

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

# *Somewhere on the Water*

February 20, 2022 – Sunday; Last day in Portsmouth, VA  
Day 75 of our trip.

Lazy morning, busy afternoon, and evening!  
Youtube on the tv almost the whole day while Mark caught up on some videos that he enjoys watching. I did laundry, laundry, laundry, and cleaned a few things that I otherwise have been ignoring.

This was all in preparation for leaving Portsmouth, VA, and cruising north towards home. This homeward-bound journey is going to be mostly cruising in the Atlantic and anchoring along the way vs. paying for dockages.

Taking off tomorrow early morning for Chincoteague, VA.  
I am so excited about Chincoteague. After having read the Misty book series with Jordan I have been wanting to visit here.

*Misty of Chincoteague is a children's novel written by Marguerite Henry, illustrated by Wesley Dennis, and published by Rand McNally in 1947. Set in the island town of Chincoteague, Virginia, the book was inspired by the real-life story of the Beebe family and their efforts to raise a filly born to a wild horse. -Wikipedia*

<https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/real-misty-chincoteague-once-stared-down-barrel-storm-180> - *real-life story here if interested.*

As far as getting ready to leave Portsmouth or any other dockage or anchoring Mark has a checklist that looks something like this:

- Tests all the equipment.
- Removes any extra lines or fenders we are not going to need overnight so the get-up and go in the morning is easier.

- Prep the coffee and everything else he could possibly prep to make the early morning quicker and easier.

Equipment = Testing and engaging:

- Engages the Thrusters
- Tests the navigation equipment
- Starts the engines
- Engages the transmission
- Starts the generator
- Makes sure the water is full

Haleigh and I make sure the interior is secure.

- ✓ All galley items are put away and cabinet doors are closed tight
- ✓ Food pantry is closed tight
- ✓ Mini-fridge is secured with velcro
- ✓ Refrigerator and freezer are secured with a bungy cord  
(As recommended by the previous owner. They had the fridge come completely out away from the wall during a rough passage near Block Island, RI)
- ✓ Finalize any chore that requires water so when Mark tops it off we leave with a completely full water tank.
- ✓ Put the plants on the floor
- ✓ If my computer desk is up we stow that
- ✓ Latch all the doors, including the shower doors. All doors came with hooks & latches that we keep engaged during cruising.

We are happy to be back on the water cruising. A little anxious about going out into the ocean but Mark is thorough about checking the weather conditions, etc., and is an experienced Captain so off we go into the Atlantic Ocean.