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56' Ocean Yacht.**

# *Somewhere on the Water*

February 18, 2022 – Another day in Portsmouth, VA  
Day 73 of our trip.

Today is Friday, whoo hoo.

I am not feeling good today. I did not sleep well last night. It was hot and the wind was blowing us around and it was dry in our room even with the humidifier going. I am sure that I have been fighting something for days because my energy level is very low.

It has cooled off as the day progresses. I am finishing Feb. 11 blog. We have a lot of videos for that day.

Shortly after loading Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> and talking with Mark about Feb 11 we discovered that I omitted writing about our *stern thruster* issue. It was working when we left St. James Marina in Southport and went through Snow's Cut.

We knew coming into Beaufort, NC that it was not working. While I was running errands with the marina's courtesy car, Mark took the GoPro camera and shot a video of the boat below the water line to see what he could find out without having to don his wetsuit and go in the water.

The stern thruster propellers were clear of debris. No need to go in the water. Thank you GoPro camera!

After taking a few things apart and while engaging the thruster Mark manually turned the motor to see lots of sparks coming from the motor brushes. Things look rusty and crusty and so he is guessing he will need to replace the motor brushes, the wiring harness to the brushes, and maybe the relay switch block.

It can all wait – he does not need the stern thruster that badly.

It is getting closer and closer to summer. Haleigh is in contact with her employers making a schedule to get back to work.

Chili dinner rounds out the evening.

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