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56' Ocean Yacht.**

# *Somewhere on the Water*

January 6, 2022 – Thursday Day 30

It is a crisp and clear morning. About 44°. We are at the Atlantic Yacht Basin in Chesapeake, VA

9:50 a.m. We are waiting for service on Valkyrie. We are hoping to get pulled out today but due to COVID and several workers being out we are not sure what our service schedule will be.

Here are a few pictures Mark took the other day while walking around.





This *M/V Principia* is a 96' single engine vessel dating back to 1928. Formerly named Kodiak Bear.

The *M/V Escort* dates back to 1969.

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Mark was looking out the window at the water and said.

*What the hell are those...*

Swimming in the water up towards the draw bridge are two animals that he thought looked like either otters or who knows maybe muskrats?

Too slow to react with my camera so we can only guess.

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M/V Annie M just left heading South down the Intracoastal. A solo cruiser.

10:30 a.m. Mark just used the air compressor to inflate the new fender that was delivered yesterday from West Marine and he is spray painting a few rusty areas of the engine. It is going to stink he says. [He was right!](#)

Haleigh just surfaced from her room.



11:00 a.m the draw bridge opens and two boats come by. I was taking pictures of them as the second one was taking video from the bow of their boat. Neither pulled in here to this marina.

1:00 p.m. the draw bridge opens again and a sailboat comes through.





While Mark and I were eating lunch I snapped this photo of some debris in the water. Even at this smaller size, it would not be good for us to hit it.

The sun is out and people across the way are enjoying the walking trail. There must be some hunters nearby because I hear an occasional gunshot.

I feel like my days have become all about sitting at the table working on the blog, organizing the hundreds of photos I have taken, and answering the phone for work. I have created a self-inflicted need to capture every waking moment with a photo or video or written note.

As much as I want all of our friends and family to enjoy this journey right along with us, I want to create a diary of these memories for our family to hold on to for years to come.

It is an unrealistic goal that I can document everything so to avoid any unwanted stress it may be that the daily blog does not get updated to social media daily.

It is 2:00 pm, The sun is out, we are at a new location so Haleigh and I going to take a break and go for a walk.

I took some photos of the Yacht Basin & Valkyrie from across the water and of the Interpretive Path that can be found at the museum here at the foot of the Great Bridge Bridge.

If you visit this website it has all the details about what we saw. Check out the photos because they are better than the ones I took!

<https://gbbattlefield.org/park-%26-trails>

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*Chesapeake, Va., is a great place for history buffs. Since the arrival of colonial settlers in 1620, Chesapeake has played a major role in the birth of the United States of America. In fact, Chesapeake is home to the Battle of Great Bridge. This Revolutionary War battle helped solidify the Continental Army's reclaim on Virginia and drive the British Government from the colony.*

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Our 1-hour walk was nice. Haleigh and I had a great conversation, the weather is mild and welcomed after all that rain from yesterday!

Upon return, the marina manager stopped by and told us to be ready by 8:00 a.m.





I did not get to organize the pantry yet. Back on Jordan's bed, the box goes for another day, or two.

Dinner was sauteed shrimp w/carribbean rice and tossed salad.

Up early tomorrow – finally the moment we have been waiting for!