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56' Ocean Yacht.**

Somewhere on the Water

February 19, 2022 – Another day in Portsmouth, VA
Day 74 of our trip.

It is Saturday and I got Mark and Haleigh off the boat to explore Norfolk, VA. We took the ferry from Portsmouth, a 15 minute \$4.00 round trip ride.

[Read about it on the blog dated December 31. That was the first time we took the ferry.](#)

While we were on the ferry to Norfolk, we were looking up into the sky for the spacecraft that was scheduled to launch from Wallops Island, VA. The rocket is carrying over 8000 pounds of cargo to the International Space Station.

Mark learned all about it while doing his homework plotting our next days' travel which brings us just passed Wallops Island through the no-boats-allowed safety zone on the scheduled rocket launch days.

Upon arriving at Norfolk, we got off the ferry and went into Waterside. This is an indoor "gathering place" for people to eat and drink. We would describe it as an upscale food court at a mall. All the restaurants and eateries (ie: cupcake counter, fudge counter, etc.) have entrances from within the main building.

There are a lot of restaurants and eateries here in Norfolk. So many! Representing food from all over the world. You could get any type of food here.

The next stop is the Nauticus gift shop for the 2nd time. The 1st time was while we were here touring the USS Wisconsin on New Year's Eve. We all thought this gift shop had a lot of unique items.

From Nauticus, we walked to the other side of the USS Wisconsin to the 1989 Pagoda Garden.

<https://www.pagodagarden.org/>



This is where we started following the Cannon Ball Trail.

<https://www.visitnorfolk.com/things-to-do/self-guided-tours/cannonball-trail-tour/>

We walked, stopped, took photos, read a few of the plaques. Nothing too immersive...Mark and Haleigh endured just enough to keep me happy before hopping on the ferry back to Portsmouth.

We stopped in and visited the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum before going back to Valkyrie. I was mostly interested in touring the Lightship Portsmouth but that is not open for boarding right now however, the exhibit inside the museum was good.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Museum and the associated Lightship Museum are located on the downtown Portsmouth, Virginia, United States waterfront. The museum covers the 250+ year relationship with the shipyard - America's oldest and largest naval shipyard located on the Portsmouth Waterfront. <https://portsmouthnavalshipyardmuseum.com>

I took a lot of photos while here in Portsmouth & Norfolk. There is a photo gallery on the website of my favorites.

Overall we do think that Norfolk has a lot to offer. It would be a great place to entertain guests. Restaurants, museums, waterfront parks and pathways, the ships, it is clean and has a nice atmosphere.

We rounded out our evening with dinner on board and a fun new game that Haleigh introduced us to on her computer. It is similar to Eye Spy but you are timed. It was a fun way to mix things up and introduce us to something new.

