morning. We say goodbye to Brooklyn and New York Harbor and set out for Atlantic City. This is predicted to be one of the longest cruising days of our trip. We will be cruising 1-mile off the New Jersey shore. But first, we have to get through busy New York Harbor against the current.



6:52 a.m.

The sunrise was beautiful. I took a lengthy video (I'll get better at videography, I promise).

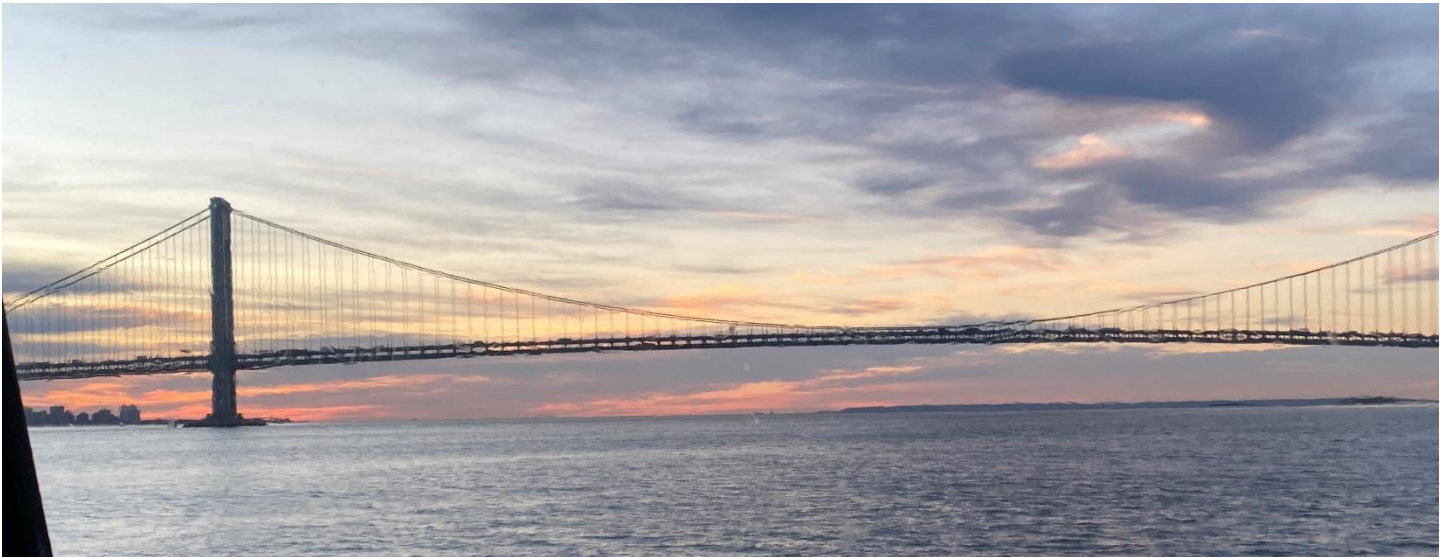
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We left this morning, literally at the crack of dawn.

“As soon as I can see anything, we are outta here”-Mark

With the Statue of Liberty and Manhattan skyline behind us Mark navigated us through busy Upper New York Harbor into The Narrows, then Lower New York Harbor, into the Atlantic. Several miles of wavy conditions. We were against the current and even though the weather buoys stated a 13mph wind, you should double that.



It was bumpy. Snotty, Mark would say. The waves were crashing up over the flybridge even! We are traveling through what is called the Narrows, under the Verrazzano-Narrows Bridge.

“It may make it more difficult but it sure makes it more interesting!” – Haleigh

Video link:

<https://youtu.be/GwBn4DLCLZw>

Snapped a photo of Battery Weed & Fort Tompkins. It's a little bit blurry through the salty window and the pitching of the boat made it hard to hold the camera still. Its purpose was to guard and protect the Narrows, the main approach into NYC from the Atlantic, located on Staten Island. Built in 1806 it was originally named Fort Richmond. Fort Tompkins was also built here on Staten Island, if my photo was better you would be able to see it.

Fort Hamilton on the opposite side of the Narrows, in Brooklyn along with Fort Lafayette (although they all have been renamed at some point), were the 4-original forts built to protect NYC harbor.



History is my brother's forte. If he was with us he would have all sorts of trivia and information. However, you are stuck with me and Wikipedia.

Has anybody not heard of Coney Island; besides my kids? A fun-filled beach and entertainment destination in Brooklyn some would describe as infamous. We passed by there around 7:25 a.m. and with the distance from shore, it was hard to get a photo.



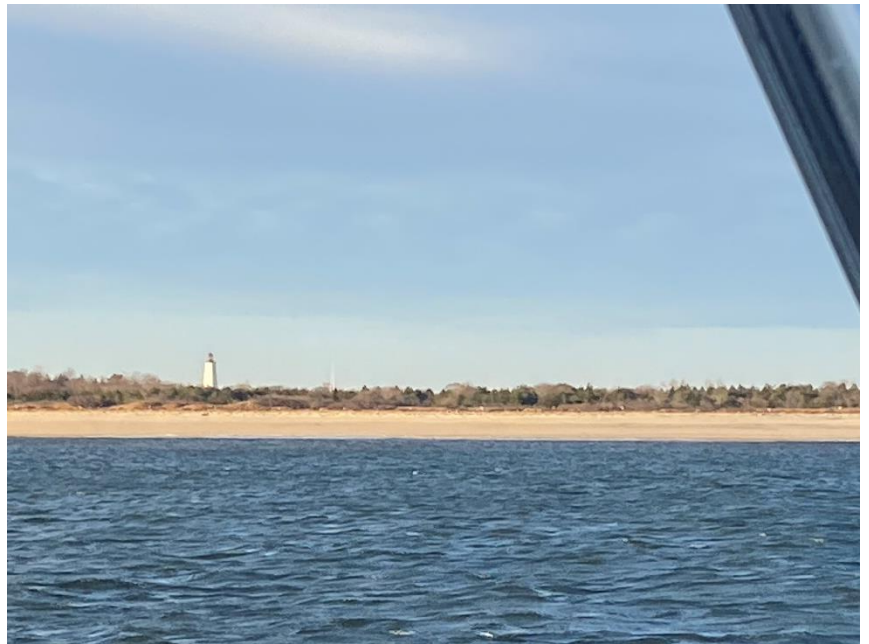
Some of you may recognize Swinburne Island from history class, or if you have grandparents and great grandparents that immigrated here they might have talked about it. Swinburne Island is a 4-acre island used for the quarantine of immigrants.



We cruised by Sandy Hook, NJ, and the 250-year-old Lighthouse built back in 1883.

Sandy Hook Lighthouse would have been on my right and this photo (below) was looking left off the port side of the boat. We would be passing the Coney Island, Breezy Point area.

I believe this picture of the boat is looking back towards Brooklyn.





Shortly after that, we were passing by Sea Bright Beach which looks like it has a pretty fancy schmancy beach club. I am not positive that this is what is in this photo but I am going to go with it! Bestofnj.com lists several intimate resort-like beach clubs along the Jersey shore. If you are into that kind of thing.

I'm ok with having a cocktail served to me while lounging in a beach chair. 😊

Seaside Heights boasts a family-friendly pier with the same arcade, restaurants, shops, and rides that all the other ocean-side cities seem to offer. Seaside Heights' is called Casino Pier.



Do you remember the hurricane that hit NJ in 2012? Hurricane Sandy proved to be the costliest natural disaster in NJ history. The storm waves were so bad here that the pier and boardwalk were destroyed and dragged into the ocean. The storm hit Atlantic City as a tropical nor'easter. It was a full moon, and at high tide which added one foot to the storm surge.

9:00 – Mark comes down from the flybridge – the bow bilge pump (Haleigh's room) has been on for a while.

The mattress is pulled back; the bilge pump is checked out; a little bit of water is discovered near her vanity; let's check for water on the starboard side of the boat. The starboard side is where we are taking on all the waves and water.

Jordan's room; clear. Our room; clear. Haleigh's room; a little bit of water in the coat closet. This closet was being used to store some of our backup provisions so down to Jordan's closet that stuff went and a couple of towels were placed on the floor. Nothing significant.

Pretty action-packed morning.

Around 9:50 a.m. Mark saw a whale spout so Haleigh and I went running up to the flybridge to get a peek. I saw the spout and a little shine of its back.

Turned the camera on to try and record but the sun's reflection off the water made it hard to see.



These were taken between Seaside Heights and Barnegat.

I got dressed in the dark this morning and just realized – at 10:45 a.m. - I had my shirt on inside out. 🤦

We passed Barnegat Lighthouse, aka Old Barney. The original lighthouse construction began in 1834. There were a lot of problems with this structure and subsequent structures due to erosion. There is a very long history wrapped around new design commissions, new locations, refurbishment, fundraising, etc. However through it all, it still stands and shines its light daily from dawn to dusk.



12:49 p.m. - Off Harvey Cedars, NJ we saw more whale spouts. Did not see the whale itself but it is still cool to see it spout a few times.

Definitely need your sea legs today. We are cruising at 10 knots with wind gusts up to 20 mph into waves ranging from 3 – 5' with a dominant period of 4 seconds.

The closer we get to Atlantic City we are farther away from the mainland to avoid shoals. We are rolling a little more and had to make a few interior adjustments. The microwave plates had to come out of the microwave and I put a bungee cord around one set of cabinets that do not have a safety pin built-in to secure it. I also put a bungee cord on the food cabinet handles.

<https://youtu.be/84vX2jjZ16k> Check us out on the video!

We are probably in closer to 6-8' waves by now.



**The camera doesn't pick up the size of the waves. It has been said by many boaters that is hard to capture on a photo. What you can see is the salt on our window. The above video link will show us rocking. Feel free to check it out if you haven't already.**

3:00 p.m. (approx.)

Haleigh and I were prepared to roll significantly when Mark turned the boat into Atlantic City's Absecon Inlet but the turn smoothed us out and the boat surfed its way in.



**We have turned into Absecon Inlet and are arriving at the Golden Nugget.**



Not exactly how Mark would describe it but I thought it was a bit **anticlimatic** from smashing into 6-8' waves expecting to pitch & roll and then getting the exact opposite. Mark thought for sure it was a **climactic** end to an exhausting day.

So much energy is being used up driving the boat that you don't feel it until after it is tied up, secure and you can sit your ass on the sofa with a drink. The adrenaline you have been feeding off all day escapes your body and much like at the end of a day of skiing on the slopes you are physically pooped out!

The Northern coastline of New Jersey is very scenic. Filled with beaches, what appear to be grand hotels and inns, and much less congested with houses than Connecticut.



Tonight we are at the Golden Nugget Resort Casino Resort & Marina. The marina is filled with boats, the skyline is filled with highrise hotels/casinos. We are eating on the boat tonight and then touring the Golden Nugget after we hit the showers.



**View from the boat.**

I think we were in the casino for half an hour. We masked up and before we even walked through the door someone smoking outside blew smoke in our general direction; although apologized, we did not appreciate it much.

This casino does allow smoking or at least has a smoking section. **The smoke** doesn't know that it is supposed to stay in the smoking section. It lingers its way throughout the casino. I do not need to suggest you put your nose to an ashtray so that you get the idea of what I am trying to describe to you, I am sure you get the visual.

If smoking is your thing I am not knocking you. Your body, your choice. I am just not appreciative of the smell inside the Golden Nugget, that's all.

Haleigh stayed on board and was happy with her decision once we returned and described what she 'didn't' miss.

8:45 p.m.

Prep for tomorrow and off to bed.

Thankful the Golden Nugget was open and accepting transient boaters like us, but we will second guess this stop on the way back.

### **What are there for casinos in Atlantic City?**

There are 9:

1. Bally's Atlantic City Park Place and the Boardwalk
2. Borgata Hotel Casino & Spa
3. Caesars
4. Golden Nugget (formerly Trumps Castle, formerly Trumps Marina)
5. Hard Rock (formerly Trump Taj Mahal)
6. Harrah's Resort
7. Ocean Casino Resort (formerly Revel Casino)
8. Resorts Atlantic City
9. Tropicana Casino