

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

# *Somewhere on the Water*

December 20 – Monday We are at Ocean Yacht Marina, Portsmouth, VA  
Day 13 of our winter adventure onboard Valkyrie

Today, at 8:30 a.m. I got a call from Enterprise Rental that they do not have a car for us. The cars scheduled to return today have not been returned and they will call back when and if a car comes in.

I reserved a car for pick up at an Enterprise location that is within walking distance of the boat. Hoping to pick up the car, load it and leave tomorrow around 7:00 a.m.

I called another Enterprise location and they did not have any cars either. I tried calling the Norfolk Airport location but was redirected to the general reservation line. I spoke with Lorraine. She reserved a car at the airport location. Hesitant that they had cars in their possession after being told by two other locations that their lots were empty plus knowing that as a result of COVID rental cars are basically nonexistent. It has been a source of news segments, especially around the holidays. I wanted to talk with the agent at the airport but they were not picking up their phone. All calls were being redirected to the general reservation line. Lorraine explained that this is normal and if her system said there were cars available then there were. After having called the other two closer locations for updates Mark and I decided to Uber to the airport and get that car. The Uber driver was very chatty; he was putting vibes of uncertainty about the car rental and wished us luck. We told him we hoped we did **not** see him soon and headed to the car rental desk. We did stop at Budget first just to price out their cars but they came back with a \$200 higher price so off to Enterprise. With some ease, and some unusual fees and deposit requirements, we were given directions to the garage where we could get the car. We had our choice between a Jeep Compass and a Volkswagon. We took the 2021 Volkswagon Tiguan. It had MA plates. How coincidental.

The trip back and forth to the airport was quick. If this is the only hiccup in our roundtrip **CAR** ride to Vermont and back I will take it. We added the rental car to our EZ pass account and started to pack.

Our day went by pretty quickly.

Saw this on our way out of the airport.



Yes, they gave us a car with a dirty windshield.



Did you know?

The Norfolk International Airport is serviced by the four major commercial airlines **United, American Airlines, Delta, and Southwest**. It is the main airport hub for flights throughout the coastal Virginia and northeastern North Carolina area.-googled it!

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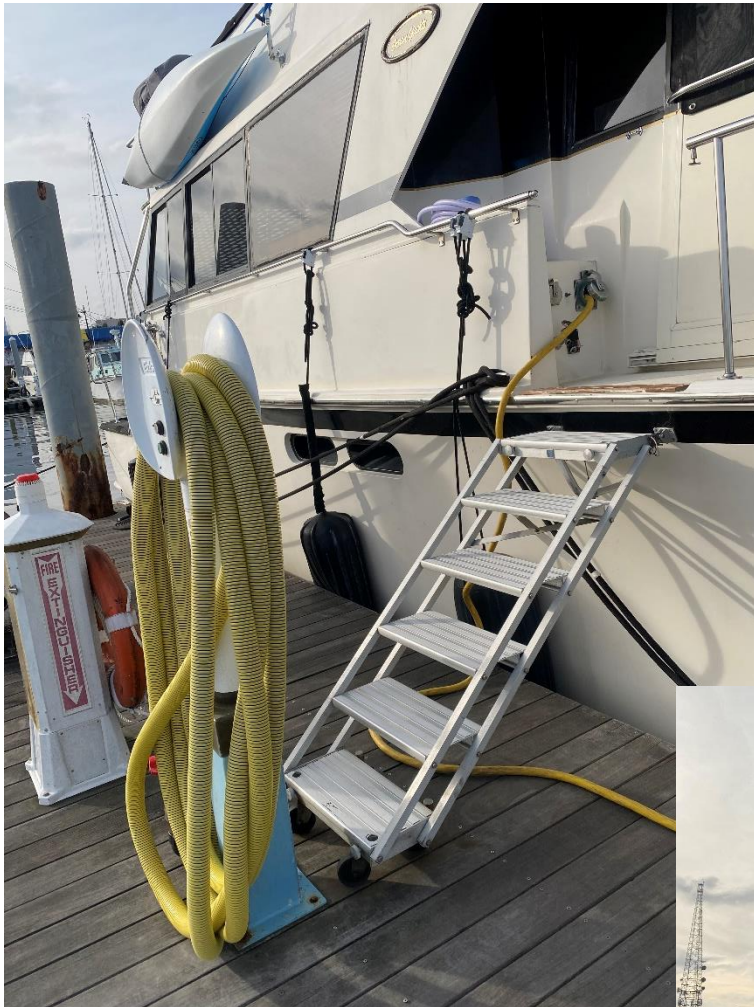
I did take a few photos of the marina today and last night I took videos. In the first one, I talk about our day and our experience with the rental agency. The second video – wait for it....wait for it...it is marvelous!

<https://youtu.be/S8A7emHHOlc>

[https://youtu.be/q24Z\\_Hw5USA](https://youtu.be/q24Z_Hw5USA)

There is a website; [marinetraffic.com](http://marinetraffic.com) that I went to find info on that ship in the video. This cargo ship was sailing to New York and at the time of writing this the bulk carrier cargo ship that was built in 2013 was sailing to Tsingeli, GR due to arrive there on Jan. 9, 2022.

TSINGELI is located in East Mediterranean, the Aegean Sea in Greece



Not an ideal ladder location, but Valkyrie's rear end extends out from the slip too much so we cannot use the cockpit to enter and exit the boat.

In the background is an outdoor amphitheater, The Atlantic Union Bank Pavillion.







Ocean Yacht Marina Offers

# SISTER MARINA

Tidewater Yacht Marina, just a 5 minute drive offers an on-site restaurant.



From the end of the dock where our slip is looking towards the marina office and Portsmouth. We are in a slip on the other side of this dock at the end. (you can't see us)





The large warehouse in the background of the photo on the previous page is Fairlead:  
Up until September 2019, This land belonged to the marina.

Fairlead Integrated has acquired the 12.5-acre site of the former Ocean Marine and Yacht Center on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River in Portsmouth, Virginia and will convert it into a facility to repair and maintain equipment and systems onboard U.S. Navy ships.  
<https://fairleadint.com/news-archives/portsmouth-based-fairlead-integrated-adds-to-its-navy-ship-construction-portfolio-with-purchase-of-yacht-center-on-citys-downtown-waterfront/>

This is the night view out the port side of Valkyrie. I love this view out over the Elizabeth River with Norfolk in the distance.



Early morning tomorrow. We are hoping to be on the road by 7:00 a.m.  
Dinner on board tonight with an early bedtime.