

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

Somewhere on the Water

January 7, 2022 – Friday – Day 31

Woo Hoo – we are getting serviced today!

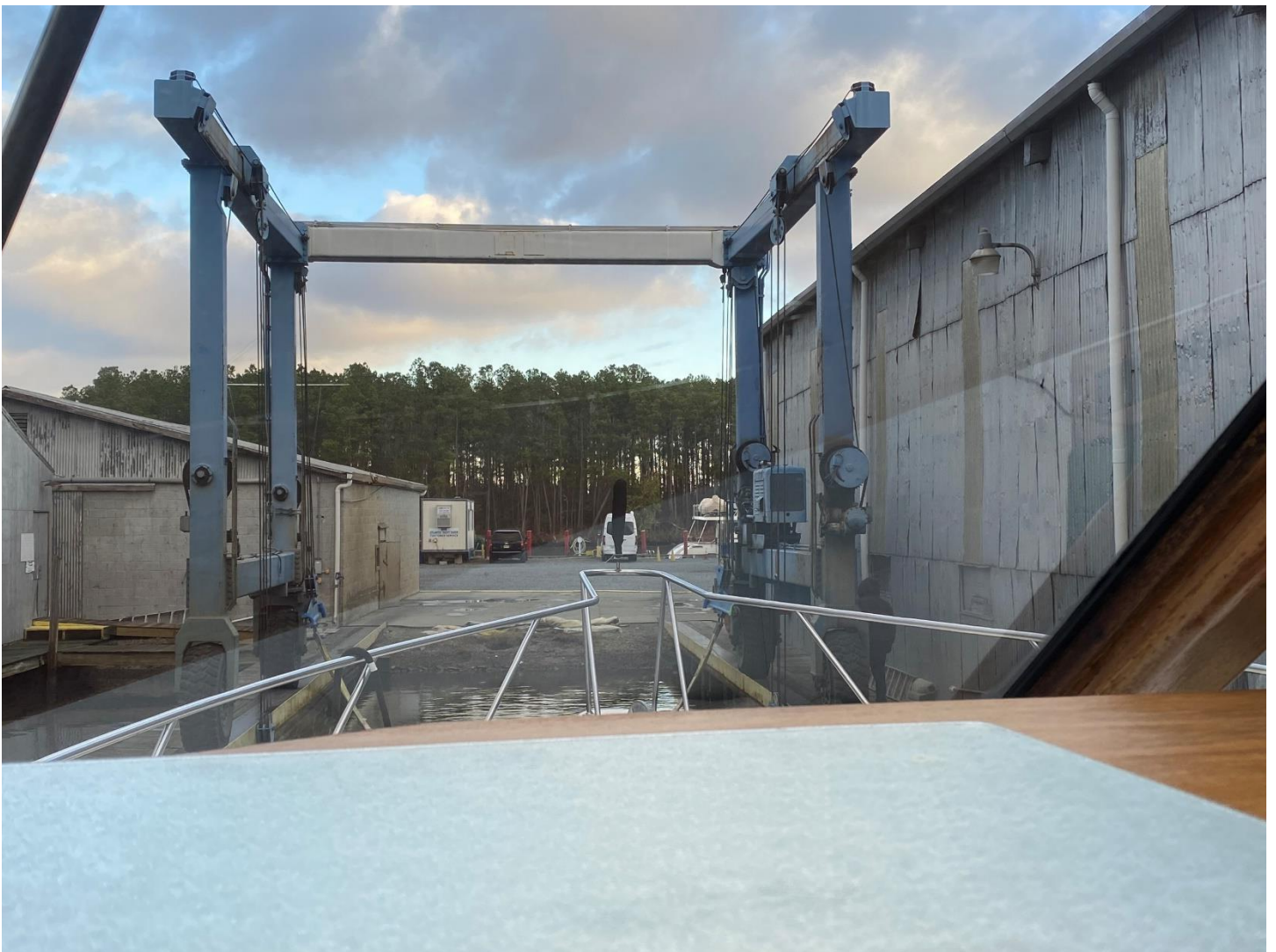
I got no sleep but that is ok. I am excited to move forward. We have been on pause for a while. Between taking a break for Christmas and then waiting to find a place that could get us on their schedule.

7:30 a.m. Mark has the engines running and we are moving around to the back of the marina where the lift is.

I have seen boats on a lift at other marinas. Not the same size as Valkyrie; much smaller! Like this *small fry* that I watched get moved around the other day.



Keep in mind that Valkyrie is 56' long 16.5' wide 29' high and 56,000 lbs, and it is our house! Trusting and crossing my fingers that all goes well. It is typical to have to sign a work order & waiver that states that they are **not** responsible for **anything, nothing, no matter what!**



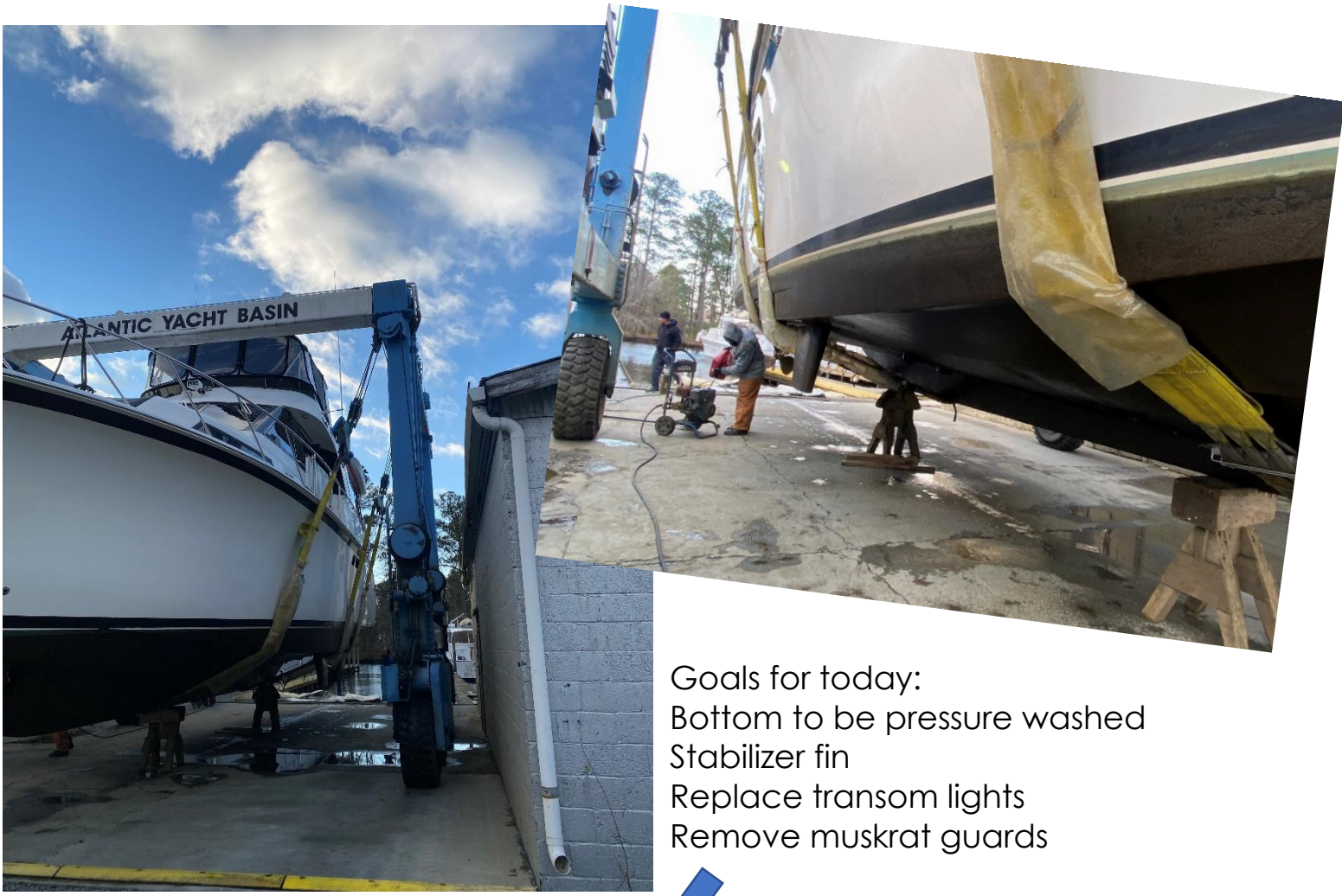


There are 2 videos of Valkyrie getting on the lift and coming out of the water.

1st: <https://youtu.be/BNCad40WR1w>

2nd: <https://youtu.be/imeLLNBJVjQ>

Good news, the work will be done in one day. The work will be done while Valkyrie is on the lift. **NO** hotel plans are needed. Let the work begin!



Goals for today:
Bottom to be pressure washed
Stabilizer fin
Replace transom lights
Remove muskrat guards





This is the starboard stabilizer side shaft. The fin has already been removed. New seals were installed.

And, up inside that, you cannot see is the connecting rod shaft link that was also replaced.

The seals on the port side were also replaced as part of routine maintenance.

The stabilizer fin was believed to be broken back when we were cruising into Atlantic City, NJ. We were hitting big waves head-on. When we were overtaken by a large boat as we entered the Elizabeth River (Norfolk, VA) we rolled significantly from that boat's wake. The fins would have probably tried to maximum travel or tried to attain maximum travel while we took that wake on the back quarter and because of the existing stabilizer fin issue it caused damage to the connecting rod shaft link.

(good enough description-Mark says)

Haleigh and I could not stick around and video or take pictures of the actual work that is being done today. We needed to get provisions for the boat and after too much time wasted downloading and trying to create a grocery list with the Kroger app we decided to just walk over to the shopping center that was only .5 miles away. If we needed to get an uber back to the marina with our groceries we would worry about that later.

It is a very cold morning. We were bundled up. Haleigh and I were pleasantly surprised that the shopping center was so very close. We

stopped at the Hallmark Store, a cute little gift shop called Refreshed, Tuesday Morning and had lunch at Panera Bread before heading over to Kroger. Knowing we had a full day to fill we were in no hurry and did not rush through the stores. No boat shoes though. Still looking.

When we were in the store Refreshed we started talking with the clerk and she asked where we were from. We said Massachusetts. She said she grew up in Harwich. Small world! A friendly conversation ensued about all things Cape Cod. It was nice. We did not buy anything at that time, but later Haleigh did return to get a small handpainted seashell that she is going to use to hold her rings.

We ended up pushing the Kroger cart back through the parking lot of the shopping center to the marina. Super easy. Definitely was not as far as .5 miles. We lifted the groceries into the boat. Haleigh's innovative idea!



It was approximately 2:45 p.m. when we returned to the boat, unloaded groceries, and got an update on the work.



This is the muskrat guard Mark removed. See some of the crustaceans on it? There were plenty of those that he and the workers scraped off different areas along the bottom of the boat, the propellers, thrusters, etc.

Why put muskrat guards on a boat?

A Muskrat, Water Rat, Otter, or other vermin, **can and will, swim up the exhaust.** They chew through a coupling hose to the inside of the boat or make a den. This also includes boats with underwater exhausts. ...

They can cause enough damage to make a boat sink.

Mark removed them to help the engines run more efficiently and breathe better. Boats are frequently running & moving do not have that problem.





Before



After





Pre muskrat guard removal.
Post muskrat guard removal.



Mark posted an update on the day's events on FaceBook. This is what he wrote:

So we were hauled out today and had a very productive successful day. The stabilizer fins have been serviced and repaired and tested well. We removed the muskrat guards which were rather restrictive for the big Detroit Diesel exhausts so now the engines can breathe better with no backpressure. They were through-bolted so we glassed in the holes. I also replaced both underwater lights on the back of the boat. We had the bottom of the boat pressure washed scraped and cleaned off barnacles and other crustaceans and then had anti-fouling anti-crustacean paint applied to the strainers, propellers, and propeller shafts. They also bottom painted any bare areas and anything that needed it.



Haleigh and I returned the grocery cart to Kroger bought some beer for the workers and then watched Valkyrie get put back in the water.

Valkyrie getting put back in video 1: <https://youtu.be/yhLLFx-yBK0>

Valkyrie getting put back in video 2: <https://youtu.be/eGHxKqRnFgw>

It was offered that we could stay tied up at the dock right there next to the lift. We did decide to move back to our original dock location after tripping a breaker using that dock's electric pedestal.



Leaving the back of the marina's lift dock.



Once we settled back at the dock we ordered pizza for delivery. The first time in a very long time ordering from a Papa John's. Very very good!. The driver was so nice and the pizza was excellent.

Tomorrow morning, after 4-days here at Atlantic Yacht Basin we are once again cruising. Headed south on the Intracoastal Waterway to Coinjock, NC.