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56' Ocean Yacht.**

Somewhere on the Water

January 2, 2022 – Day 26 of Valkyrie's adventure from Cape Cod, MA cruising the east coast towards Florida.

Last night Mark stayed up and binge-watched Cobra Kai. I left him to it and started binge-watching American Horror Story. This particular series of AHS is filmed in Provincetown, MA the tip of Cape Cod.

We slept in and did not start our day until 9:30 a.m. Expecting rain all day today so there was not much on our agendas.

I started working on the blog as soon as the coffee was ready. One struggle after another and completely frustrated with technology I handed my computer over to Mark. He worked his magic and handed the computer back to me. Relieving some of my frustration for sure but then not much time had passed when I was tensed up and sighing heavily and huffing and puffing. I could not get the video links to work. I was having trouble moving photos off my camera onto the computer.

After a few short breaks, a late lunch, and a cup of tea, I finally uploaded December 17th. It only took 8 hours.

I went for a walk along the river. Sitting all day on the computer made me feel a little couped up. A little stretch of the legs is in order.

Walking the Portsmouth seawall means passing by the Lightship Portsmouth and the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum.

The Lightship Portsmouth is part of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum. As part of your museum admission, you can climb on board the lightship. The sign on the door states that it is open Wednesday through Sunday.

It was towed here from Massachusetts in 1955 where it sits to this day. This particular lightship has had 4 commissioned names. Charles, Overfalls, Stonehorse, and Portsmouth.

<https://portsmouthnavalshipyardmuseum.com/lightship/about/>

When we owned *Second Nature*, we had it moored for several years at Zecco Marina in Wareham, MA. Docked nearby this marina was the Lightship Nantucket. Twelve lightships served on Nantucket Shoals over the years.

At the time, I believe, this one was owned by Jack Baker who sold it to William Golden. Upon acquiring this ship, William Golden had already purchased and refurbished a different Lightship Nantucket. He planned to sail it and/or charter it. Anyway, this particular Nantucket left Wareham in 2014 (?) and I am not sure where it is now. There are two (perhaps these two?) in New Bedford, MA now, or at least until very recently.

In all, **179 lightships** were built between 1820 and 1952. In 1915, the heyday of U.S. lightships, there were 54 stations in the United States; 36 off the East Coast, 2 in the Gulf, 5 on the West Coast and 11 in the Great Lakes.

Lighthousefriends.com is my source for the above and if anyone decides to research it more, let us know what you find out.





Mark hooked up the hose and tried to get some of the black streaks off the outside of the boat. We decided against an entire outside washdown.





I did my own kind of washing – the fryer.

We are hoping that tomorrow, Monday, we can get scheduled for the stabilizer work. The weather is predicted to be horrible and schools are already announcing closers all along the east coast.

Good luck, I guess we will have to see what mother nature hands us.